

**Biographies of Members running for the
2008-2009 Board of Directors of the Georgia Figure Skating Club.**

Maureen Brooks, ATC HFI

Moe is originally from Lake Placid, NY where she began skating at the age of 2 and has been a long time member of the historic Skating Club of Lake Placid representing them at numerous North Atlantic Regional Championships and local competitions. Prior to becoming a coach Moe earned her US Figure Skating Gold Medal in Freestyle, her 7th figure test and 2 Pre-Gold Dance tests. After coaching for many years Moe returned to testing to experience the Sr. Moves in the Field Test and finish her Pre-Gold dances, which she completed successfully.

As a coach Moe has over 13 years experience working with a range of skaters from recreational to highly competitive. She is currently the IceForum-Duluth's Learn to Skate Coordinator, where there have been almost 400 skaters involved this year. In addition to running the Learn to Skate program and coaching full time Moe also runs a successful off ice strength and conditioning program for many of the skaters training in Duluth. Her experience for this aspect of training comes from a degree in Kinesiology, New England College-1999, and 2 professional certifications.

My goals as a GAFSC board member are to bring a stronger connection to the club from Duluth by opening communication lines between the rinks. In addition I would like to be more involved with the Peach Open to try and make that competition bigger and better, not only for our own competitors, but for all skaters training in the Southeast.

Marianne Campbell

I started skating in January 1998, taking group lessons at the Duluth rink. I progressed quickly to private lessons, followed by club membership so I could test and compete. I now skate at Town Center, working with Mindy Sellers. I've been a board member since 2001, and served as President the last year and Vice President at Town Center for the two years before that. In addition to my duties on the Board of Directors, I've organized all-night skate-a-thons, hosted judges hospitality for several test sessions, and volunteer in many capacities with the Peach Classic and Peach Open competitions.

Diedre Mitchell

My name is Deidre Mitchell. I'm originally from Chicago, but I've lived in Georgia for almost 10 years. Kaysi, my daughter was only 2 when we first moved to Atlanta, and 4 years later she discovered that she wanted to figure skate. I have always loved the sport and enjoy it even more now that my baby is involved. As parents, we spend soooooooooooooo much time and money that we should definitely be more involved with the direction that our club goes. Therefore, I've finally decided to throw my hat into the ring. I've met some wonderful people through the club and competitions, so this has also become somewhat of a social outlet for me as well as my daughter.

Lisa Swantek

I am a parent of Julianne Swantek (age 14), a figure skater at the Town Center IceForum. She first tried ice skating at a Girl Scout end of the year party in 2005 and has loved it ever since. She was Rookie of the Year in 2007 and will test for Preliminary FS sometime this year. Since she was little, Julie and I both have always had a love of watching figure skating on TV together and now she is out there on the ice performing routines herself. I feel proud and blessed to be involved in Julie's life and want to help the club continue to turn out close-knit, well-rounded skaters from the GA FSC each year that are always there to support each other. I helped with the Peach in 2007 as the Vendor and Volunteer Committee Chair and look forward to helping again in 2008 as the Volunteer Chair. I also worked as a volunteer in Accounting and Awards during the Peach in 2007.

Karyn Thomas

I have a degree in Computer Science and work full time as a software developer. My husband and I moved down here from Philadelphia 13 years ago to play more golf and avoid the cold weather... We then had two beautiful children, which meant there was no time for golf and now our daughter loves to skate, which means I spend most of my time "freezing" at the rink... Who says God doesn't have a sense of humor!! Madison has been skating now for a little over two years and loves it. We have watched her grow and attain a wonderful sense of accomplishment. I have learned that skating is a fantastic avenue for children to build character and confidence that will help them as adults to face many different challenges.

Christine Wootton

My name is Christine Wootton and I am the parent of two skaters. My daughter, Courtney started skating 5 1/2 years ago after going to a birthday party. My son started skating 3 years ago and currently plays on the Mites hockey team at Town Center. I am originally from Wisconsin but have lived in Georgia for almost 20 years. I grew up as a competitive swimmer so I've had to learn as I go with the world of skating. I strongly believe in the benefits of being involved in a sport that you enjoy. My parents were very supportive of my interests so I hope to continue following their example.