



2019 AHAI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CANDIDATE BIOS

Jim Clare

Jim has been involved in Illinois hockey since 1998 when his oldest son started playing at Seven Bridges. Since then he has had 3 boys play hockey, all for the Sabres (with one moving on to play AAA at the Fury as a Midget). His middle son played in the NAHL before playing for a Division 3 NCAA hockey team on the East Coast.

Jim has been a coach at every level for the Sabres (except midgets) and joined the Sabre board 16 years ago as a member at large. He became the Sabre President in 2003 and left that position in 2017. Jim has coached girls' hockey for the Sabres for the past 3 seasons. In addition to his duties at Sabre Hockey, Jim has been an AHAI board member for 5 years and is currently the Coach-in-Chief for Illinois and the VP of Membership. Additionally, Jim has been a USA Hockey CEP instructor for 6 years and the mite coordinator for AHAI. Jim co-chaired of the Tier II Presidents Council for 5 years. He serves on the A Step aHead concussion committee.

Jim, who is originally from Boston, has lived in Chicago for 25 years. He played his high school hockey in the Boston area and went on to play hockey at The United States Military Academy, West Point, graduating in 1987. He spent 7 years in active duty, retiring as a Captain in the Army in 1994.