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Nomination of New SDRCC Board Members

Montréal (Québec) - The Sport Dispute Resolution Centre of Canada (SDRCC) is proud to welcome the nominations of three new Board members. Effective December 1, 2015, Ms. Susan Kitchen, Mr. Graeme Mew and Mr. David Bilinsky will join the SDRCC on three-year mandates.

Susan Kitchen (Toronto, ON) is the Executive Director of Coaches Association of Ontario since 2002. After a fruitful athletic career in rowing, she remains active in that sport as a Masters competitive rower, as a licensed umpire and as a certified coach. She has held numerous leadership positions in the sport and recreation sector, including two consecutive terms on the Board of Directors of the Coaching Association of Canada where she also acted as Vice-Chair.

Graeme Mew (Toronto, ON) is a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice since 2013. Upon his appointment, he brought with him a wealth of 20 years of experience as a sport mediator and arbitrator of the SDRCC and its predecessors, of the Court of Arbitration for Sport and of the Sport Resolutions in the United Kingdom. He advised Rugby Canada for 18 years and is still an active member of the Anti-Doping Advisory Committee of World Rugby.

David Bilinsky (Vancouver, BC) is a Practice Management Consultant and lawyer for the Law Society of British Columbia with a passion for sport and for technology. An avid marathon runner and former ski patroller, he cumulates several years of volunteering on boards and committees including the Canadian Bar Association, the American Bar Association, the College of Law Practice Management, and the National Centre of Technology and Dispute Resolution.

“Congratulations to Susan Kitchen, Graeme Mew and David Bilinsky on their nominations as new Board members of the SDRCC,” said the Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Sport and Persons with Disabilities. “Without a doubt, their expertise and sound advice will ensure that the organization continues to be an innovative world leader in the facilitation, mediation and arbitration of issues important to the Canadian sport system.”

“Susan, Graeme and David bring such an impressive combination of skills and experience that are of utmost importance to our Board of Directors”, added David de Vlieger, Chair of the Board of Directors of the SDRCC. “They join a team determined to bring the SDRCC to the forefront of alternative dispute resolution in sport, in Canada and abroad. I also want to recognize the retiring Board members who have dedicated the past six years to proudly serve the SDRCC and thank them wholeheartedly for their invaluable contribution.”

About the SDRCC

The SDRCC is a not-for-profit corporation created by federal legislation and funded by the Government of Canada. The mission of the SDRCC is to provide the sport community with a national alternative dispute resolution service and strengthen the culture of fairness in Canadian sport by resolving disputes quickly and efficiently and to provide expertise and assistance regarding alternative dispute resolution.

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