



## Board of Directors Nominees, Election & Absentee Ballots

The SYHA will conduct its annual meeting and Board of Directors election on April 28 2026 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Skaneateles Community Center. The purpose of this vote is to elect the new board members.

Any adult who is a member of the SYHA in good standing may attend. The list of nominees is shown below. An absentee ballot is attached if needed. Ballots will be available at the YMCA to be cast, and results will be announced online after tallying. Any adult who is a member of the SYHA in good standing may vote via an absentee ballot if they are not able to attend the voting.

Completed absentee ballots must be **received** via U.S. Mail no later than April 28, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Please mail your absentee ballot to SYHA, P.O. Box 181, Skaneateles, NY 13152.

The SYHA Board of Directors is composed of eleven (11) Directors serving staggered two-year terms who are elected by adults at this vote. This year there are six (6) seats on the Board up for vote and we have thirteen (13) people seeking election to the Board.

The nominees are listed below, and their statements to the association are on the following pages.

Name: **Camilla Becerra**

My name is Camila Becerra, and I am interested in being considered for a board position. I am a senior at the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, MN and I will graduate in May with a degree in Marketing and a minor in English.

After graduation, I will be relocating to Skaneateles, New York, where my parents, Bobby and Magy Ness, currently live. I am interested in serving as a board member because my younger brother plays hockey for the association, and I would value the opportunity to be more involved in the community and support the organization. I also believe this role would provide meaningful experience for me as I begin my professional career and further develop my skills.

With my background in marketing, I would be happy to assist with website management, communications, or any other areas where support is needed.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Name: **Carmen Brienza**

Carmen Brienza is a dedicated leader and lifelong advocate for the game of hockey, bringing a rich family tradition and a wealth of experience both on and off the ice. As a third-generation player and coach, Carmen proudly continues a legacy established by his father and grandfather, who both inspired him with their commitment to the sport and their community. Carmen's passion for hockey is not only a personal journey but also a family affair. He is the proud father of three sons, two of whom already play for the Lakers with the third joining this upcoming season. Carmen has cherished the opportunity to coach and mentor them, passing down the values, discipline, and love for the game that has been the hallmark of the Brienza family for generations. Carmen's commitment extends beyond the rink. He believes in building strong, inclusive communities and nurturing future leaders both in hockey and in life. As a board member, Carmen aims to leverage his family's multi-generational expertise and passion to help guide the organization toward continued growth and success. With his enduring dedication to hockey, a proven record of leadership, and a heartfelt commitment to youth development, Carmen Brienza is honored to apply for a position on the board and looks forward to serving the sport and its community for years to come.

Name: **Jeff Davis**

I would like to be considered for a SYHA Board position. My family and I have been connected with the SYHA and Skaneateles Hockey for over 25 years, first with my nephew Trevor Diamond, and now with my son AJ Davis. I have seen first hand the importance of a strongly run organization that develops not only hockey players but great kids and strong community pride.

My son AJ has played all but one year of hockey in Skaneateles and is currently on the bantam team coached by Mike Prego. I have been a consistent parent contributor for every team my son has played on including volunteering to run a clock, keep score or my favorite penalty box parent/team psychologist. I am always working to support the team, players and coaches. I believe my professional background as an attorney, who's career is focused on economic development for communities in central NY, will be an asset to the Board and would add value in long-term planning, budget management and fundraising all to support a strong player-focused development program. I am eager to giveback to the SYHA that has provided such a positive experience to my family. I am committed to fostering a safe, fun environment that focuses on development of our youth as individuals as well as player development. All of which leads to putting forth the very best that SHYA has to offer on competitive teams that ultimately, as they progress in the organization, get to compete against high level competition across the state.

Thank you for the consideration and I look forward to supporting the SYHA.

Name: **Michael Ducharme**

I'm excited to run for a second term on the SYHA Board. Hockey was been a central part of my childhood growing up as a goalie in Lansing, NY, and it's been incredibly rewarding to reconnect to the sport through my two boys, who play in the Skaneateles association—one entering Pee Wees and the other in Mites.

Over the past two years, I've served as the Dickens Tournament Director, welcoming more than 20 teams each year and generating meaningful revenue to help offset the rising cost of hockey for our families. I also served as treasurer for the 2025–26 season, ensuring the association stayed on budget and maintained strong financial footing.

My priority as a board member is simple: to help create an environment where as many kids as possible want to keep playing hockey for as long as possible. That means supporting a positive culture, keeping the sport accessible, and making decisions that put our players' development and enjoyment first.

