

For immediate release

Todd Fuchs elected President of Sask Sport Inc.

Todd Fuchs was elected President of Sask Sport Inc.'s Board of Directors today at the sport federation's Annual General Meeting in Regina. Fuchs joined the board in 2013 after being nominated by Football Saskatchewan. Fuchs has served on the Fund Development, Lottery and Administration Centres and Provincial KidSport Committees. Prior to joining the board, Fuchs served as the President of the University of Regina Rams' Board of Directors in 2009 and 2010 after joining the board in 1996. Fuchs, who played junior football with the Rams from 1990-94, has also coached youth flag football. He is currently the Chief Financial Officer at the Brandt Group of Companies in Regina.

Fuchs takes over for outgoing president Jeff Herback, who will remain on the Board of Directors as Past President. 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.

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

Tavia Laliberte, Vice President, Sport Division

Laliberte was Chair of the Sport Funding Committee in 2014-15. She 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. She was nominated to the board in 2014 by the Rivers West District for Sport, Culture and Recreation.

Larry Lafrentz, Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and Recreation

Lafrentz served as Chair of the Officials Advisory Committee and Canadian Sport Centre Saskatchewan's Management Committee in 2014-15. He also served on the Sport and Aboriginal Sport Leadership Council committees. 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. Lafrentz was nominated to the board in 2014 by the Saskatchewan Games Council.

Jerry Shoemaker, Vice President, Vice President, Saskatchewan Lotteries

Shoemaker served on the Provincial KidSport Committee in 2014-15. He was originally nominated to the Board of Directors by Curl Sask in 2012. Shoemaker has served as president of the Granite Curling Club, Curl Saskatoon and Curl Canada, and he 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 a CCA Liaison in successive order. He is retired from the Canadian Revenue Agency.

Garth Belanger, Secretary Treasurer

Belanger was a member of the Sport committee in 2014-15. 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. He was nominated to the board in 2014 by the Saskatchewan Hockey Association. Belanger is the Director of Pricing and Data Management at the Saskatchewan Ministry of Central Services.

New members elected to the board include:

Cathy Gale, Regina, Softball Saskatchewan

Gale has coached softball for the last 17 years at the Division 1 Level. She has served on the Regina Ringette and Softball Regina Board of Directors and was a member of the 2013 Grey Cup planning committee.

Darren Wilcox, Regina, Saskatchewan Hockey Association

Wilcox is responsible for fundraising for the University of Regina men's hockey team, raising approximately \$45,000 a year. For the past 10 years he has been a board member and past president of the Regina Cougar Hockey Alumni Association. He's organized several golf tournaments for the U of R and Saskatchewan Federation of Police Officers.

Dave Boan, Regina, Water Polo Saskatchewan

Boan is currently the physical education representative and vice-chair of the Coaches Association of Saskatchewan (CAS). He has been involved with CAS for over 10 years, helping the association develop the Aboriginal Coaches and Officials Program.

Vivik Jain, Regina, Tennis Saskatchewan

An active tennis player and volunteer at the Lakeshore Tennis Club, Jain has two daughters who are involved in sport. He strongly believes in being active and promoting the benefits of sport. He is currently the chief financial officer at Jump.ca.

Board members returning this year are: Jeannette Kuc, nominated to the board by the Saskatchewan Soccer Association in 2013; Dawn Kobayashi, Softball Saskatchewan, 2013; and Brenda Bathgate, Saskatchewan Games Council, 2013.

Sask Sport Inc. would like to thank the following board members who are retiring this year: Terry Hooper, Saskatchewan Triathlon Association; Howard Jesse, Basketball Saskatchewan; Shane Reoch, Saskatchewan Handball Association, and Karen Thull, Softball Saskatchewan.