

AMERICAN COLLEGIATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION 2025 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

General Session May 10, 2025 – 9:00 – 11:00 AM Sheraton Music City Nashville, Tennessee

8:00 - 9:00 AM	Check-in and Continental Breakfast for Annual Membership Meeting (Hermitage Lobby)
9:00 - 9:30 AM	Welcome and Call Order – Paul Hebert Roll Call Introduction of Guests Congratulations National Champions Coaches of the Year Players of the Year Community Service Award Winners Hall of Fame Inductees
9:30 – 9:35 AM	Acceptance of the Minutes of the 2024 Meeting – Dave Jurasek
9:35 – 9:50 AM	Report of the Treasurer – Jim Martin
9:50 – 10:20 AM	Report of the Executive Director – Craig Barnett
10:20 – 10:35 AM	USA Hockey
10:35 – 11:00 AM	Proposal
11:00 AM	Adjournment
11:00 – 1:00 PM	Divisional Breakout SessionsMen's Division 1Belmont RoomMen's Division 2Hermitage Room D / EMen's Division 3Hermitage Room FWomen's Division 1Kingsley RoomWomen's Division 2Edgewood Room
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Lunch & Coaches Social / Vendor Show (Hermitage Lobby)
2:30 PM	ACHA Bus #1 to Downtown Nashville
3:15 PM	ACHA Bus #2 to Downtown Nashville
6:15 PM	ACHA Bus Pickup Downtown Nashville and returns to Sheraton Music City (only 1 pickup)

Protocol for General Session and Breakout Session

*Arrive at the meeting early to sign in and pickup any handouts/ballots

*Once the meeting starts, no talking and turn off cell phones

*Presenter of an agenda item will have (5) five minutes to make their presentation

*Any ACHA member may speak once on an issue

*Original presenter is allowed 3-5 minutes rebuttal following debate

*A vote will be taken: 2/3's vote to change By-Laws: simple majority on all other items.

Section 2 Member Programs

A. Any two-year (M2, M3, W2) or four-year (M1, M2, M3, W1, W2) college or university that is located in the United States, its territories or possessions, with an approved and active ice hockey team is eligible for full membership in the Association. Upon (1) compliance with all provisions of this Manual and all Policies and Procedures of the Association and (2) majority voting approval by then-current Member programs, such college or university shall be deemed a Member Program and entitled to all rights and privileges of that status. [2003, 2012, 2015] Pg. 6

We would propose a member vote to the ACHA to remove the divisional control over deciding whether 2-year colleges get to apply to a division. We would like to propose a member vote on whether 2 year colleges should be considered for any of the five divisions. The issue with the current bylaw is that it is biased and unfair to two year colleges by not allowing them to move up. The biggest negative that will be eliminated by the proposed change is that it will promote fair play, it will encourage teams and schools to build their programs as well as it will help in some instances build a balanced division. The reasoning to this is that every hockey program is constructed to get better, we are building on hockey programs, inevitably the goal would be to become the best program possible. To have a more balanced Division 1 and Division 2 conferences, to create equality and not limit schools from moving up. There is no requirement of funding source. We believe that there should be a competition committee that overlooks and makes recommendations to the ACHA of hockey programs that should either be considered moving up a division as well as possibly moving down a division, this is to make divisional play equal and strengthen are league, more importantly making it equal and fair for the competitors.

This proposal is sponsored by Northern Michigan University, Central Michigan University, The Ohio State University, Miami of Ohio University, Aurora University, Notre Dame, and the University of Illinois.