I would be grateful for the opportunity to continue serving our hockey community.

Name: **Colette Dumas**

My name is Collette Dumas, and I live in Skaneateles. I am committed to supporting the development of our local youth in line with Mitch Major's vision. I value hard work, strong work ethic, and core values in our community's young people. Hockey is more than a sport; it teaches teamwork, resilience in both victory and defeat, and helps shape young people into positive role models.

Name: **Bridget Dutcher**

My name is Bridget Dutcher and I am interested in running for the Skaneateles Youth Hockey Board. My daughter Delia (Goose) has been playing in Skaneateles for 5 years. She started as a 8u Donut and is in the midst of her last 12u season. We live in Dryden, NY, but make the trek to Skaneateles for the great hockey program and welcoming family we have come to love.

For the last two years, I have managed her girls' teams in scheduling, team building and communicating with families. As manager of the 12u TB Girls team this year, I advocated to our Central Section president for a change to the girls' state tournament format. This advocacy led to a change in formatting to provide a separate championship game in a level that only has 3 teams. I also supported running off ice sessions during the past 3 seasons and summers. During this season, I volunteered to organize the peewee level Twisted Sticks tournament. My role included advertising, team recruiting, communication with teams, and scheduling.

I believe my dedication to Skaneateles, organizational skills, as well as open and clear communication skills make me a strong candidate for the board. As a board member, I would want to continue the positive welcoming culture and support the great hockey programs for boys and girls at all ages.

Name: **Kayla Evans**

Hello, my name is Kayla Evans, and I would like to be considered for the SYHA Board. Over the last few years, I've grown to truly love the hockey world — at this point, I joke that I live at the rink and only visit my house occasionally. With two kids currently in the association and a third joining in the fall, hockey has become a full family passion for us.

I have managed my son's teams for the past two seasons, from mites to squirts. Each season has given me the chance to learn, adapt, and take on more responsibility. I'm comfortable

juggling everything from scheduling games and organizing fundraisers to coordinating tournaments, booking hotels, managing team funds, planning team events, and running the clock. Being part of the behind-the-scenes work that keeps a team running smoothly is something I genuinely enjoy.

Outside the rink, I help run two successful family businesses — The Milkhouse restaurant and Twin Birch Dairy. As a mom of four, I'm used to multitasking, problem-solving, and adjusting plans on the fly. These experiences have made me organized, steady under pressure, and motivated to contribute in meaningful ways.

I would love the opportunity to bring new ideas, positive energy, and a strong work ethic to the Skaneateles Youth Hockey Board. My goal is to support the continued growth of our program and help ensure that local kids can enjoy the same love of hockey that my own children have found.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Name: Thane Green**

I am writing to express my interest in being considered for a position on the Skaneateles Youth Hockey Association board.

My son is currently in the SYHA program, and I have had the privilege of helping coach this past season. Being involved firsthand has reinforced how important this organization is to our community and how much thoughtful leadership matters in keeping hockey accessible, positive, and fun for our kids.

I bring extensive experience working with youth in sports and beyond. I have coached youth football, hockey, wrestling, and baseball, coached varsity football, and completed a two-year internship with the Syracuse football program. Athletics have been a central part of my life. I grew up playing sports year-round, serving as captain of my high school football, wrestling, and track teams, and I went on to play four years of college football. These experiences give me perspective not only on the athlete's journey, but also on teamwork, leadership, and resilience.

Professionally, I am a child and family therapist with a strong focus on childhood development. I have worked in school settings and outpatient clinics, and I currently own and operate a private practice with offices in Camillus, Marcellus, and Skaneateles. My work gives me insight into the brain

developmental as well as emotional and social needs of children, teenagers, families, and athletes, which I believe can add value to board discussions and program planning.

Beyond my professional and athletic experience, this role is important to me as a parent and community member. I care deeply about fostering a positive, inclusive culture where kids can

grow as athletes and people, families feel supported, and volunteers feel valued. I am committed to being present, engaged, and contributing to initiatives that strengthen the experience for players and families while ensuring the long-term success of SYHA.

I would be honored to bring this perspective to the SYHA board and help support the growth, development, and enjoyment of hockey for Skaneateles youth.  
Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Name: Troy Green**

My name is Troy Green. I've lived in the Skaneateles community my whole life, and youth sports have always been an important part of my connection to the town. While I didn't grow up playing hockey, I participated in youth sports throughout my time here and have since coached youth football, baseball, and soccer, which has given me a strong appreciation for the role community programs play in kids' development and family life.

