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Jeff Herback elected President of Sask Sport Inc.

Jeff Herback was elected President of Sask Sport Inc.'s Board of Directors today at the sport federation's Annual General Meeting in Regina. Herback joined the board in 2012 after being nominated by Swim Saskatchewan Inc. Herback has served on the Audit, Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council, District Strategic, Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan Management (Chair), KidSport™ and Sport (Chair) Committees. Prior to joining the board, Herback was President of Swim Saskatchewan Inc. and a member of the organization's strategic planning committee. He was also a delegate on the President's Council for Swim Canada, an intermediate level coach with Hockey Regina, and a Level II swim official.

Herback takes over for outgoing president Shane Reoch, who will remain on the Board of Directors as Past President. While serving as President in 2013, Reoch played a vital role in securing the current lotteries license agreement. Prior to his election, he served as Vice President of the Sport Division and was a member of the Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council on Sask Sport Inc.'s Board. He is also a former basketball, soccer and baseball coach and President of the University of Regina's Alumni Association.

The other members elected to Sask Sport Inc.'s Executive were:

Jeannette Kuc, Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation

Kuc was nominated to the Board of Directors by the Saskatchewan Soccer Association in 2013. She has served on Sask Sport's Sport Funding, Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan Management, Trust (Sport Section Representative) and Community Funding committees. Kuc has served as a member of the Canadian Soccer Association's Board of Directors and on several national committees, including Women's Development, Nominations and Risk Management. At the provincial level, she has served as President of the Saskatchewan Soccer, the Saskatoon and District Soccer, and the Lloydminster Soccer associations.

Dawn Kobayashi, Vice President, Sport Division

Kobayashi, nominated in 2013 by Softball Saskatchewan, recently served as the Volunteers Chair for the 2013 Grey Cup Festival in Regina. She has also served as Vice President of Volunteers for the 2010 World Junior Hockey Championships, and at the 2005 Canada Summer Games in Regina, she was the Senior Manager of Planning & Project Management and Information Technology. Through Sask Sport, Kobayashi has been a member of the Sport, Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council, Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan Management (Chair), Funding, and Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Induction committees.

Todd Fuchs, Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries

Fuchs was nominated to the Board of Directors by Football Saskatchewan in 2013 and has served on the Fund Development, Lottery and Administration Centre committees. Although a long-time participant in several sports, Fuchs has been involved in football for many years playing junior football with the University of Regina Rams from 1990-1994. Since then, he has coached youth flag football and served as President of the University of Regina Rams' Board of Directors in 2010 after joining the board in 1996.

Brenda Bathgate, Secretary/Treasurer

Now serving in her second term on the Board of Directors, Bathgate has held several positions with boards and committees in the province, including Regina KidSport™, Regina Sports Council, and the Saskatchewan Youth Olympic Academy. She was the Vice President of Volunteers at the MasterCard Memorial Cup in Saskatoon and is a current member of the University of Regina Senate, representing the Saskatchewan Association of Recreation Professionals. She is also an avid volunteer for the Regina and District Food Bank and the Alzheimer Society of Saskatchewan. Bathgate was nominated to the board in 2013 by the Saskatchewan Games Council. Last year, she served on the Administration Centre, Sport, Awards and Recognition, and KidSport™ committees.

New members elected to the board include:

Garth Belanger, Regina, Saskatchewan Hockey Association

Belanger has been active in numerous sports. He has served on the board of the Caledonian Curling Club, was the co-chair for advertising and promotions at the 1994 Canadian Junior Championships, and was an official at the 1992 Canadian Labatt Brier. Belanger has been a registered official with Swim Saskatchewan, served on the board of the Piranhas Summer Swim Club, and coached baseball and fastball. Belanger has coached hockey at all levels, from initiation to senior, male/female and house teams to the Tier I level.

Larry Lafrentz, Regina, Saskatchewan Games Council

Lafrentz – a former Gull Lake high school teacher, vice principal, official and coach – retired from the Saskatchewan High Schools Athletic Association (SHSAA) in June 2008 after serving 18 years as the Assistant Executive Director and Executive Director. Prior to working for SHSAA, he volunteered on the board and served a two-year term as president. He remains actively involved in sport, volunteering with the Saskatchewan Games Council as a board member, a mission staff member at several Canada Games events, and as a member of the site selection committee for the Saskatchewan Games. He has also served on the Sport Medicine Council of Saskatchewan's board and worked as an Interim Sport Consultant and Officials' Development Review Coordinator for Sask Sport Inc.

Tavia Laliberte, North Battleford, Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation

Laliberte is a member of the Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council as well as a member of the North West Regional Intersectoral Committee. She was a participant at the 2012 Governor General's Canadian Leadership Conference and is currently the President and Chief Executive Officer of the North West Regional College.

Jerry Shoemaker, Saskatoon, CURLSASK

Shoemaker was originally nominated to the Board of Directors by the Saskatchewan Curling Association (now operating as CURLSASK) in 2012. Shoemaker has served as President of the Granite Curling Club, Curl Saskatoon and Curl Canada, and was the Liaison for the Canadian Curling Association (CCA) at the World Curling Association and the Olympic Games. During the last three Briers in Saskatoon, Shoemaker has acted as an organizer, director and CCA Liaison in successive order. He was inducted into the Canadian Curling Hall of Fame in 2007 and is a Life Member of CURLSASK.

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Board members returning this year are: Terry Hooper, nominated to the board by the Saskatchewan Triathlon Association in 2012; Howard Jesse, Basketball Saskatchewan, 2012; and Karen Thull, Softball Saskatchewan, 2012.

Sask Sport Inc. would like to thank the following board members who are retiring this year: Nada Gorman, Softball Saskatchewan; Evan Howlett, Saskatchewan Triathlon Association; and Angella Pinay, Saskatchewan Volleyball Association.

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