

# CAHA Travel Council

## A word from Travel Council Chairperson Vince Burke

Dear CAHA families:

Like many of you, my son started playing hockey at an early age and fell in love with the sport. Little did I know that his innocent attraction to a sport that I enjoyed as a kid would turn into a full time travel hockey obsession that dominates our weeks, months and now years. We were fortunate to live close to the Ice Den and quickly got attached to the great facility and terrific people involved with CAHA.



In 2004 when my son was a Mite, I attended a meeting that was coordinated by Mike O'Hearn, President of the Ice Den. Mr. O'Hearn wanted to meet with parents of players at CAHA and listen to their thoughts, opinions and suggestions on how CAHA could become the best youth hockey development program in Arizona. I was impressed with his strong desire to reach out to the hockey families, Ice Den customers, and listen to what they thought. This meeting resulted in the creation of the CAHA Travel Council.

The stated mission of the Travel Council is to provide a forum where CAHA families can meet in order to provide open communication and feedback on the program to help shape the future of CAHA with a goal of being the best youth hockey development program in Arizona. The Travel Council meets once each month to provide updates about our respective teams, share common experiences, discuss issues related to travel hockey in general, make recommendations on CAHA policies and procedures, and help resolve grievances/disputes within CAHA.

I was privileged to be elected as the Councils' first Chairman in 2004 and have continued in that role ever since. We've had a dedicated group of parents that have participated in the meetings over the years. As you can imagine, with any fledgling group, the relationship that has developed over the years has resulted in far better communications between all involved. The Travel Council receives the full support of Mike De Angelis, CAHA Hockey Director, as well as the CAHA Board of Directors. Mr. O'Hearn has not wavered from his original goal of listening to CAHA families and implementing their recommendations wherever possible.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "V. BURKE". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Vince Burke  
CAHA Travel Council