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AHAI Bylaw proposals 2026

The following are the 2026 AHAI bylaw proposal to be presented at the AHAI Annual membership meeting on Saturday, May 30 at 8:30AM.

The meeting will be held at the Westin Northwest in Itasca, Illinois.

4.6 VOTING RIGHTS AND PROCESS - Each Affiliate Organization shall be entitled to one vote for each team registered with AHAI by that Organization for the immediately preceding "Regular Season" as defined by USA Hockey, with such votes to be cast upon each matter submitted to vote at a Members Meeting. Every Affiliate Organization's vote shall be cast by the representative of the Affiliate Organization listed on the official AHAI Registration Form utilized for that meeting, provided that this Affiliate Organization authorized representative shall be either:

(a) the President of that Affiliate Organization; or (b) the "proxy", who shall be associated or affiliated with that Affiliate Organization and also designated in writing as that Organization's representative no later than the registration by that Affiliate Organization at the start of the meeting.

ARTICLE 15 AMENDMENTS

15.0 These Bylaws may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new Bylaws may be adopted, at the Annual Meeting or a Special Meeting of the Members as follows. A two-thirds vote in favor of the amendment is cast by the Affiliate Organizations, taken consistent with Article 4 of these Bylaws at a Members Meeting in which a quorum was present as provided in Article 4 of these Bylaws. In order for a vote on any such amendment to be held, each proposed amendment must first be submitted in writing to the President as least thirty (30) days prior to the Members meeting. No proposed amendment shall be eligible for presentation or vote at a Members meeting unless it shall have been submitted within this time frame. The Board shall then decide whether to recommend its adoption at the next Annual Meeting or to call a Special Meeting for the purpose of consideration of amendments. The proposed amendment shall be published by the Board at least fourteen (14) days prior to such a meeting, along with the Board's recommendation on whether it should be adopted.

Voting will consist of the following responses:

- Defeat a proposal.



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- Approve a proposal.

For bylaw amendments that consist of more than one (1) proposal, only one (1) proposal can be designated as Approved.

Voting will consist of the following responses:

- Defeat all
- Approve one

A No vote will be considered Defeat.

Proposed By Laws Update / Changes:

4.6 VOTING RIGHTS AND PROCESS

Submitted By: Tim Weaver

The following proposed changes to the AHAI By laws are submitted for consideration by a group of concerned hockey directors, coaches and parents from various levels. We feel that these small changes will encourage more transparency in the organization, reduce perceived nepotism, allow Affiliate Organizations to be able to make informed decisions in voting leadership to the Board.

Each Affiliate Organization shall be entitled to one (1) vote for each team registered by **December 31** with AHAI by that Organization for the ~~immediately preceding current~~ "Regular Season" as defined by USA Hockey, with such votes to be cast upon each matter submitted to vote at a Members Meeting.

Every Affiliate Organization's vote shall be cast by the representative of the Affiliate Organization listed on the official AHAI Registration Form utilized for that meeting, provided that this Affiliate Organization authorized representative shall be either:

- (a) the President of that Affiliate Organization; or
- (b) the "proxy", who shall be associated or affiliated with that Affiliate Organization and also designated in writing as that Organization's representative no later than the registration by that Affiliate Organization at the start of the meeting.



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In the event of a virtual meeting, to be valid the written proxy must be provided by email to the AHAI Registrar. Except as set forth above, no proxy voting shall be permitted.

Submitted By: Tim Weaver

AHAI Board recommendation: None

4.11 ELECTION OF BOARD AT ANNUAL MEETING

Submitted By: Tim Weaver

Five (5) directors shall be elected annually at the Annual Meeting. Affiliate Organizations shall vote for up to five (5) individuals from the list of nominations submitted by the Nominating Committee under the Committee's procedures set forth in the Board's Rules & Regulations. The votes of the Affiliate Organizations shall be counted by members of the Nominating Committee and overseen by an AHAI officer. **The counted vote totals will be announced in the Annual Meeting after the voting is completed.** The top five (5) individuals garnering the most votes shall be elected as directors of the Board

Submitted By: Tim Weaver

AHAI Board recommendation: Recommend Defeat

AHAI Board of Director 5.3

Submitted By: John Dunne

AHAI Bylaw Proposal: 5.3 NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS

Intent: To hold elected AHAI Board members to a participation standard. To give the AHAI board of Directors another avenue to address current AHAI Board members that do not meet the participation standards. Directors unable to participate due to unforeseen circumstances such as health, will be given consideration in regard to 5.4: Removal of Directors.



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5.3 NUMBER, TENURE AND QUALIFICATIONS OF DIRECTORS –

There shall be fifteen (15) Directors on the Board. The Directors shall be elected by the Members in accordance with Article 4 of these Bylaws. Five (5) directors shall be elected annually. Each such elected director shall hold office for three (3) years and until their successors have been elected and qualified, or until their death, resignation or removal. Each director must be legally competent.

Each Director must be a member in good standing of USA Hockey and must be in complete compliance with all USA Hockey mandates then in effect. **ADD: Each Director must be present at 70% of the annually scheduled AHAI Board meetings. Each Director must also actively participate in at least one (1) AHAI Committee as appointed by the President.**

5.3.1 In the event of a vacancy by death, resignation or removal of a Director, the AHAI President shall appoint a new director to fill the unexpired term of that Director.

5.3.2 In addition to the 15 Directors and any Emeriti, the following non-voting observational members shall be considered to be members of the Board: the immediate past president of AHAI, the Executive Director of AHAI, and all AHAI district representatives to USA Hockey.

