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Cc: [Larry Mondschein](#)
Sent: Sunday, February 26, 2012 9:21 AM
Subject: Clarification on Mr.Mondschein letter

Dear Members of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame:

I have learned from several of you that my email message circulating the Open Letter prompted the message from Mr. Mondschein that is copied below. As you may recall, I included Mr. Mondschein in my email message and in the Open Letter as a matter of transparency. That just seemed proper.

I hope all of you will take time to review the Open Letter and the attachments. I believe you will see that I have not claimed any right to be elected to the Hall of Fame as Mr. Mondschein's message might be interpreted. Instead, I have claimed that the members of the Hall of Fame (with the other electors) have a right to make that decision. I have also claimed that the Hall of Fame is entitled to be free from external influences and to be free from arbitrary and capricious decisions. Those claims should be acceptable to all and are definitely not focused on me. They relate to the integrity and credibility of the Hall of Fame itself.

I have also stated that whether the procedure is based on automatic inclusion on a ballot for some number of years or based on the standards specified in the announcement inviting nominations this year, the result should be the same: a decision to remove a candidate must reflect some objective difference and not some arbitrary discrimination. And if there is such objective difference, it cannot be that hard to state what it is.

Respectfully,
Sonia

From: whof@worldskatingmuseum.org
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Sent: 2/23/2012 2:07:01 P.M. Eastern Standard Time
Subj: Message from WHOF Nominating Chair

Dear Electors to the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame:

You may have received earlier today, February 23, 2012, an e-mail with an attachment addressed to you. As Chair of the Nominating Committee of the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame, I want to assure you that the Nominating Committee thoroughly reviews and discusses the credentials of all persons nominated. In addition, it is a high honor and a privilege, not an automatic right, to be selected and placed on the ballot and to be elected by you, the Electors, to the World Figure Skating Hall of Fame. The Nominating Committee is most respectful of the accomplishments and contributions of all persons who are considered to be placed on the ballot. We take this responsibility very seriously.

You should now have received this year's ballot information, and thank you in advance for your participation.

Best regards,

Lawrence G. Mondschein, Ph.D.

Chair, World Figure Skating Hall of Fame Nominating Committee