

Bill Block

My name is Bill Block and I'm excited to be considered for a position on the IYHA Board of Directors. Growing up in northern Minnesota I played hockey as a kid and, since moving to Ithaca two years ago, have played on a team in the Ithaca Adult Hockey Association. More importantly, my two kids, Maddie and William, are both playing youth hockey, and my wife, Karla, has joined the fun as a skater in the TGHA Women's Rec Program! I'm proud to say that there have been times this season when all four of us have been on the ice at the same time at the various rinks around Ithaca.

Last year I was an assistant hockey coach for my daughter's team, and this year I helped coach an IYHA Mite House and an IYHA Mite Taxi team. I'm good with kids, enthusiastic, and a hard worker. It is very important to me that the kids on any team I'm involved with be having fun—all of them—regardless of their skill level. Youth sports should be about fun, sportsmanship, and trying your best. Professionally I am employed at Cornell as the director of the Cornell Institute for Social and Economic Research (CISER). I am also the Executive Director of the Social Science History Association and Executive Director of the Cornell Census Research Data Center. Last, I serve as a member of the Board of Trustees of The History Center in Tompkins County, where I was recently elected Board President.