

# SCNV – 2026-27 Board Nominee Biographies

## Mary Grace Canjura

Mary Grace Canjura has spent the last 8 years supporting her skater beginning with the Learn to Skate group lessons and eventually into private lessons. Throughout the past years, her daughter has participated in several competitions within the state and out of state.

Over the years, Mary Grace Canjura has actively contributed to the club by volunteering at the Cardinal Classic and communicating with other club members at PWIC to encourage participation at several club events. With a professional background as a Deputy Country Manager, this has equipped her with strong organizational and interpersonal skills.

If elected, Mary Grace Canjura is committed to fostering a more engaged community by driving participation across the entire membership. Her primary goal is to enhance club communication, ensuring every member feels informed, heard, and empowered to contribute to the club's success.



## Jonathon Hodgkinson



Jonathon Hodgkinson is an accomplished ice dancer, coach, and longtime member of the Northern Virginia skating community. Originally from Nottingham, England, Jonathon is a former international professional figure skater and UK national champion, with a distinguished competitive and performance career that includes touring with *Disney On Ice*.

Today, Jonathon is deeply committed to the development of figure skating in the region. Alongside his wife, he coaches in Northern Virginia, from beginners to competitive skaters—fostering both technical excellence and a lifelong love of the sport. As an established ice dancer and coach, he brings a global perspective, high-performance experience, and a passion for mentorship to every skater he works with.

Jonathon is an active member of the local skating community and is dedicated to supporting the growth, inclusivity, and success of the Skating Club of Northern Virginia. His experience as both an elite athlete and coach gives him a well-rounded understanding of the needs of skaters, families, and programs at all levels.

Outside of the rink, Jonathon works as a Senior Loan Officer with Embrace Home Loans, where he helps individuals and families achieve their homeownership goals. He lives in Fairfax, Virginia with his wife and daughter, and enjoys spending time outdoors with his family.

With a strong foundation in competitive skating, a dedication to coaching, and a deep commitment to the local skating community, Jonathon is passionate about giving back to the sport and helping it thrive for future generations.

## Anne McQueen

Anne holds a Master's degree in Public Policy from George Mason University and has professional experience in exercise planning and policy writing for various federal agencies. She also spent several years as an early elementary science educator. Her most rewarding recent work includes serving on the board of a nonprofit science education organization, along with active involvement with numerous community-focused groups such as her children's school PTO, local swim team, and neighborhood HOA.

Building on eight years of enthusiastically supporting her daughter's skating endeavors, Anne now serves as an SCNV Board Member, where she assists with Junior Board and helps coordinate other SCNV activities.



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## Jenn Rafael

Jenn Rafael loves to help skaters and their families find their place within SCNV. Currently vice president, she also has served as SCNV’s test chair, assisting with in-person and virtual sessions.

She has served on the Cardinal Classic Local Organizing Committee in various capacities.

Jenn’s son Jesse is in his seventh season with Virginia Ice Theatre. As the team’s competitions chair, she: handles registration for TOI Nationals and other events; ensures that all team members meet club membership requirements and pass the appropriate tests; and audits team SafeSport compliance.

Outside the rink, Jenn has served on the boards of several religious and social services nonprofit organizations, with experience planning, promoting and executing events involving the recruitment, training and scheduling of volunteers. She has served on the board of directors for the Lorton Community Action Center for eight years and is board secretary.

Jenn’s career includes more than 30 years in media and digital communications; she is the senior director for communications and technology for a national association of federal workers.



## Amelia Shuster

I grew up skating with my family, and began taking group lessons at age 11. I have skated and coached with several skating clubs across the country, including Blade and Edge Figure Skating Club of Omaha, Northfield Skating School, Music City Figure Skating Club (now the Scott Hamilton Figure Skating Club), and the Figure Skating Club of Charleston (SC).

I joined SCNV in 2015, after moving to Northern Virginia. I have served on the Cardinal Classic Local Organizing Committee since 2017, and I served on the Local Organizing Committee for the Leesburg Championship Series Competition and Blue Ridge Classic in 2021. I have also served on the SCNV Board since 2020. I work in Fairfax as an audiologist, with a special interest in cochlear implants. Outside of work and skating, I enjoy Pilates, running, and baking.

## Natalie Wester

Natalie Wester joined the Skating Club of Northern Virginia Board in 2022 and currently serves as Special Events Chair. In this role, she has led the planning and execution of numerous club events, including social gatherings, skating seminars, and the annual awards banquet, creating engaging and memorable experiences that bring the SCNV community together.

She has also served on the Cardinal Classic Local Organizing Committee since 2022, where she coordinates practice ice and supports the club’s annual competition. In addition, Natalie is a U.S. Figure Skating official, reflecting her ongoing commitment to the sport.

Natalie first became involved with SCNV as an adult skater and remains deeply connected to the club as both a volunteer and a skating parent. This perspective helps her plan programs that reflect the needs of both athletes and families.

Professionally, Natalie holds a Master’s degree in Information Management from Marymount University and has a background in event planning and sales management. Natalie is committed to continuing to strengthen SCNV by building community, supporting its athletes, and creating meaningful experiences for its members.

