

CIHA Board Member Bio- Michal Luke Furlong

Hello, my name is Luke Furlong. I was born MN and primarily raised in Cambridge, graduating from CIHS in 2004. In 2007, I moved to North Dakota for work, and that same year I married my wife, Jenna. We lived in North Dakota from 2007 through 2019, and during that time we welcomed and raised our four children: Brayden (17), Brooke (16), Otto (13), and Connor (7).

In 2019, we made the decision to return to MN, where Jenna and I grew up and most of our family still live. In 2020, when Otto was 8, he told us he wanted to play hockey. Since that first season, we have become a full-fledged “Hockey Family”. Over the last 6 years, we have met many incredible hockey families, building friendships, and have had the privilege of watching our kids grow up together on and off the rink.

I tend to be very invested in my kids’ sports, not just because I am competitive and love watching them compete, but because I believe in the value sports/activities provide. Structure, discipline, teamwork, accountability and work ethic are lessons that go beyond the rink or field and can help shape kids as they continue to grow.

While it is easy to sit in the stands as a spectator and cheer, it can be much more challenging to dive into the nuts and bolts of the program. I have been considering taking a more active role for some time now, and I think now is the time.

If selected for a board position, my goal is to bring a fair, non-bias perspective. One that respects the bylaws, while also being open to new ideas and constructive discussion about how we can continue to improve the organization. My number one priority is always doing what is right and keeping the best interest of the kids at the center of those decisions.