

February 1 , 2026,
AHAI Board of Directors meeting |MINUTES

|6:30PM

Meeting called by	Bolger	AHAI Board present: Bolger, Crowley, Dunne, Johnson, Rancourt, Jauch, Surette , Lichterman, Apter, Weinberg, Cavallini, Krausfeldt,, Zschach Mullally, Allord, Naveja
Type of meeting	Monthly Board Meeting	
Note taker	Dunne	

Approval of Meeting minutes

Approved January, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion: Jauch
2nd: Rancourt
Approved

Treasures Report: Crowley

Treasures report:

- . USAH Audit update and completed
 - No red flags and AHAI will work with USAH and AHAI auditors to implement the suggestions
- AHAI internal audit report. Completed and no flags
- The group reviewed financial statements, including a clean audit opinion and suggestions for improving electronic record-keeping processes.
- Board will be asked to approve financial audits at March meeting

Motion: **Crowley**
2nd: Weinberg
Approved

Registrar Report:

Electronic Vote Affirmations: None

IT Update:

AHAI Website

Project Management Report

The board was provided an update on the IT backend, noting progress in communication with USA Hockey and the adoption of Calibrate's system.

Continued steady progress on multiple fronts, particularly in design and setup of the Crossbar and Calibrate parts of the project. Pages have been started and content organization has begun for the marketing site, while Calibrate refined key workflows, presented a portal prototype, and we gathered stakeholder feedback.

USA Hockey has provided data access for the AHAI vendors.

Meanwhile, email system setup continues to move forward.

GD Squared and Krausfeldt have been working with Gamesheet to provide a comprehensive state tournament platform.

It is a work in progress and new technology for Gamesheet, but is moving forward.

Committee reports:

Rules Committee:

Johnson provided an update on rule change procedures, emphasizing the importance of early submission to avoid time crunches.

- *Rules and Regulations updating:*
- *January BOD Meeting: Call for rule changes/submissions*
- *February BOD Meeting: Circulation of proposed rules to AHAI Board of Directors for data and collection of input from committees and stake holders*
- *March BOD Meeting: Review of changes to proposed rules*
- *April BOD meeting: Present any rule amendments or modifications based on feedback*
- *April BOD meeting: Post all AHAI rule proposals on the AHAI web site*

- *May BOD Meeting: Vote on all proposed rule changes/additions*
- *May BOD meeting: Post all new or modified AHAI rules on the AHAI web site*
- *June AHAI Annual Meeting Present rule changes to the membership*
- *AHAI Monthly BOD Meeting Emergency rule changes only General Rules*

Nominating Committee:

Dates for AHAI Annual meeting information distribution:

- *April 20: Annual Membership meeting notice*
- *March 31: Board of Directors nomination process information*
- *April 17: Board of Directors nomination deadline*
- *March 31: Bylaw proposals process*
- *April 30: Bylaw proposal deadline*
- *May 16: Publish Bylaw proposals*
- *May 9: Publish AHAI Board candidates*

R&E: NR

Suspension and Review Committee:

High School:

HS Committee Meeting

January 24 2026 @ 9:30am

1. State Tournament

- *Rankings – ranking form feedback Group said it worked well and should continue in future*
- *Scheduling form to be used for this year. Great Idea since it's easy and precise*
- *Dates/Times – quarters, semis and championship games OKed by group*
- *Committee coverage for quarters and semis Will send signup sheet to all Allstate Arena update for championship games*
- *TV Timeout? Yes, this is ok per committee*
- *During ice cut – 12 mins · Yes, this is ok per committee*
- *Locker room / Getting to and from ice*
- *Other items discussed with Wolves*

2. Rules/Standard of play changes or revisions for next season

All rule revisions are good with committee

3. *Opportunity to have a USA Hockey development let coaching clinic next season*

All liked the idea and will develop sub committee to work on planning

4. *New Application – DePaul Prep Discussed next steps*

5. *All State game Who will be there All will be in attendance*

6. *Next meeting date? 2/21/26*

7. *Roundtable*

Tier II Committee: Zschach

Anticipating several Tier II applications

- *Franklin Park*
- *West Dundee*
- *Kankakee*
- *Hoffman Estates*

Tier 2 Applications and Procedures

The board discussed several topics including Tier 2 applications, rule change procedures, and registration reports. Keri reported on four anticipated Tier 2 applications from West Dundee, Kankakee, Hoffman Estates, and Franklin Park. The board agreed to appoint one to two key people from the committee to lead each individual application. The board also discussed registration reports and the need for coaches to obtain required continuing education courses and current coaching cards. Keri mentioned sending reminders about date of birth and citizenship for national volunteers, with deadlines set for January 15th.

Tier II subcommittee report”: No report

State Tournament held Nov 13 committee meeting

- *Logistics being contracted for Ice, Trainers, Awards and gamesheet*

Presidents Council:

Next Meeting Monday March 30

Tier I Committee (Cavallini)

Updated Tier I recertification criteria is being finalized by Melissa and Gino per 18.8 TIER I AUTHORIZATION PROCEDURE. The proposed criteria will be presented to the board for approval.

Girls:

The meeting also addressed a proposed girls' hockey organization in Rockford, expressing concerns about the three-year moratorium on new girls' teams and suggesting that the board should have the flexibility to modify these rules based on the current landscape.

Next Committee meeting is Wednesday Jan 7

Tier III

Grant Committee: NR

CEP: Scott working on finding a CIC for AHAI

Communications: No report

Player Development (Naveja)

Date set 4/10 thru 4/12 : Mt Prospect

Next Board Meeting

March 2, 2026,

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm _____