

# Board of Directors Application

6 members will be elected to the 2026 Board of Directors this year. **Board members are elected by the families of SRIYHA and are appointed to a 3-year term.**

This form is to be used by those members who are eligible and wish to be considered for election to an SRIYHA board position. Please fill in all the information you wish to provide to the general membership. This application will be posted on the SRIYHA website for viewing before voting opens.

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First and last name

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## Personal Background \*

I live in South Kingstown with my wife, Kristen, and our two children: an 8-year-old daughter and a 6-year-old son. Both of our children participated in the learn-to-skate program at SRIYHA, and my son is completing his first year of travel hockey with the U8 team, which I have the pleasure of coaching.

Since 2009, I have worked for the Rhode Island State Police, currently serving as the Officer in Charge of the Intelligence Unit. I also oversee the Underwater Recovery Team and Marine Patrol.

I grew up in Narragansett, Rhode Island, and played youth hockey at Newport Youth Hockey, which was the nearest rink. I continued my hockey career in high school at Bishop Hendricken, where I was named captain in my senior year. After graduating, I spent a post-graduate year at Kimball Union Academy, where I faced the decision of whether to pursue my dream of playing hockey in college or to attend Providence College to play lacrosse for their Division I program. In the end, I set aside my hockey aspirations, and I have no regrets about that choice.

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## Hockey / Youth Sports Philosophy \*

I started my hockey “career” at age 9, and I can tell you from experience that most hockey paths eventually lead to “beer league”. There’s a reason so many players keep playing long after the NHL dream fades – it’s all about the locker room.

After all, only about 0.02% of players make it, roughly 1 in 4,000. When managed properly, the locker room is where kids learn camaraderie, trust, and communication, and where lifelong friendships begin. In the early years, it’s also where parents connect while tying skates and searching for missing gloves and elbow pads.

Years from now, the players won’t remember most of the wins and losses. They’ll remember the locker room and the countless rides to and from the rink with their parents memories you wouldn’t trade for anything.

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**Credentials \***

Lieutenant with the Rhode Island State Police  
Master of Science from Salve Regina University  
Bachelor of Science degree from Providence College  
Certified in First Aid / CPR / Emergency Oxygen Administration  
Certified in the requirements for USA Hockey at the current coaching level  
Currently Head Coach for the U8B White Team  
South Kingstown Little League Instructional Coach  
Defensive Coach - Bishop Hendricken High School Varsity Lacrosse Team 2007-2009  
Four (4) year member of Providence College Division I Men's Varsity Lacrosse  
Captain of Bishop Hendricken High School Hockey Team (2003)  
Kimball Union Academy – Post Graduate year Prep School

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**Other Relevant Information**

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Signature (by typing your name, you give SRIYHA permission to publish this information to our membership) \*

Ryan Mahoney

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