



Appleton Area Hockey Association (AAHA)
Board of Directors – Statement of Intent FORM

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- 1) Please provide a brief summary of the qualifications and/or strengths you feel you would bring to the organization.
- 2) Please share why you are interested in being part of the Board of Directors.
- 3) AAHA Members will be able to view this form.

See Attached

[Signature]
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Date

AAHA BOARD STATEMENT OF INTENT

Summary of Qualifications and Strengths:

I am an attorney that has coached at AAHA the last three years. My professional qualifications include a bachelor's degree from the University of Minnesota (B.A. Political Science, 2010) and a law degree from Penn State University (Juris Doctor, 2013). I am licensed to practice law in Wisconsin and Maryland. I have been an associate at Petit and Dommershausen, SC in the Appleton area office for the last 2 ½ years.

In terms of coaching qualifications, I began as the assistant coach to the Bantam B team under Chris Van Zeeland in 2015. The last two years I have been the head coach of the Bantam B team. I do not have children with the association and coach out of a passion for the game. I am level three certified and plan on becoming level four certified next year.

My qualifications with respect to experience with AAHA also include playing for the association in my youth. I began playing hockey at the squirt level, initially playing with Fox Valley before Appleton Family Ice Center opened. I then played pee wee, bantam, and high school hockey all through AAHA.

In addition to my playing and coaching experience, I follow hockey closely at the professional, junior, and youth levels. I have written for a hockey blog and in my spare time I read hockey biographies, coaching books, and hockey message boards to stay current on hockey trends and topics.

The strengths I would bring to the board are strengths I have developed as an attorney, a hockey player, and a coach. I am an effective communicator, a strong leader, and I am open to the input of others. I value teamwork and cooperation. I work well in collaborative environments while maintaining an ability to process criticism. I am respectful in my dialogues with others.

Statement of Interest:

I am interested in a position with the board because I want to help foster a competitive, respectful, and fun environment in which our players can develop. I attribute much of my success in life to lessons I learned playing hockey, including leadership and the importance of open communication. I learned those lessons while playing at AAHA and I want to show my gratitude by serving in a greater capacity. I have the temperament, attitude, and skills to succeed in the position. A strong hockey association requires the support of its players, families, and surrounding community. I believe my presence on the board would help foster that support.

One specific interest I have in my bid to become a member of the board is the creation of a player development committee. Something I have noticed as a coach is that our association does not have a mechanism to gauge player improvement throughout the season beyond being placed on an A team, a B team, or a C team. I believe if we can follow players' development from a young age we will not only be able to evaluate a particular player's needs but also see where our association is doing well and where it can improve. This will allow coaches to make specific suggestions to players on what they can work on during the off-season and would also help the association identify points of emphasis for the next season.