I have three young children who will likely be coming through the program over the next several years - Trey (5), Thatcher (3), and Tommy (1). Hockey has already become a big part of our family's life, and I'm very invested in helping ensure the association continues to offer a positive, well-run, and development-focused experience for the kids and families in our community.

Over the past two years, I've been actively involved with the program. I helped with initiation last season, I currently serve as the scheduler and an assistant coach for the 6U team, and I've been at Major Skills on Monday nights almost every week helping run a station alongside the coaching staff. Being on the ice regularly has given me a good perspective on what's working well and where there may be opportunities to continue strengthening the experience for players and families.

Professionally, I am an attorney and run multiple organizations, so I'm very comfortable with governance, long-term planning, budgeting, and helping organizations operate efficiently and transparently. I enjoy building systems that support strong leadership, good communication, and sustainable growth.

I would be interested in being considered for the board and contributing where I can add value - particularly around organization, long-term planning, and supporting a strong development culture within the program.

Name: **Gerry Hanley**

The past 2 terms have been a pleasure to volunteer on the Skaneateles Youth Hockey Board. Thank you all for the support, wonderful interactions, and new friendships. I aim to continue the work of fostering a welcome environment where players and families from all areas can join in competitive hockey. Building on the previous 4 years of volunteerism, I come to the body and ask for re-election support in 2026.

Name: **Emily Devins Kuhns**

My name is Emily Devins Kuhns and I am very interested in helping with the SYHA board. I grew up in Skaneateles, my mother was proudly one of the people responsible for establishing the first girls hockey team in town which I was fortunate to be a part of and I continued to play and love hockey throughout the rest of my childhood as well as at the club level at Cornell. Hockey has truly always been an important part of our family. Most of my childhood friendships, life lessons and best experiences came from those days going back and forth to frozen practices at 6am in the old rink as well as driving through blizzards to get to tournaments. I would love the opportunity to be able to continue to help out in the capacity of participating on the SYHA board. I now have two sons as well as two nieces and one nephew in town who will hopefully all enjoy hockey as much as my brother and I did, and I hope to be able to continue to add to this already amazing program through my passion for continuing to encourage widespread participation while maintaining a competitive skill level and giving kids as much opportunity as possible to be involved with hockey and all of its benefits, on and off the ice.

Name: **Brandon La Sagna**

My name is Brandon La Sagna, and I am a proud father of three children, aged 12, 9, and 7, with my wife of almost 11 years. I grew up playing hockey for the Auburn Ice Hawks, where I had the honor of playing as a goalie. I finished my youth years playing goalie for Skaneateles Youth Hockey. During my time with the Ice Hawks, I was involved in club hockey and participated in several hockey camps.

Currently, my son plays goalie for the Skaneateles 10U white team. Over the years, I have been actively involved in supporting his team, helping wherever I can, and assisting with coaching duties. My ultimate goal is to have the opportunity to coach my own team.

I am writing to express my interest in joining the board. With my deep passion for the sport, knowledge of hockey and my dedication to the community, I believe I would be a valuable asset. I have numerous ideas on how to support and grow our organization, and I am eager to contribute in a way that strengthens our collective mission.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to the opportunity to work together.

**Name: Nathan Murphy**

My name is Nathan Murphy and I'm completing my third year coaching in the SYHA. My wife Laurel and I have four kids - Kemp (squirt), Mikey (mite), Mary (initiation) and a one-year old daughter Liz who will hopefully be on skates soon. I grew up playing hockey in Canada and was fortunate to play in some great organizations that helped me develop and progress to college hockey.

SYHA is a special organization – great kids, families, coaches, a wonderful facility, and an aspirational high school hockey program. I've sat on the Board and been the mite coordinator for the past two years and look forward to coaching mite hockey into my 50's. My family feels very fortunate to be part of the SYHA community and want to give back in any way we can.

Thanks for your consideration.



**SYHA Absentee Ballot –  
Must be received by April 28 2026 by 6pm**

Below are the thirteen (13) nominees for Skaneateles Youth Hockey Association Board of Directors.

**You may select up to six (6) nominees** by placing an 'X' in the box next to the candidate(s) you are voting for.

Name: Camilla Bece

Name: Thane Green

Name: Carmen Brienza

Name: Troy Green

Name: Jeff Davis

Name: Gerry Hanley

Name: Michael Ducharme

Name: Emily Devins Kuhns

Name: Colette Dumas

Name: Brandon La Sagna

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Name: Nathan Murphy

Name: Kayla Evans

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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