

May 4, 2026,  
AHAI Board of Directors meeting |MINUTES

|6:30PM

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| Meeting called by | Bolger                | AHAI Board present:<br>Bolger, Crowley, Dunne, Johnson,<br>Rancourt, Jauch, Surette , Monahan,<br>Apter, Weinberg, Cavallini, Krausfeldt,<br>Zschach, Tuminaro, McGing<br>Guests: Alessi, Weaver, Shultz |
| Type of meeting   | Monthly Board Meeting |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Note taker        | Dunne                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

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## Approval of Meeting minutes

### Approved April 2026 meeting minutes

Motion: Crowley  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Jauch  
Approved

### Treasures Report: Crowley

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Treasures report:

- The IT project was discussed, indicating it current payments represented 80-90% completion and would require ongoing maintenance payments to start in June.
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Motion: Surette  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Weinberg  
Approved

## **Registrar Report:**

**Electronic Vote Affirmations: None**

## **IT Update:**

AHAI Website

Project Management Report

*April marked a transition from active development into final validation and release planning. The primary focus was completing User Acceptance Testing (UAT), refining system performance, and preparing for an initial beta rollout. Significant progress was made across both the Admin and Registrar Portals, with most UAT feedback addressed or in final testing. In parallel, planning advanced for beta deployment, communication workflows, and the transition into an ongoing maintenance phase, while coordination continued with USA Hockey on data integration.*

## **Committee reports:**

### **Rules Committee:**

**Rules** <https://www.ahai.org/about/by-laws-rules-regulations-policies/117111>

The AHAI Board of Directors passed the following AHAI rule adds or amendments starting for the 2026/27 season

- Social Media policy (new)
- Article 3: New organization applications(modification)
- Article 4.1: Standing Committees(modification)
- Article 4 Committee (housekeeping)
- Article 5.6: Residency (Modification)
- Article 11.2, 19.2.4, 13.8, 19.4.4, 19.3 (Housekeeping)
- Article 12.1.4: Billeting (Modification)
- Article 13.9: HS Goaltender (Modification)
- Article 17 girls (Housekeeping) e-vote
- Article 17.10: Girls early tryouts: (Housekeeping) e-vote
- Article 18.10.8: Player commitment (Modification)
- Article 19.2: Foreign Exchange Students (Modification)

- Article 19.4 HS divisions(Housekeeping)
- Article 24: Officiating (Modification)

*The following AHAI rule proposals were defeated:*

- Article 15.1.3 T3 Prime Teams (May to must)(Modification)
- Article 16.16 T2 player movement (Modification)

*The following AHAI rule proposals were Tabled:*

- Article 13.10: Girls State (Housekeeping)
- Article 15: T3 player movement (Modification)

### **Nominating Committee:**

*Dates for AHAI Annual meeting information distribution:*

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

**R&E:** No Report

**Suspension and Review Committee:** No Report

### **High School:**

*April 26 2026 @ 9:00am*

#### *1. State Tournament Review*

- *We discussed the format for the past season – All feedback was good we will work on next season's scheduling/locations in coming months.*
- *Discussed decision by Rosemont to continue our partnership for the Allstate Arena – Everyone liked the venue and are disappointed in the decision. We feel that changes could have been made to eliminate the barriers.*

#### *2. Rules/Standard of play changes or revisions for next season were discussed – All in agreement with the HS edits*

**Tier II Committee: Zschach**

The board discussed several topics including Tier 2 applications

*Tier II applications status*

- *Franklin Park: Active*
- *West Dundee: Deferred to 2027*
- *Kankakee: Active*
- *Hoffman Estates: Active*
- *Niles: Active*
- *Chiefs: Deferred to 2027*

**Growth Committee: No Report**

**Boarder subcommittee report”:**

- *Sub committee is in continued negotiations with WAHA regarding the border agreement between Wisconsin and Illinois hockey organizations. No final resolution was has been reached at this time.*

**State Tournament :**

- *Committee will meet to discuss tournament challenges and possible format changes*

**Presidents Council:** Next meeting scheduled for August 10

**Tier I Committee (Cavallini) No Report**

**Girls:** Bob Apter was named temporary Girls committee Chair

**Tier III :No report**

**Grant Committee:**

- **AHAI submitted the USAH grant application for the 2026/27 season**

**CEP:** Gino Cavallini was names AHAI CIC

**Communications:** Working on updates to crossbar /AHAI web site

**Player Development (Naveja)**

**Next Board Meeting :**May 26, 2026,

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

