

January 5, 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, McGing, Krausfeldt, Tuminaro, Scott , Zschach Mullally, Allord
Type of meeting	Monthly Board Meeting	
Note taker	Dunne	

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## Approval of Meeting minutes

### Approved November, 2025 meeting minutes

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

### Treasures Report: Crowley

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Treasures report:

- . USAH Audit update and completed
  - No red flags and AHAJ will work with USAH and AHAJ auditors to implement the suggestions
- AHAJ 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.

Motion:, **Crowley**  
2<sup>nd</sup>: Rancourt  
Approved

## **Registrar Report:**

### **Electronic Vote Affirmations:** 2025/26 Roster Additions affirmed

- Danika Kloos to Sabres Girls 12U AA2

## **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. The group discussed challenges with the new Gmail system and plans for online training. Dunne also mentioned new cost associated with email access and costs, mentioning a monthly fee for the new email service. The conversation ended with a brief mention of the new Crossbar website.*

*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.*

## **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:***

- *Working with IHOA on continuing education of less experienced officials*

***High School: NR***

***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 January 26

**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 :NR**

**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**

February 2, 2026, Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm \_\_\_\_\_