

To: GSSC Member Re: General Membership Meeting-Election of Officers

This letter is intended to advise all eligible members of the Garden State Skating Club of the upcoming Annual General Membership Meeting on March 12, 2012 when members to the Board of Governors will be elected, and to solicit nominations to the Board of Governors. There are 4 Board members whose term will expire: Lara Walsh, Diane Lechner, Kristine Huggan, Nichole Ruggeri

In accordance with **Article X – Elections** of the Garden State Skating Club By-Laws, the election process will be as follows:

1. An announcement soliciting nominations and explaining the election process will be mailed to all voting members and posted at Howell Ice World.
2. Nominations will be accepted until February 11, 2012, which is more than 30 days prior to the General Membership Meeting. Nominations must be submitted to the Club secretary in writing or via email to:
Michelle D’Mello
Via email: michellecoutinho@hotmail.com
3. The Club secretary will contact all nominees to establish their intentions to serve, if elected.
4. A ballot listing all nominees who agree to serve if elected will be emailed to all voting members and posted on the club website **2 weeks prior** to the election. Included will be a description of the process for submitting absentee ballots. Write in votes will not be accepted in either absentee ballots or at the balloting at the General Membership Meeting.
5. Absentee ballots shall be delivered to the Club Secretary prior to the start of the March General Membership Meeting. All absentee ballots must be in the possession of the Club Secretary prior to the call to order of the General Membership meeting. Each ballot shall be in a sealed envelope that has the member’s name clearly marked on the outside of the envelope. Once the name is verified against the club roster, the ballot will be removed from the envelope and placed in the ballot box. Each ballot requires its own envelope. This will preserve the confidentiality of vote while still establishing the validity of the ballot. Each ballot may contain any number of votes less than or equal to the number of vacant positions.
6. Ballots will be handed out to all eligible voters in attendance at the meeting and then collected prior to the start of counting.
7. Ballots will be counted and the results including number of votes for each candidate will be announced at the meeting and recorded in the meeting minutes.
8. Board members-elect will begin serving their term at the following months Governing Board Meeting. Candidates for the Office of President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall be elected from the body of the Board of Governors at the Board of Governors Reorganization Meeting to be held within one month of the Annual Meeting. Officers of the Board of Governors shall hold office for one year or until their successors are elected.

Accordingly, any eligible member who intends to submit nomination to the Board must do so in writing to Michelle D’Mello before March 1, 2012. An eligible member is defined as “adults 18 and older or one parent of guardian of each minor who is a *full* member of the Club”. Pro, Junior and Additional Family memberships are considered Full Members. Associate members may not vote. Please include your full name, and address on your nomination letter or email. This will allow the Secretary to confirm your eligibility.