



2025 USA Hockey
Pacific District Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday - June 10, 2025
8:00 am (PST)
Zoom Conference Meeting
Recessed to Friday – June 13, 2025
8:30 am (PST)
Recessed to Thursday – July 10, 2025
9:00 am (PST)
Recessed to Thursday – July 24, 2025
9:00 am (PST)

Minutes

- I. Letter of Resignation - Director Representative / Pacific District Chairperson / Boys Player Development Administrator – Kris Knauss – accepted June 10, 2025.
- II. Nomination & Election of Temporary Chairperson (February 2026)
Thomas Hancock nominated Wayne Sawchuk as chairperson; seconded by Darryl Thompson. No other nominations received. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.
- III. Pacific District Policy Change. Thomas Hancock motioned to amend the affiliate handbook to allow for an Affiliate President to concurrently be a Director Representative. (See attached amendment.). Rick Hutchinson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued by Darryl Thompson who stated it was a requirement for the Board of Directors to have 72 hours' notice for any handbook changes to be considered. Thomas Hancock stated that he believed if the full board was present and in agreement to any such handbook change that the 72-hour notice could be waived. Having said that, he agreed to a 72-hour notification period for the board's review. Darryl Thompson motioned to table the above referenced handbook change to be in conformance with the 72-hour notification period. He also motioned to table the selection of a director to fill the vacancy created by Kris Knauss' resignation. Thomas Hancock seconded these motions. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion ensued to establish a meeting of the Pacific District Board of Directors for Friday, June 13, 2025, at 7:30 am Alaska time/8:30 am Pacific Time. Andy Potter moved to recess today's meeting until Friday, June 13th; Rick Hutchinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Continuation of June 10, 2025 Meeting on Friday - June 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at 8:30 am PST. All voting board members present, along with Pacific District Registrar Wendy Goldstein and Pacific District Secretary Lisa McPheters.

- IV. Pacific District Bylaw Changes/Amendments. Previously noticed handbook change(s) trigger possible required changes in Pacific District Bylaws, to wit Article IV Directors §4.01, §4.02, §4.03g, consider this agenda item noticing the same to start 15-day Bylaw Amendment/Change Notice.

Discussion ensued on the requirement for a Bylaw change to allow for an Affiliate President to simultaneously serve in the roll of District Director. Thomas Hancock requested that Darryl Thompson look at the Bylaws and address the language to allow this to be considered over the next several weeks. Darryl said that he could review but the time frame was not conducive for him and he would need additional time.

Thomas Hancock motioned for the meeting to be tabled; Jody Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions.

Continuation of June 10 & 13, 2025 Meeting on Thursday, July 10, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am PST. All voting board members present along with Pacific District Registrar Wendy Goldstein and Pacific District Secretary Lisa McPheters.

- V. Nominations and Appointment of Director Representative Vacancy (June 2026)

Chairman Sawchuk said he would like the board to address the vacated Director's seat. Thomas Hancock motioned for Lisa McPheters to be selected for the Director's position (June 2026); Jody Carpenter seconded the motion. With no discussion and no objections, motion passes.

Thomas Hancock motioned for the board to consider by-law changes that would allow for an Affiliate President to also be a District Director Representative. He proposed limiting the number of Affiliate Presidents that could also be District Director Representatives to two (2). Also stated that a person in a dual role would vote as an Affiliate President on Affiliate issues and as a District Director Representative on District issues, effectively holding only one vote. Darren Eliot seconded the motion. Motion was open for discussion.

Andy Potter stated that the District Board would be the same size, but with fewer votes. Thomas Hancock said this is correct and somewhat controls the size of the gorilla in the room. Alex Morrison reiterated that an individual in this dual role would never have two votes on any issue. Thomas Hancock stated that this voting structure replicates how the Central District of USA Hockey votes. Darryl Thompson said that he is listening but is not prepared to vote on today. Feels it is imperative that we each receive the suggested changes in writing and have ample time to review. Alex Morrison clarified that we need to be willing to move forward as a District. Jody Carpenter stated that he can't vote for this at this time. Darren Eliot stated that if we have an issue down the road, it would be handled at the national level. Rick

Hutchinson offered to be put in as the Pacific District Youth Council member on a temporary basis until we resolve this issue and select a permanent member for Youth Council. Alex Morrison said that it doesn't look right to put someone in as a placeholder for Youth Council. It is better to go in with a position of strength. Rick Hutchinson said we should move forward. Wayne Sawchuk asked if we could vote on the Bylaw changes today. Darryl Thompson said no, we need it in writing and we also need 14 days to review to vote on. Thomas Hancock said he disagrees. Thomas Hancock amended his motion stating he would send the proposed By-Law changes out in writing, and we would reconvene in two weeks. Andy Potter seconded the amended motion. Meeting was set for July 24, 2025 at 9:00 am PST.

