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MINUTES of 63rd ANNUAL MEETING  
OF NIHOA DIRECTORS  
Holiday Inn – Bridgeport, CT  
Saturday - March 24, 2018

CHAPTERS

Berkshire  
Cape Cod  
Central Mass.  
Champlain Adirondack  
Connecticut  
  
Eastern Mass.  
Eastern PA-NJ  
Long Island, NY  
Maine  
Metropolitan NY-NJ  
Dutchess Cty (Mid-Hud/Huds V)  
New Hampshire  
North Shore Mass  
South Shore Mass.  
Southern US  
Vermont  
Virginia  
Westchester NY

Totals 18

100% Annual Attendance:

ATTENDEES

Ted Kellar  
David Crary Jr., Rachel Hutchinson, Tom Murray  
Michael Belhumeur, Dan Mahoney  
Mark Stata  
Michael Barile, Rick Gentile, Robert Melanson, Steve Richetelli, Bill Tomassi, Lev Torgerson  
Tim, Hooton, Chris Kelly  
Mike Ross  
Brandon Blum, Evan Giorelik, Andrew Gray, Kevin Ries  
Mike Keaney, Michael S. Komich, Mark Prevost  
Jonathan Cohen, Bill Sidun, Bob Triebe  
Bob Humphries, Steve Pine  
Dana Lavoie, Alan Nixa  
Bob Hawkes, Pat Yeo  
Dennis Kirwan, James McKenzie  
Nick DeMarte, Sr.  
Rick Sullivan  
Bruce Bagley  
Anthony LoConte

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Connecticut, Eastern Massachusetts,  
New Hampshire, South Shore Mass.

**Meeting Called Order**

President Nick DeMarte Sr., Southern US Chapter, called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m. welcoming all and thanking them for attending the annual meeting. A moment of silence was held in memory of NIHOA members who have died. Jim McKenzie, NIHOA Clerk and Corporation Counsel read a thank you note from Mrs. Eleanor Doherty, widow of longtime Secretary-Treasurer Jack Doherty and also provided some personal remarks.

**President Called the Roll of NIHOA Chapters**

The president called the meeting to order and it was determined that a quorum was present.

**Minutes of the 2017 Annual Meeting**

The 2017 Annual Meeting minutes were distributed to those in attendance for their review. A motion by Bill Sidun, Metro NY-NJ, to accept the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

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### **Report of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee consists of Alan Nixa, New Hampshire, chairman, Jason Gridley, North Shore, Bruce Bagley, Virginia. Alan provided an overview of the process the committee used in review of the detail of revenues and expenses (both in Excel and Quicken format), along with bank, credit card(s) statements and reports provided by the Secretary-Treasurer. Alan also outlined the scope of the Committee's activities and review and read a detailed statement regarding it. The committee did have a few questions for the Secretary-Treasurer to which he responded promptly over 99% accuracy in transactions was noted. It was noted that no anomalies, requiring reporting to the annual meeting, were found. The committee reviewed its findings with the Executive Board prior to the annual meeting and made minor recommendations in process (consider discontinuing Revenue and Expense spreadsheet – this is a repeat recommendation that is intended to reduce to one record keeping platform rather than the duplicates (Quicken and Excel) currently used for safety and redundancy purposes).

### **Treasurer's Report**

The 2017-18 Treasurer's Report was distributed to those in attendance for their review. The Secretary-Treasurer provided an overview of the report.

### **Dana Lavoie, CTO, New Hampshire, Report**

Dana reviewed his activities over the past year for his position now five (5) years old. Dana reported on the results from first year of the Provisional Chapter and discussed other available Arbiter features. He also answered questions from the floor. He plans to once again attend the next Arbiter Conference when offered. He will continue to dialogue with the Arbiter principals for agenda items in NIHOA's best interests (such as perhaps competition from Horizon Web Ref, free Arbiter Connected mobile software, etc).

### **Secretary's Report**

The 2017-18 Secretary's Report was distributed to those in attendance for their review. The Secretary-Treasurer provided an overview of the report which. We seek to continue the agenda for the three-year term of the new Secretary-Treasurer (myself): Communication/Stewardship/Brand. Answers to questions with regard to insurance coverage. It was reported that the NIHOA Director's and Officer's Liability coverage will continue to include the Chapters.

