



**2026 USA Hockey
Pacific District Board of Directors Meeting**

Friday ~ February 6, 2026

12:00 pm PST

AC Hotel Irvine

3309 Michelson Drive, Irvine CA

Meeting Room – 1st Floor meeting room (next to bar)

Present

Teresa Attebery
Wayne Sawchuk
Lisa McPheters
Tom Hancock
Darryl Thompson
Andy Potter
Jody Carpenter
Rosemary Voulelikas
Darren Eliot
Dan Ellison
Josh Ellis
Wendy Goldstein
Rick Trupp
Debbie Didzerekis
Chad Smith

Absent

Rick Hutchinson
John Silberstein
Flint DOUNGCHAK
Alex Morrison

Guests

Ken Martel, USA Hockey
BJ Ringrose, USA Hockey

Minutes

- I. **Call to Order** – Wayne Sawchuk called the meeting to order at 11:58am
- II. **Roll Call & Introductions** – Wayne Sawchuk asked to go around the table for introductions.
- III. **Approval of Agenda** – Wayne Sawchuk asked for approval of the agenda. Thomas Hancock motioned to approve; Jody Carpenter seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes, October 18, 2025 Board Meeting** – Jody Carpenter motioned to approve the October 15, 2025 board meeting minutes, Andy Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions.
- V. **District Reports** –
 - A. **Chairman Report** - Wayne Sawchuk distributed the District schedules and discussed rinks having an Emergency Action Plan.
 - B. **Financial Report** – Lisa McPheters distributed financial reports. She has sent invoices out for Districts and is available for questions. Lisa sent an email to the board regarding the Wells Fargo account status. Thomas Hancock motioned to remove Donna Kaufman from the account and add Lisa McPheters. Andy Potter seconded the motion. Motion passed with no abstentions. Chris Hays has not been billing for Affiliate fees and Block Grant plus various other fees. Lisa to send catch up invoices out. Chris Hays's company to remain doing the taxes for the District for the time being. Their fees are reasonable. Wayne would like to pursue another option going forward.

- C. **Disabled Section** – Chad Smith – written report received
- D. **CIC Report** – Rick Trupp – written report received
- E. **PD RIC Report** – Dan Ellison – written report received
- F. **Alaska RIC Report** – Josh Ellis reported that Alaska has 432 registered officials. There is an active mentor program for Officials in Alaska. Josh would like to thank Darryl and ASHA. There are growing pains with electronic scoresheets.
- G. **Registrar's Report** – Wendy Goldstein – written report received
- H. **Player Development**
 - 1. **Western Region HPC** – June 8-13 in Colorado Springs. There is a cost increase this year. Wayne Sawchuk has the Intern letter ready to go. Andy Potter is working on updating the website.
 - 2. **Boys Camp** – May 14-17 in Las Vegas. Prices remain the same as last season. There will be 15 college coach evaluators. Steve Thompson will be back. Rosemary Voulelikas to send Lisa McPheters the list of California players advancing after the California camp in April.
- I. **Girls Section** - Alex Morrison – written report received
- J. **High School Section** – Rosemary Voulelikas – written report received. Rosemary asked the Affiliate Presidents to provide their definition of "What is a High School Academy?"
- K. **Membership** – Rick Huthinson – unable to attend; no report received
- L. **Bobby Freeland Grant** – Thomas Hancock – this will be distributed in October
- M. **Affiliate Presidents Reports**
 - 1. **Alaska** – Darryl Thompson – written report received; ASHA has a formal nomination committee for new president. Darryl hope to stay involved with USA Hockey legal counsel. He is grateful for all Alaska volunteers
 - 2. **Las Vegas** – Darren Eliot – written report received
 - 3. **Oregon** – Andy Potter – written report received. Kraken Learn to Play is coming to Oregon. The Lloyd Center is closing, losing a great sheet of ice.
 - 4. **PNAHA** – Jody Carpenter reporting Tier I playoffs finished the last week of January. Wenatchee will not field a 150 team next season. Expecting 2 new rinks in Spokane, 2 new Kraken rinks, 2 new Sno King rinks and a new rink in Kent Valley. Also working on border rules.
 - 5. **California** – Thomas Hancock – legal challenges has stopped with regards to California only allowing three Tier I programs. CAHA held two 10U half ice events during the season, one in Norcal and one in SCAHA.
- N. **USA Hockey Reports**
 - 1. **Youth Council** – Thomas Hancock reported that the DL League passed at Winter Meeting. There is a push for the Residency legislation passed at Winter Meeting to push to the 27-28 season which will be ratified at the June Annual meeting. Technically it goes into effect in April.
 - 2. **Adult Council** – Thomas Hancock – no report
 - 3. **Legal Council** – Darryl Thompson – Legal Council did not support the residency proposals at Winter Meeting. There was a modification to Bylaw 10. The arbitration process has improved.
 - 4. **Safe Sport** – Darryl Thompson – no report
 - 5. **Player Safety** – Andy Potter presented a draft of a PD Player Safety Handbook. Included is an Emergency Action Plan. It is recommended that tournaments have an EAP on site.
 - 6. **National Office** – Ken Martel discussed Bio-banding project. There has been a grant approved for a girls bio-banding project for Michigan State
- O. **New Business**
 - 1. Election of Chairperson – Lisa McPheters nominated Wayne Sawchuk, second by Andy Potter. No other nominations. Congratulations Wayne!
 - 2. Wayne Sawchuk presented dates and locations for the 2027 District Championships – **Girls Feb 25-28, 2027 in San Jose** – motion by Jody Carpenter and second by Lisa McPheters, motion passed with no abstentions; **Youth Tier I March 4-7, 2027 in Irvine** – motion by Jody Carpenter and second by Darryl Thompson, motion passed with no abstentions.

3. Wayne Sawchuk presented dates for Pacific District Board Meetings: Morning of June 3 in Denver; October 17 in Vegas and February 5 in California – motion by Darryl Thompson and second by Jody Carpenter, motion passed with no abstentions.
4. Player Safety Handbook – Andy Potter suggested that each Affiliate have a Player Safety Representative. Handbook should have best practices vs mandates.
5. Hockey Director Symposium – Andy Potter suggested a mini-NARCE like Hockey Director Symposium
6. Discussion of the new legislation from the USA Hockey Winter Meeting took place
7. There will be a Continuing Education opportunity April 10-11 in Vegas during the Frozen Four at the Henderson Rink. Wayne will send out a flyer.
8. Darryl Thompson agrees to put together messaging to share with programs in our affiliates regarding the non-tolerance of events such as the staged 8U fights that recently occurred.
9. Anderson Award winners:
 - a) Andy Anderson: Wendy Goldstein
 - b) Dempsey Anderson: Marty Rubin
 - c) Pete Anderson: Jason Gilliam
10. Thomas Hancock would like to create an Affiliate President Emeritus status for 10+ years of service to the Pacific District. Jody Carpenter motioned, Lisa McPheters seconded. Motion passed with no abstentions.
11. Thomas Hancock motioned Darryl Thompson as the first Pacific District Affiliate President Emeritus effective April 2027 pending the election of a new ASHA President, second by Lisa McPheters, motion passed, Darryl Thompson abstained.

VI. Motion to adjourn meeting by Andy Potter and seconded by Lisa McPheters at 3:54pm