



ACHA MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



HAPPY NEW YEAR

Happy New Year everyone, I hope this finds you rested after enjoying a safe and enjoyable holiday season! It's back to work now as we begin the 2nd half of the season and our student-athletes return to campus (or in some cases, online classes for now). Unfortunately, the Omicron variant is very active and continues to disrupt our daily lives as it represents 94.5% of all new COVID-19 cases last week in the United States according to the CDC. We are monitoring the situation very closely and referring to the CDC and NCAA for information and updates. I know our college administrators are busy with return to classes and competition policies to keep everyone safe and healthy. The ACHA is in the same boat as we are preparing our guidelines and policies for our M2 Regionals and 2022 National Championship Tournament with our hosts and local healthcare experts. After everything I have read and healthcare people I have talk to, the Omicron variant will look different in the next 2-3 weeks, so I am confident that we will have an exciting spring semester on and off the ice and will provide a safe and competitive post-season for those teams that qualify. In the meantime, please stay safe and I wish you a healthy and prosperous 2022! ~ **Craig Barnett**

- - - ACHA IMPORTANT DATES & REMINDERS - - -

HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS – We encourage membership to nominate former players and/or builders for consideration into the ACHA Hall of Fame Class of 2022. The nomination forms and criteria should be submitted to Dave Kurtz (Director of Hockey Operations) at dkurtz@achahockey.org by **January 30, 2022**, for full consideration. These forms can be found on the website at [Hall of Fame Nomination and Criteria Form](#)

PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS FOR ANNUAL MEETING – Per ACHA Manual, these proposals from members in good standing should be submitted to the ACHA Secretary (djurasek@achahockey.org) by **February 15, 2022**. Details can be found on page 22 of the 2022 ACHA Manual found on the website. (Note: we tabled all approved proposals from the cancelled 2020 meetings, and they will be added to the agenda for 2022 meetings).

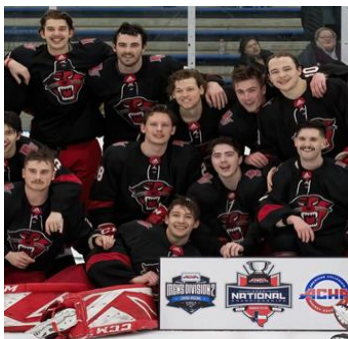
FINAL RANKINGS – The final rankings for each division will be released on the following dates:

- Men's Division 1: February 23, 2022
- Men's Division 2: week of Feb. 14, 2022
- Men's Division 3: week of Feb. 21, 2022
- Women's Division 1: week of Feb. 28, 2022
- Women's Division 2: week of Feb. 28, 2022

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--- ACHA EVENTS COMING UP ---

2022 M2 REGIONAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION



M2 REGIONALS:

West: Feb. 24 – 26 Boulder, CO (*hosted by Metro State-Denver*)
Central: Feb. 25 – 27 La Crosse / Onalaska, WI (*hosted by La Crosse Sports Commission*)
Northeast: Feb. 25 – 27 Keene, NH (*hosted by Keene State*)
Southeast: Feb. 25 – 27 Columbus, OH (*hosted by TSCHL conference*)

More info can be found on the ACHA website at [M2 Regional Tournaments](#)

2022 NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

The 2022 ACHA National Tournament will take place in St. Louis, MO from March 10-20, 2022. The St. Louis Sports Commission in conjunction with the St. Louis Blues, will host our 78 teams representing all 5 ACHA divisions at the Blues' Centene Community Ice Center (CCIC) as well as the Maryville University Hockey Center (MUHC).

The divisional dates for the National Tournament are:

Men's Division 1: March 10-15, 2022

Men's Division 2: March 14-18, 2022

Men's Division 3: March 10-15, 2022

Women's Division 1: March 16-20, 2022

Women's Division 2: March 15-19, 2022

Further details can be found on the ACHA website at [ACHA 2022 Nationals](#)



2022 ACHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 22-23, 2022

at Spanish Wells Golf & Country Club – Bonita Springs, FL

Friday, April 22 Schedule:

6:00pm: Awards Banquet & Hall Of Fame Dinner



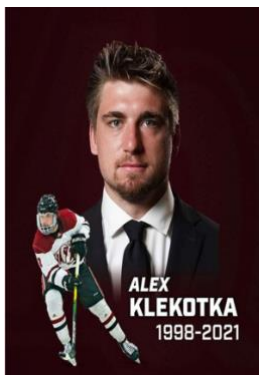
Saturday, April 23 Schedule:

8:00am: Annual Membership Meeting – General Session, Lunch, & Division Breakouts

Further details can be found on the ACHA website at [Annual Membership Meeting](#)

ACHA MOUNRS THE LOSS OF BRANSON, ALEX & AUSTIN

Tragically, we recently lost 3 young men and the ACHA would like to offer our condolences to the King, Klekotka and McEwen families, friends, and teammates. California University of Pennsylvania Vulcans defenseman **Branson King** passed away unexpectedly on December 11, 2021. He was 23 years old. Aquinas College Saints captain **Alex Klekotka** passed away on December 18, 2021. He was also 23 years old and the Wolverine Hoosier Athletic Conference Player of the Year last season. The ACHA also acknowledges the devastation of the tornadoes that hit the Midwest last month which took the life of recent McKendree University Bearcat defenseman **Austin McEwen** on December 10, 2021. He was 26 years old and played for the Bearcats from 2013-15. Our membership continues to send thoughts and prayers to their families.



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