**Guest Comments:** Joe Bertagna, NCAA Ice Hockey Rules Committee Chairman, and Hockey East Commissioner provided commentary on the state of collegiate ice hockey and the evolving trends in the game as they pertain to length of games, video review, and supplemental discipline. Tom DiFusco, NCAA Coordinator of Women's Officials discussed the Division 1 and 3 NCAA Tournament selection process for collegiate officials.

### **Report of Officers**

#### **President Nick DeMarte Sr, Southern US**

Nick discussed the importance of Chapter health reports from the perspective of officer elections and identification, succession planning, finances, and problem resolution (membership, incidents, etc.). Nick elaborated that the annual registration process is both complex and time consuming. He plans to introduce a new registrar position to create efficiency and improve the time management of this function. The ongoing strengthening of the relationship with the NCAA continues with his recent trip to Indianapolis to hold talks with Ty Halpin, Associate Director, Championships and Alliances. The focus of these discussions center around growing the NIHOA census and enhancing the cooperation with the NCAA such as the possible assumption of

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the Arbiter testing function. Nick will be attending the America Hockey Coaches Association (AHCA) convention in Naples, Florida next month.

**1st Vice President, Mark Stata, Champlain-Adirondack NY**

Mark reviewed his plans for the future with respect to: Annual Meeting details (format, start time, etc),

**Past President Tom Murray Cape Cod & Islands**

Tom related his desire to grow the attendance at the Annual Meeting and NIHOA census nationwide. He welcomes contacts as to any ideas from the membership as he completes his service as Past President.

**Honorary Members**

A motion by Bill Sidun, Metro NY-NJ, to accept the following individuals as NIHOA honorary members was passed unanimously. Seconded, and unanimously

<b>Connecticut</b>
Phil Clarkin, Ray Lilley, Mike McGee
<b>Dutchess County</b>
Jim Yarter
<b>Maine</b>
Bert Belisle, Ray Levesque
*indicates deceased

**Proposed 2018-19 Budget**

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the 2017-18 budget and presented the proposed 2018-19 budget. The recommendation of the Secretary-Treasurer was to keep the dues at the 2017-18 level. A motion by Bill Sidun, Metro NY-NJ, to accept the budget as presented was made. After further discussion a vote of the annual meeting unanimously passed the motion as amended setting the 2018-19 dues at \$48.00.

**NIHOA Excess Medical, Catastrophic, Liability and D&O Coverage**

The Secretary-Treasurer provided an overview of the association's coverage. The coverage provided through NIHOA's excess medical, catastrophic, liability, and D&O featuring a medical deductible of \$250, \$3 million in general liability limits and provide a general liability umbrella as well. As referenced earlier, the Chapter-level Director's and Officer's Liability Coverage was retained. Claims activity was reviewed for the past three years and is trending modestly in 2018-19 with 2 claims totaling less than \$500 and there are 16 claims in progress.

**Correspondence**

None

**Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting**

None

**Election of Officers**

The following individuals were advanced in office:

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President (Second Year of Two Year Term)

Nick DeMarte, Sr, Southern US

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President (Second Year of Two Year Term)

Mark Stata, Champlain-Adirondack, NY

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President (Second Year of Two Year Term)

Bill Sapelli, Western, MA – resigned; successor to be appointed to complete term

Secretary-Treasurer (Second Year of Three Year Term)

Michael S. Komich, Maine

Past President (Second Year of Two Year Term)

Thomas Murray

### **Reports of Chapters**

Sixteen Chapters provided reports to the floor. Recurring themes involved challenges with respect to recruiting, attrition, evaluation, advancement, increasing budget resources, and succession planning..

### **NEW BUSINESS.**

None

### **2019 Annual Meeting**

The 2019 Annual Meeting may be held on March 29-31 2018 at a site to be determined. Eligible NCAA Tournament Regional sites are Allentown, PA Manchester, NH, Providence, RI. A final announcement will be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Michael S. Komich Secretary-Treasurer

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