

Lindsey Konerza Bio

Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Community & Board,

My name is Lindsey Konerza, and I am applying to be on the Mahtomedi Youth Hockey Association (MYHA) board of directors. Our son Winston just completed his first year as part of the MYHA, which was our family's 6th season spending all winter in rinks around the metro, and next year he will be going into his first year as a squirt for the 24-25 hockey year. In addition to the past 7 years of being around rinks with my son, I also grew up on many rinks around the state of MN with my younger brother playing hockey as well. My personal commitment, along with my family's commitment to the game of hockey within MYHA, will continue for many years to come. My personal connection to sports is that I grew up playing multiple girls' sports as a youth athlete, which included softball, dance, and playing on my high school golf team. While that was many years ago, the lessons I learned from being a competitive athlete in team sports will never be forgotten and is what I hope to ensure all youth athletes within our association will be able to carry with them following their experiences playing in MYHA.

I would love to represent MYHA and be a part of seeing this organization's success grow from the rich tradition that has been built to this point. As we look to the future, this must include both our girl's program and overall making hockey in the Mahtomedi community more accessible to everyone. As I think about how this translates into the future, this includes maintaining an unbiased approach when scheduling ice time, maintaining open communication with coaches and players, and seeking constructive feedback from families and the community. Overall, what makes me passionate about this position, is that I have a passion around contributing my skills within compliance and policy, in whatever shape that takes, to further continue and strive for MYHA's own hockey arena, technology improvements, and space ideation with regards to ice time, which I believe are the necessary components for success of this program for future generations.

The experience I bring to this role, includes my current role on our University Information Security team as our Cybersecurity Governance, Compliance, & Policy Analyst, 19+ years employee at the University of MN, 15+ years as a member of the Higher Education User Group co-leading our Security Community of Practice, and finally my active role within our Women in Cybersecurity MN affiliate chapter. My experience, along with my passion and drive to see all our kids succeed through their hockey experience on and off the ice, makes me a great addition to the MYHA Board.

The skills that I would bring to the MYHA board include:

- **Partnership/Teamwork:** My current roles within our higher education and cybersecurity communities have allowed me to work collaboratively with diverse stakeholders and teams.
- **Communication:** I can effectively communicate, articulate, and listen, which includes being willing and open to constructive feedback, ideas, and perspectives.
- **Organization:** I have the ability to manage time, projects, and resources with multiple stakeholders.

Other roles and past volunteer work include:

- Women in Cybersecurity MN Affiliate: 4+ year member & Co-Chair of Student Outreach. We are part of a national organization that focuses on retention, recruitment, and education for women and diversity within the technology space specifically the cybersecurity field.
- Higher Education User Group: 2+ years co-chairing the Security Community of Practice, presenting at multiple national conferences, and 15+ years within the organization overall.
- InfraGard Volunteer: volunteer sector member of the FBI.
- University of Minnesota Senate: Role 2108-2023: Professional & Academic Senator representing 6,500+ employees at the Senate and committee level.

I am looking forward to working with existing and new board members, the community of MYHA, and families throughout our community.

Thank you,

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