



## CSIA Up Close

**Question:** What is the role of the Technical and Education Committee (TEC) versus the former Technical Committee?

**Answer:** The recently restructured TEC has been given a broader and clearer mandate within which to operate. The introduction of education into their mandate goes well beyond the former Technical Committees mandate. This means that the committee now will look at how to transfer the theory and basis of our teaching methods and ski technique to on-snow delivery of these principles through a variety of means including reviewing program curriculum, evaluation and certification standards, on-line learning, teaching videos, and Course Conductor training strategies. Staff and committee volunteers will seek input from the Course Conductor community, subject matter experts in education and learning theory, Snow School administrators and the ski resort industry. The newly launched committee will be composed of a cross section of regional representatives, Women in Skiing Committee representatives, staff, and subject matter experts. Essentially, the TEC is a research and development arm of the organization that fosters new and innovative ways to advance the profession of ski teaching.

**Question:** What will change in our products and methodologies under new leadership?

**Answer:** The TEC and staff have just restarted working together to determine what will be accomplished in the weeks and months to come. A survey was just launch by the TEC, with more feedback to be gathered from the industry (Snow Schools and partners organizations) in the near future. There is no intention to change the educational pathway for this season, but rest assured we will keep you updated in advance for any future changes that will result from feedback received. The board has given the TEC the mandate to work on the following items: Standards review, entry level programs, teaching tips, educational video, and update of curriculums/course guides, as required.