



MINUTES of 65th ANNUAL MEETING
OF NIHOA DIRECTORS
Virtua Zoom Meeting
Saturday - April 18, 2020

CHAPTERS

Berkshire
Cape Cod and Islands
Central Mass.

Central NY
Champlain Adirondack
Collegiate
Colorado
Connecticut
Dutchess County, NY
Eastern Mass.

Eastern NY
Eastern PA-NJ
Long Island, NY
Maine
Metropolitan NY-NJ

Michigan
New Hampshire
Niagara Frontier
North Shore Mass

Northern NY
Rhode Island
South Central NY
South Shore Mass.

Southeastern US
Southern US
Vermont
Virginia
Westchester NY
Western, Mass
Western, NY

ATTENDEES

Bill Loehr
Chris Barry, David Crary Jr., Greg Everson, Charles Gibson, & Rachel Hutchinson
Michael Bellhumeur, Chris Boilard, Alec Butler, Keisha Dunlevy, Dan Mahoney, Jeff
Mogensen, & Aaron Townsend
Michael Roberts
Ian Brassard & Mark Stata
Charles Ikeda
Michael Cima
Douglas Cyr, Steve Richetelli, & Lev Torgerson
Steven Pine
Glen Bock, Tyler Chaves, Tim, Hooton, Andrew Spinali, & Michael
Therault
Bill Dickerson & Jim Strohecker
Ed Giacomucci & Bruce Valen
Andrew Gray
Mike Keaney, Michael S. Komich, & Ronald Kramer
Fred Clark, Jonathan Cohen, Anthony D'Anna, Steve Elias, Craig Rossi, Bill Sidun,
Bob Triebe, & David Zulla
Josh Lupinek
Michael Durant, Mike Frost, Dana Lavoie, Alan Nixa, & Jeff Radin
Tony Gerevics
Derek Forest, Bob Hawkes, Greg Meininger, Joey Tomaino, Gregory Tremblay, &
Patrick Yeo
Ronald Jacobs, Matthew Keegan, & Buzzy Rickard
Steve Bailey & Robert Columbi
Tara Bricker & Alan Maglaque
David Buckley, Keith Cogan, Chip Fagan, Dennis Kirwan, Sean McDevitt, James
McKenzie, & Steven Riley
Paul Forrette
Nick DeMarte, Sr.
Jeremy Letourneau, Tom Nichols, & Kris Peckham
Bruce Bagley & Ryan Bradshaw
Ronald Oravec & Larry Scapperotti
David St. Lawrence
Scott Martin & Nicholas Tochelli

Totals 30

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100% Annual Attendance: Connecticut, Eastern Massachusetts,

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New Hampshire, South Shore Mass

Meeting Called To Order

President Mark Stata, Champlain-Adirondack Chapter member, called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m. (EST) welcoming all and thanking them for attending the annual meeting. A moment of silence was held in memory of NIHOA members who have died.

President Called the Roll of NIHOA Chapters

Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting

The 2019 Annual Meeting minutes were viewed electronically and/or distributed to those in attendance for their review. A motion by Bill Sidun, Metro NY-NJ, to accept the minutes as presented passed unanimously.

Report of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee consists of Keisha Dunlevy, Central Massachusetts, Matt Jackowicz of Connecticut, and John Lampier, of Rhode Island and 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, ProPay and PayPal accounts, and reports provided by the Secretary-Treasurer. The committee submitted a written report and found that all transactions were handled in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). 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 thanked the Executive Committee for its accommodating and timely responses to its requests..

Treasurer's Report

The 2019-20 Treasurer's Report was shared to those in attendance for their review. The Secretary-Treasurer provided an overview of the report.

Arbiter Overview - Google Suite

Dana Lavoie, Chief Information Officer provided a detailed overview of the features of The Arbiter including database management, assigning, background checks, evaluations, and game fee payments to name a few. Dana also announced the soon to be released Google Suite so that each Chapter may access cloud storage and other software tools.

Secretary's Report

The 2019-20 Secretary's Report was shared 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 Directors and Officers Liability coverage will continue to include the Chapters. Michael introduced the new NASO affiliation program for \$88 and including specific coverage for game call and assignors' coverage and assault coverage,

Report of Officers

President, Mark Stata, Champlain-Adirondack NY

Mark reviewed the features of our online store created by Jeff Radin and potential future enhancements. He also emphasized the continued need of NIHOA to change as evidenced by the rollout of online registration.

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1st Vice President, Alan Nixa, New Hampshire

Alan thanked the group for its attendance and observed that all active Chapters are represented. He made a detailed presentation on the transition from manual to online registration and set the framework for the 2020-21 registration process. It is the Executive Committee plan to require an October 31, 2020 national registration online and a local registration by November 30, 2020.

2nd Vice President, Bruce Bagley, Virginia

Bruce outlined the annual rules testing process. NCAA rules exams: 349 taken, 317 passed. Federation rules exams: 615 completed 568 passed.

Past President Nick DeMarte Sr, Southern US

Nick thanked the Executive Committee for its efforts over the past year. In these days of COVID-19, he suggests reaching out to a fellow official(s) and to check in on them.

Communications

President Mark Stata reported that outgoing Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna was scheduled to be the Annual Meeting speaker and was mailed a recognition plaque and a NIHOA jacket in lieu of the physical Annual Meeting being cancelled.

Jim McKenzie, General Counsel, South Shore Mass, Best Practices Report

Jim again presented a best practices report to provide governance guidance for Chapters related to by-laws, selection and succession of officers, financial management, audit, and membership (registration, dues payment, etc.)

Proposed 2020-21 Budget

The Secretary-Treasurer reviewed the 2019-20 budget versus actual and presented the proposed 2020-21 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 and seconded. After further discussion a vote of the annual meeting unanimously passed the motion as amended setting the 2020-21 dues at \$50.00.

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

Central Massachusetts
Gerry O'Neill, Jim Herlihy, & Bruce Johnson
Dutchess County NY
Robert Humphries
Maine
Chuck Andreades, Scott Anctil, Bert Belisle, & John Fortiguerra
Metro NY-NJ
David Brown & Steven Foran
North Shore Massachusetts



Vin Morano
Rhode Island Chapter
Frank Caparco & Bob Maguire
South Shore Massachusetts
Tim Crowley, Terry Partridge, Tom Rodger
Southeastern US
Jack Nolan & John Robinson
Western, NY
Barry Bedford, Brian Lemon, Garry Little, Jim McGraw, Harold "Bud" Moran, Marc Remillard, & Jay Schwerthoffer
*indicates deceased

Correspondence

Unfinished Business from Previous Meeting

Collegiate will continue the trial program

Election of Officers

The following individuals were advanced in office:
2nd Vice President (Second Year of Two Year Term)
Bruce Bagley

Bruce Bagley (Virginia) as a candidate for the office of Second Vice President. There were no other candidates. One (1) vote recorded to Bruce Bagley.

Reports of Chapters

Many of the thirty (30) Chapters provided reports to the floor. Recurring themes involved challenges with respect to recruiting, training, evaluation, advancement, community service, and increasing use of video.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition by South Shore Chapter to John Gravellese recipient of the Founder's Medal from Hockey East & New Hampshire Chapter to Pierre Belanger for 50 years of membership and Brian Murphy for 32 NHL seasons.

2021 Annual Meeting

The 2021 Annual Meeting may be held again virtually with an in-person gathering at a site to be determined. A final announcement will be forthcoming.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Michael S. Komich
Secretary-Treasurer

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