Thomas Hancock addressed item X (ten) on the agenda, stating that we should reach out to Deb Didzerekis to attend our October 18, 2025 board meeting.

Wayne Sawchuk added that he had invited Kris Knauss to our October board meeting, and is hoping we can thank him for his dedication to the Pacific District and celebrate his new position as VP of International for USA Hockey.

Continuation of June 10 & 13, July 10, 2025 Meetings on Tuesday, July 24, 2025

Meeting called to order at 9:00 am PST. All voting board members present along with Pacific District Registrar Wendy Goldstein and Pacific District Secretary Lisa McPheters.

Revisiting Thomas Hancock's motion for an Affiliate President to be allowed to also serve as a District Director. Thomas Hancock addressed that the motion was still in play, that we took a friendly stoppage for the Affiliate President's to be able to discuss with their boards. He knows that both Oregon and Alaska did this. Simple language changes to the bylaws were sent out to all Affiliate Presidents and District Directors to review.

Darryl Thompson stated that he appreciated the time allowed to review the proposed changes. He sees the change differently. Believes Article 8 requires a unanimous vote and that the board shouldn't adopt policy based on personality.

Jody Carpenter stated that you, Thomas Hancock, are a great guy. Highly respect you. But I agree with Darryl Thompson. The next guy in CAHA might not be a good fit for this dual role.

Rick Hutchinson asked for clarification as to where the existing bylaws require a unanimous vote to make this change.

Thomas Hancock stated he has the utmost faith in our Directors to vote on what is in the best interest of the Pacific District.

Wayne Sawchuk questioned if the vote needs to be unanimous or if it needs to be two-thirds.

Andy Potter stated this is a good conversation and believe this can happen.

Rick Hutchinson resigned as Pacific District Director.

A role call vote was taken to accept the amended bylaws.

Darryl Thompson – No

Thomas Hancock – Yes

Darren Eliot – Yes

Andy Potter – Yes

Jody Carpenter – No

Rick Hutchinson - Yes

Alex Morrison – Yes

Lisa McPheters – Yes

Wayne Sawchuk – Yes

Vote is 7 to 2. Motion passes. Darryl Thompson stated that he disagrees. Structurally disagrees. Very possible the vote could be challenged.

Rick Hutchinson resigned as District Director, opening a vacancy (June 2028).

Jody Carpenter nominated Thomas Hancock to fill the District Director (June 2028) vacancy. Alex Morrison seconded the nomination. The motion passed with one abstention, Darryl Thompson.

Darren Eliot stated that he had to depart the meeting.

- VI. Youth Council Pacific District Seat Vacancy
Andy Potter motions for Thomas Hancock to fill the Pacific District's seat for USA Hockey's Youth Council. Lisa McPheters seconded the motion. Motion passed with one abstention, Darryl Thompson, who stated he was opposing based on consistency.
- VII. Player Development Administrator Designations
- A. Wayne Sawchuk – WRHPC 14
 - B. Lisa McPheters – Boys Player Development Camp 15, 16, 17
 - C. Alex Morrison – Girls Player Development Camp
 - D. Andy Potter – Goaltending Development Camp

Darryl Thompson commented that each of the above stated individuals have been overseeing the respective camps for some time now, and felt they should continue in those roles. Darryl Thompson motioned for these to remain as is; Thomas Hancock seconded. Motion passed with no abstentions.

- VIII. Disabled Section Representative Vacancy – Matt Zucker is currently in the position but would like to be replaced. Recommending someone as a candidate. Wayne Sawchuk said that he asked Matt to get the individual's resume and send it to both

Wayne and Lisa McPheters to review. Both Wayne and Lisa will be meeting with Matt via Zoom on August 5 regarding the candidate. Anyone is welcome to join the Zoom meeting.

- IX. District Coach-in-Chief Discussion – Thomas Hancock stated that he would like to move forward with Andy Potter at our October 18, 2025 board meeting. He is not sure there is a need for both a District CIC and an Affiliate one. Wayne Sawchuk asked if anyone had heard from Flint Dounghak on this or had any discussion with Mac at the national office. Thomas Hancock state he is not waiting for Flint to engage. Wayne stated he would reach out to Mac.
- X. District Treasurer & Secretary Discussion
Thomas Hancock said we should invite Debbie Dizerkis to the October board meeting. Jody Carpenter said he would reach out to her. Lisa McPheters told Jody to have Debbie contact her with regards to hotel accomodations.
- XI. Updated Finance Committee Membership Discussion
Andy Potter briefly updated us on finances and stated that with the upcoming changes to the treasurer position he would like Lisa McPheters to be appointed to the finance committee at the October 18, 2025 board meeting.
- XII. Adjournment. Darryl Thompson motioned to adjourn. Motion seconded by Jody Carpenter. Motion passed with no abstentions.