

## **2018 IYHA BOD Candidates (listed Alphabetically)**

### **Carl Perine**

As VP of a mid-sized company I specialize in strategic intelligence and planning, business transformation and collaborative culture. My excellent track record in the financial field has produced exceptional bottom-line results in a multi-million dollar business unit.

I've been involved with sports at all levels for most of my life. Both as a participant and a coach, I feel that my exposure at these levels in addition to my executive management skills will provide value to any youth organization. I am excited about helping IYHA maximize their financial spending as well as savings on a year to year basis to reduce any potential expenses.

### **Mike Robson**

I have a vested interest in IYHA, not only as a parent but as a committed part of the larger community we all live in and call home. I moved to Ithaca in 2007, relocating from southern CA – the reasons were my children, family and community. My family has enjoyed the benefits of being a part of the community here and many of the opportunities the Ithaca Youth Bureau offer. My son has been playing IYHA hockey for five seasons now, I have been lucky to see him develop in a program that works to support kids in a constructive and competitive way I want to help foster and maintain in whatever capacity I can.

I offer the perspective that comes from having lived and worked in six different states, the experiential knowledge from that diversity, and the ability to incorporate it into the productive process improving our children's experience in IYHA.

## **Dean Smith**

My name is Dean Smith and I am a passionate advocate for the IYHA and for youth sports in general. Phil Infante called me when we first moved here in 2015 having heard my son Quinn played linebacker for Ithaca youth football and would he like to try goalie. My winters have never been the same since. We came to Ithaca from Baltimore where I coached youth basketball, lacrosse, and soccer in the Catholic Youth Organization. I had secretly wanted to find a way for my son to play hockey. I am forever grateful to Phil, Alex, Ben, Barb, Erin, Nancy, Jackson, Jen and the rest of the great people in this organization who helped usher Quinn into the IYHA family.

I love every minute of the IYHA hockey season—talking with the parents at practices, watching the games, going to the tournaments, marveling at the endless industriousness of the team managers and supporting the great coaches who do an excellent job of keeping this all perspective. Quinn has grown to love the sport and has learned how to respond to adversity as a goalie. I've learned that the coldest place on earth is center ice at Cass Park.

My job is director of Cornell University Press. It would be an honor to serve on the IYHA board and to support this iconic organization.

## **Damien J. Steele**

A native Ithacan, Damien grew up playing in multiple youth sports in this community. When his son asked to play hockey at age 4, he was excited that he would follow in the footsteps of many in his family; Damien grew up watching his grandfather coach hockey for the Clarkson University women's team and listening to his stories about overseeing the penalty box at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid. After attending the University at Buffalo, he lived in Colorado and Albany NY, before returning to Ithaca a few years ago with his wife and children. Damien has spent his entire career in the construction industry building custom homes and overseeing large scale commercial projects. Since his return to Ithaca, he has been employed with McPherson Builders as a project manager and site supervisor. In his spare time, he enjoys coaching lacrosse, running, camping, and spending time with his family. Damien would like to participate on the board to support Ithaca Youth Hockey Association's growth in sponsorship and fundraising, which could allow IYHA the means to host skills clinics locally.

## **Tyler Wagenet**

As a parent of a Squirt, coach of a Squirt team, parent of a soon to be second year Mite, and current board member, some would say my plate could be rather full. I however view this a continued opportunity to be directly involved in working to help grow this great association from the youngest groups, up. Having personally grown up in the IYHA system through the late 80's and mid-90's, I have the longevity of connection to the area and love of hockey to share. I believe fully in the ADM methods of teaching hockey, as well as the widely adopted Red, White, and Blue cross ice/half ice hockey for the younger ages. I look forward to hopefully serving this wonderful association further as an age rep for Mites and also as a coach.

-Tyler (TR) Wagenet