

# **2025 Rams Hockey Association Candidate Statements**

## **Candidate for VP/GM - Jim Raguckas**

I have been a member of the Board since 2017 and have been handling the scheduling since 2018. I have also been an assistant coach for this time and have coached both my son's teams through this time covering ages from 8U-16U. I am the Director of Secondary Packaging Procurement at Primo Brands.

I've been supporting the organization as both a Board Member and Assistant Coach for 8 years and would be happy to continue should I be elected to return.



## **Candidate for Secretary- Mandy DeVries**

Hi, I'm Mandy DeVries, and I'm excited to be running for secretary for Rams Hockey Association. Over the past three years, I've had the privilege of serving in this roll and have contributed to social media management, email communication, and event planning.

Born and raised in Rockford, I'm a proud graduate of Rockford High School and a lifelong supporter of our local teams. My husband, Tim, and I have two sons, Owen and Reed, with Reed currently playing at the PeeWee A level this year. We love being part of the Rams family and watching our kids thrive both on and off the ice.

Professionally, I've owned and operated **Memories by Mandy Photography** for over 22 years, specializing in everything from newborn and family photography to sports action shots. I've had the honor of working closely with Rockford High School to photograph their varsity teams for banner and action shots, and I've been fortunate to work with numerous sports leagues, including Rams Hockey, capturing the dedication and skill of our athletes.



**Candidate for Registrar**  
**Nate Spahn : Incumbent Registrar for RAMS**  
**College Professor**  
**Business Owner**



My name is Nate Spahn and I am the current Registrar for Rams Hockey Association. I am requesting your vote to support me in another term for the Registrar's position.

**History:**

I have been active with Rams Hockey for about 10 years. I hold a level 4 coaching certificate and I have been blessed to have been given the opportunity to coach my boys and their teams for many years. Over the past few seasons, I have stepped back from coaching because I wanted my boys to hear a different voice on the ice so I moved into the Registrar's position but I still help out on the ice when needed for team practices and other events.

**Skills:**

I am currently a professor at GRCC. I teach Math, Physics, CNC Programming, Machining and other skilled trade and/or engineering based courses. I also own a small business that supports small to medium sized businesses with engineering and operational support.

I have experience with many different Advisory Boards. The primary focus of the Advisory Boards that I have been involved with include non-profit, business, education and grant management. Thank you for your support and time.

## Candidate for Member at Large- Brynn Dietz

1. My son has played for Rams hockey for three years, beginning with Mites and now trying out for Squirt AA in the fall. We are passionate about Rockford, both the community and the sport of hockey. Being a part of this organization has become a family event and we have all fallen in love with the sport. In terms of participation, last season my company completed the floor in the bar along with sponsoring the organization as a whole. I did not grow up playing hockey so I love to give back in other ways, such as running the time clock during games or helping however I can, off the ice 😊

2. By education, I am a Mining Engineer. More recently, I am a Licensed Builder and business owner. I own and operate Level Upfitters which is a truck and van up-fitting company in Grand Rapids. My wife and I also own an Aging in Place modification company, Home Safe Home. I am the Licensed Builder and overseer of projects to allow anyone with a mobility impairment to remain safe in their home.

3. Our family is invested in Rams Hockey and I feel passionate about keeping the main focus on the kids and the environment positive and engaging for everyone involved in the organization.



## Candidate for Member at Large- Christen Blalock

- **a brief description of the candidate's involvement in RHA** - I am a mom to two young hockey players at Rams. My son, Easton, played 10U A this year while my husband Justin assisted with coaching. My daughter, Reagan, just finished her first year in 6U mites. We have been invested in Rams since Easton began learn-to-skate!
- **candidate's occupation** - This is my tenth year teaching in the Diocese of Grand Rapids. I earned my bachelor's degree from CMU and earned a master's degree from NMU.
- **a brief statement by the candidate** - I'd be interested in one of the Member at Large positions. I think it's important to consider the future of Rams hockey as players learn and grow. I believe communication is key and individuals should work together to do what is in the best interest of our players, their families, and the program as a whole.
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