



2019 – 2021 EHA Board of Director Interest Letters

The week of April 7th ballots for electing individuals to a two-year term on the EHA Board of Directors will be mailed to all 2018-2019 EHA member addresses on file.

Voting membership is limited to two adults per participant. Membership is based on information received at the time of season registration. No one person can hold more than one membership. All voting cards contain two ballots. If additional memberships are requested, an application can be made through provisions stated in Article 1, Section 4 of the Bylaws.

All ballots received on or before Saturday, April 28th will be considered. You may elect to mail your ballot back to EHA or place in a secured box located by the mailboxes in the East Rink.

You may vote for up to NINE board members, including write-in candidates. Photocopied ballots and ballots with more than ten votes will be disqualified.

This document can also be found on the EHA Board page located at: <https://www.eaganhockey.com/board>

Candidates for consideration for 2019-2021 are:

- Robert Braun
- Kelly Clark
- Nhut Doan
- Michael Gannon
- Mike Jelen
- David Karsnia
- Ryan Nielsen
- Max Seely
- Mark Steinke
- Bill Urick

Robert Braun

Eagan Hockey Parents:

My name is Robert Braun and I have two sons playing in EHA. Next year, Kevin will be at the Mite 2/3 level, and Dustin will be at the Mite Prep level. I am very interested in volunteering for the Board of Directors and would like to make a meaningful impact at the Mite Prep level.

For any parent entering their child into a new activity, it is critically important that they receive clear, timely and accurate information. The calendar for the season should be known to all parents as soon as possible and regular communication with parents is expected at the younger levels. This is especially important for those parents who have not yet had a child play in the EHA program.

I had the opportunity to coach at both the Mite Prep and Termite levels this winter. I fully intend to continue working on ice with both of my sons. If I am provided the opportunity to serve you on the Board, I would be a very visible and accessible Board Member for our younger athletes and their parents.

I have enjoyed my two years so far being involved in the EHA program and forging relationships with other Mite Prep parents. We have a great group of players and parents in EHA, and I will work to make the experience even better. I have been very satisfied with much of the EHA program and the commitment and effort the coaches give to our children. I have the time and passion to help and enhance the EHA program making it a best-in-class hockey organization.

Go Wildcats!
Robert Braun

Kelly Clark

Dear Eagan Hockey Association Members:

Please accept this letter of interest for an Eagan Hockey Association Board position for 2019-2021.

My wife Amy and I moved from Rosemount to Eagan 6 years ago and we have two Children Lauren and AJ (Austin) involved in numerous community sports programs. My son AJ just completed his second year of Eagan hockey as part of the PWA team (7th grader).

Growing up in Winnipeg, Manitoba Canada I was afforded the opportunity to play hockey from an early age all the way through High School and the experience had a real impact on me. I have coached numerous sports and I am passionate about the growth and development of our players.

Professionally, I serve as the CIO (Chief Information Officer) for a global benefits administration and cloud-based HR and Financial Solutions company. In this capacity, I have held Advisory Board positions with Hewlett Packard, Uniphly and Verizon.

Our family has had a positive experience with youth hockey and I would like to apply my experience as a player, coach and professional in supporting the future growth of the Eagan Hockey Association.

Thank you for your consideration.

Regards,
Kelly L. Clark

Nhut Doan

Dear EHA,

I am asking for you to consider my application to become an Eagan Hockey Association Board Member. For the past 4 years, I have been very active with the Eagan Hockey Association as a team manager, tryout committee member and a strong Stewart of the Eagan Hockey Association to the Eagan community.

I am passionate about developing our children and providing a positive experience for all of the Eagan Hockey families. Over the past few years I have observed how Eagan Hockey has impacted our community and feel I now have the experience to aid in the growth of the Eagan Hockey Association.

I am a self-driven business professional that thrives on collaboration and customer experience. Given the opportunity to serve on the board, you will find that I will easily integrate into the system and be a positive voice for the Association.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

I really appreciate the consideration.

Regards,
Nhut Doan

Mike Gannon

My name is Mike Gannon and this is my letter of intent to pursue a position on the Eagan Hockey Association board.

I currently have three kids in the Eagan Hockey program (termite, advanced mite and squirt C). Throughout my experience in Eagan hockey, I have come to appreciate the efforts of everyone involved that help make the season run as smoothly as it does. I did not grow up skating or playing hockey. In fact, hockey was not a big draw in Milwaukee where I grew up. Even though I do not have the “hockey genes”, I decided that I would volunteer whenever resources were limited. Last season, for example, I was a mite manager and had a blast. In addition, to managing a mite team, I worked with other associations to schedule scrimmages with our mite 2’s and 3’s. Hearing about how much fun the kids had playing teams outside of our association was pretty awesome. But what really made the season great were the families. I love hockey, don’t get me wrong, but this community is amazing and is what drives me to want to get involved.

I do not have a platform on which I am running for the board. I do not have a list of things that need to be changed. I do not even have a desire to be recognized. What I do have is a desire to help. There are so many people that do so much to make sure our kids have fun, get better, and learn what team work and fair play is all about. Why would you not want to be a part of that?

Sincerely,
Mike Gannon

Mike Jelen

Dear EHA,

I would like to express my interest in continuing as a Board Member with The Eagan Youth Hockey Association for the 2019-2021 term where I can use my prior EHA Board experience and skills to help the organization expand its impact on youth hockey and the community.

