

Subject: CIYHA Board Application — Thank you for your consideration



Hello,

Thank you for taking the time to review my bio — I appreciate your consideration.

A bit about me: I grew up in South Florida playing lacrosse and moved to Minnesota in 1996. As a junior, I continued playing lacrosse on the Hopkins High School co-op team and won State that year. I then went off to college at UMD and had an opportunity to play there as well. I earned my teaching degree in Social Studies. After college, in 2003, I was asked to coach lacrosse at St. John’s University as the Co-Head Coach and Defensive Coordinator. I helped the program reach three straight national title games.

In 2012, I became the Head Lacrosse coach at Elk River High School. During my time there I earned my Master’s in Educational Leadership from St. Mary’s University and helped create a youth program that did not exist. The program steadily improved—and by prioritizing Family and Community, by 2016 we had our first 10-win season.

After 13 wonderful seasons, I chose to step down as head coach to commit more time to my family, which has included coaching my own boys on the Cambridge-Isanti lacrosse and flag football teams.

Why I want to serve on the CIYHA Board: I’ve fallen in love with hockey and the camaraderie at the rink. I listen, I ask questions, and I’m straight forward. I bring experience building programs from the ground up and aligning youth and high school efforts so the whole community benefits. My goals are to strengthen community pride, grow participation, educate families about hockey and make the experience fun.

If selected, I will ask when I need clarity, share ideas when I have them, and help make tough decisions when they’re necessary, backed by data.

Thanks again for your time and consideration. I am looking forward to supporting the C-I Hockey Family.

Thomas Haugen