5.4 REMOVAL OF DIRECTORS - A director may be removed during that director's term in office only through the following processes: by a two-thirds vote of the Members with the vote taken pursuant to Article 4 of these Bylaws, either at the Annual Members Meeting or at a Special Meeting called pursuant to these Bylaws. **Or by a two-thirds vote of the Members the Current AHAI Board of Directors if a Director has not met the requirements in 5.3 during any annual term.**

Submitted By: John Dunne

AHAI Board recommendation: Recommend Approval

ADD: Section 5.3.3: Term Limits for Board Members (NEW)

Submitted By: Tim Weaver

(a) Term Length. Each member of the Board of Directors shall serve a term of three (3) years, unless otherwise specified in these bylaws. **(b) Term Limit.** No individual shall serve more than two (2) consecutive full terms as a member of the Board of Directors starting with Directors voted in for the 2025-26 "Regular Season" as defined by USA Hockey.



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(c) **Mandatory Hiatus.** Upon completion of two (2) consecutive full terms, a Board member shall be ineligible to serve on the Board for a period of one (1) year from the expiration of their second term.

(d) **Re-Eligibility.** Following the completion of the one (1) year hiatus, the individual shall again be eligible to stand for election or appointment to the Board, subject to all other applicable provisions of these bylaws.

(e) **Partial Terms.** Any appointment or election to fill a vacancy for a term of less than one-half (1/2) of a full term shall not count toward the term limit. Service for more than one-half (1/2) of a full term shall be considered a full term for purposes of this Section.

Submitted By: Tim Weaver

AHAI Board recommendation: Recommend Defeat

ADD: Section 5.3.3: Term Limits for Board Members (NEW)

Submitted By: John Cadden

Effective as of the date of the 2026 AHAI Annual Meeting and election of Board Members, no Board Member or Officer may serve more than four (4) consecutive three-year terms. This provision does not apply to the AHAI Executive Director and AHAI Registrar.

Terms served before or overlapping the 2026 Annual Meeting do not count toward this limit.

Submitted By: John Cadden

AHAI Board recommendation: Recommend Defeat

ADD: Section 5.3.3: Term Limits for Board Members (NEW)

Submitted By: Suzy Ravasio

Beginning with the Board Members elected at the May 30, 2026, Annual Meeting, no volunteer Board Member may serve more than five (5) consecutive years in the same role.

Any service prior to the 2025 Annual Meeting will not count toward this limit.

After reaching the five-year limit in a specific role, an individual may not continue in that same position without a one-year break in service. However, they may be eligible to serve in a different Board or Officer role, subject to Board approval.

Please let me know if you have any questions and enjoy your night.

Submitted By: Suzy Ravasio



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AHAI Board recommendation: Recommend Defeat

ADD: Section 5.3.3: Term Limits for Board Members (NEW)

Submitted by Jack Weinberg

5.3.1 3, Starting with the 2026 election cycle, No Board Member or Officer, other than the Executive Director, may serve more than three (3) three-year consecutive terms. This shall apply to all board members and officers with the exception of the Executive Director and Registrar. For current Board Members, midterm Appointed Board Members and Officers, their first term would be in that elected positions next election cycle if voted in by the membership. A fourth term may be added for the President or a Standing committee chair with the caveat that there be a co-president or co-chairperson put in place for the purpose of a smooth transition period. An individual may run for a seat after a full term (3 years) off the board. Committee membership of non-board members are not limited by terms but may be subject to review and may be terminated by a majority vote of the board. A board member becomes eligible for emeritus status after serving three (3) full terms

Submitted by Jack Weinberg

AHAI Board recommendation: Recommend Defeat

Additional information related to bylaw proposals:

AHAI BOD make up since 2014. Information taken from AHAI Guidebook, AHAI Citation Award Recipients.

34 different board members:

Average length of tenure = 6.7 years

This reflects a person's total number of years on the AHAI Board of Directors. Included are directors even though they might have only served to 2015. For instance, a Director that served until 2017, but started on the board in 2003, tenure is 14 years and included in average length figure.



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5.10 VOTING

Submitted By: Tim Weaver

The affirmative vote of a majority of the directors present at a meeting at which a quorum exists shall be the act of the Board. The manner of how votes are cast on an issue presented for vote shall be determined by the President or by a majority of the Board.

Unless the Board determines otherwise on any particular issue called to a vote, the manner of such voting by the directors shall be by either: (1) by secret written ballot, (2) by oral roll call, (3) by a show of hands, or (4) by oral "call out" of those in favor, those opposed, or those abstaining. All non-honorary directors shall be entitled to vote on any issue called for a vote, including the person holding the office of President.

Each Directors vote will be recorded and published in the minutes of the Board Meeting within seven (7) days of the meeting, subject to all other applicable provisions of these bylaws.

Submitted By: Tim Weaver

AHAI Board recommendation: Recommend Defeat

7.0 STANDING COMMITTEES

Submitted By: John Dunne

The President shall annually appoint the members and the chairperson of the following standing committees: Tournament, Suspension Review, Nominating, High School, Tier I, Tier II, Rules and Ethics, Girls Hockey, and Appeals Committees; provided, however, every person named as the chairperson of these standing committees named above must be a **voting director on the Board** **ADD: with Board rights as described in Article 5**. Any person serving on those committees who is not a chairperson need not be a director on the Board. The responsibilities of each standing committee shall be established by the Board in the Rules and Regulations.

Submitted By: John Dunne

AHAI Board recommendation: Recommend Approval