Having two children in a variety of sports, with one playing hockey through EHA, I’ve had the opportunity to volunteer and serve in youth sports in many ways. In being a Co-Tournament Director on the EHA Board over the last two (2) years I’ve had the opportunity to become deeply involved in EHA. I have seen the positive impact that sports have had on our children, and I want to further contribute to the Eagan community by helping shape youth hockey as a board member of EHA. Some of my previous volunteering experience includes:

- Co-Tournament Director - 2 years for EHA
- Participated in coach interviews and the Tryout Committee for EHA
- Served as Assistant Coach in youth sports in Lacrosse, Basketball, Soccer and Baseball

I feel my background with volunteering in youth athletics combined with leadership roles in my professional career can help to contribute to the overall Board of Directors mission in shaping and positively impact youth hockey in Eagan. I understand the need to work together as a Board in carrying out the mission of EHA by helping to provide input to the Board, participate in meetings and, if appropriate, lead any sub teams that the Board assembles. I'm passionate about learning and contributing to the advancement of youth having a positive experience in all activities, including EHA. I would like the opportunity to further serve on the EHA Board to continue the positive path EHA has established.

Thank you,
Mike Jelen

David Karsnia

Dear Eagan Hockey Association Members,

My name is Dave Karsnia and I would like to submit my name for nomination for a position with the Eagan Hockey Association Board of Directors. I have been a coach at the Mite Prep/1 level for the past five years and also a coach at the Mite 2/3 level the past two years. My son Easton (8) was a Mite 3 this season and my son Drew (6) was a Mite Prep/1 this season.

I grew up in the rich hockey community of International Falls, MN. I learned to skate on our backyard rink and at the nearby outdoor rink at the age of 3. I was fortunate to have played organized hockey from the age of 5 through college. The life lessons and skills learned through the years of organized hockey have helped shape who I am today. As a life-long hockey player, I continue to play adult-league hockey today.

Professionally, I hold a management position in which I lead a division of over 120 employees and an annual budget of over \$10 million. My work experience has helped me enhance my abilities as coach/leader within our volunteer organization.

I have a strong interest at the Mite levels and the long-term success of hockey in Eagan. I am eager for the opportunity to assist other board members recruit new players, communicate effectively with parents, provide transparent scheduling, and continuing to foster the American Development Model for long-term development. My goal is to help the kids get exercise, grow friendships, and have fun. After all, it's for the kids!

Thank you for your consideration,
Dave Karsnia

Ryan Nielsen

Re: Board Position

My name is Ryan Nielsen and I am interested in applying to be on the Eagan Hockey Association Board of Directors for 2019-2021. I have a son, who just completed his second year of Peewee's, and twin daughters, who just completed their second year of U8's. I really enjoy hockey and hope to further my involvement in the hockey community.

I am interested in the position to give something back to the community and the association. I have worked in various financial positions, including public accounting, financial reporting and currently a Director of Financial Planning and Analysis and feel my financial acumen will be of assistance to the Board. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Ryan Nielsen

Max Seeley

Dear EHA Members, My name is Max Seeley and I am writing this letter to express my interest and commitment to running for the EHA Board for the 2019-2020 term. My son Parker is a Squirt goalie and my son Jack is a Mite. I am a certified coach and last year I was an assistant/goalie coach for Parker's Squirt team. I grew up playing hockey and still play three times a week.

As a goalie, I have an interest in developing goalies for the Eagan Hockey program. I believe the most important thing for young hockey players to develop is a love of the game - this means having fun. Every player must see a clear path for personal improvement and success. As a board member I would work to ensure this path exists for every player.

Thanks,
Max Seeley

Mark Steinke

Dear Eagan Hockey Association,

My name is Mark Steinke and I am submitting nomination on behalf of myself to serve a second term with the Eagan Hockey Association Board of Directors. I have been involved with EHA as a parent for the past 7 years and served on the board as the squirt director for the past two seasons. I have two sons (a squirt and peewee) who are active players in the association. The success of EHA as a whole is important to me and I have a particular passion for the squirt program after being involved in it for the past 3 years.

I grew up playing organized hockey in New Ulm, MN and have experienced the lifelong benefits that come with a positive influence in youth sports. As a parent, I have also seen those same benefits play a role in my kids' upbringing through their involvement in EHA. I realize these benefits come from the dedication that is given by many in the association. I would like to be a part of ensuring this special experience continues and evolves for all players in the association.

Outside of hockey, I hold a product management position in workforce optimization at Wells Fargo Bank and feel that my background and experience in communication and marketing would be an asset to the association.

Thank you for your consideration.
Mark Steinke

Bill Urick

Dear Eagan Hockey Association Members,

I am writing to express my interest in continuing my service on the Eagan Hockey Association Board of Directors. My wife Kaye and I have had children involved in Eagan Hockey for the past 12 years. All three of our kids – Joey (17), Katie (14) and Danny (8) – have enjoyed playing hockey within the Association over this time. During this time, I volunteered for team roles such as manager and treasurer and participated on various EHA committees including coach selection and tryout committees. Over the past two years, I have been honored to serve as a member of the Board and President of EHA. Outside of EHA, I have coached and supported all three of my children in various other sports – baseball, basketball, football, golf, lacrosse, skiing and soccer.

During the past two years as a member of the EHA Board, I have seen changes made to address concerns of our members, to improve the development of our hockey players and to enhance the overall hockey experience for our children. With that said, I know that there is more that can be done. Several months ago, I was asked by a parent what my personal goals were as President of EHA. After some thought, my response was pretty simple and basically my version of the EHA mission statement... *"My goal is to help ensure that EHA provides a fun, safe and competitive environment for kids that live in our community to play hockey."* I'd love to have the opportunity to serve a second term on the EHA Board in order to help EHA make progress in achieving this goal.

Thank you for your consideration.
Bill Urick
