



# 2020 AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOS

## Mike Mullally

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Mike was born, July 7, 1953 in Chicago, Ill. He lived and grew up in Park Ridge. His love of hockey started early with the Chicago Minor Hawks, a club started by his Dad and “Big Bill” Roche.

Mike developed an exceptional passion for ice hockey and “giving back,” instilled by those early inspiring experiences. When playing competitively was no longer an option for him, he began coaching and enjoyed almost 25 years behind the bench. After college graduation, Mike coached the Franklin Park Panthers and the Flames at Franklin Park Ice Arena, teaching learn to play hockey as well as coaching players through 12U. Later Mike would coach his sons on travel 14U and 16U/18U and High School hockey teams.



His career in international business prevented him from continuing to coach, thus he has been involved in hockey exclusively as an administrator for the past twenty some years; first as administrator and President with the Sabres Youth Hockey Association and seven years with the Naperville Central Redhawks board and the past 20 years with AHAI and USA Hockey, and the Central District.

In 2000, Mike was asked to join AHAI as a Director by then AHAI president, Mike Lebarre. The past 20 years as an AHAI Board member, Mike has been responsible for various events and positions: House Hockey Chairman, High School Chairman, AHAI Treasurer, the Illinois State High School Hockey State Tournament, the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation Holiday Hockey Classic (“Ho Ho Tournament”), AHAI College Night, the Chicago Showcase Event, the Illinois Showcase Boys Team, Player Safety Chair, Tier I Chair, President of the Illinois High School Hockey League and many other hockey duties and responsibilities. Mike ultimately served 6 years as AHAI’s President, from 2006 to 2012.

Mike and his wife Barb have been married 38 years, having lived in Naperville for 27 years. They have 3 boys, Michael 38, (a goalie, go figure), Mark 34 and Matt 25 years old. All the boys play and coach today. One of Mike’s greatest joys was watching them grow through participation in Illinois hockey.

*“It has always been my pleasure to serve others in our hockey community. I have always had the great good fortune to work with some wonderful people, at Franklin Park, the Sabres, Naperville Central, AHAI, Central District and USA Hockey. They are truly the “bread and butter” of hockey in Illinois. I have met so many wonderful people through hockey. The hockey community is so much the better for the people who volunteer and devote their time and energy to our kids. Given this experience and background, I would be more than pleased to continue as an AHAI Board member, representing our membership.” – Mike Mullally*