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## AMERICAN HOCKEY COACHES ASSOCIATION

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### **SETH APPERT OF RENSSELAER IS NEW AHCA PRESIDENT CHOSEN BY MEMBERSHIP AT AHCA CONVENTION FOR THREE-YEAR TERM**

Seth Appert, the head men's ice hockey coach at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, has been chosen to serve as president of the American Hockey Coaches Association, it was announced today by AHCA Executive Director Joe Bertagna. Appert was selected by a vote of the AHCA membership at their recently concluded convention in Naples, FL. The position has a three-year term and commences immediately. He succeeds University of Denver head coach George Gwozdecky.

"We are thrilled that Seth has agreed to serve in this capacity," said Bertagna. "His self-confidence and energy will give our organization a boost as we set out to meet the demands of our many constituencies."

Appert has just concluded his second season as RPI's head coach. A 1996 graduate of Ferris State University, where he was a four-year letterwinner as a goaltender, he spent nine years as an assistant at Denver, contributing to two NCAA championships captured by the Pioneers in 2004 and 2005.

"I am honored to be chosen to help lead the AHCA," said Appert. "This association continues to emphasize and promote all that is great in college athletics and in hockey. I look forward to helping us continue to move in a positive direction during the next three years."

Founded in 1947, the AHCA has grown from approximately 250 members less than 20 years ago to just shy of 1,400 members today. In addition to attracting nearly 1,000 people to its convention each year, the AHCA works with the NCAA to shape playing rules and to assist in a number of activities during the year. The AHCA also honors the game through the selection of the RBK Hockey All-American teams, the Coach of the Year honorees at each division, and through a number of other awards.

While the membership is heavily NCAA-oriented, the AHCA ranks have grown with the addition of more than 300 non-varsity college programs and with coaches from youth, high school, and junior hockey.



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## Past Officers of the American Hockey Coaches Association

| <b>Years</b> | <b>President</b>                     | <b>Vice-Presidents</b>                | <b>Secretary-Treasurer</b>        | <b>Executive Director</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1947-49      | Murray Murdoch, Yale                 | Julius Schroeder, California          | Vic Heyliger, Michigan            |                           |
| 1949-51      | Dick Vaughan, Princeton              | Cheddy Thompson, Colorado College     | Wes Moulton, Brown                |                           |
| 1951-53      | Cheddy Thompson, Colorado College    | Herb Gallagher, Northeastern          | Wes Moulton, Brown                |                           |
| 1953-55      | Herb Gallagher, Northeastern         | Frank Bell, Hotchkiss School          | Wes Moulton, Brown                |                           |
| 1955-57      | Duke Nelson, Middlebury              | Amo Bessone, Michigan State           | Eddie Jeremiah, Dartmouth         |                           |
| 1957-59      | Amo Bessone, Michigan State          | Harry Cleverly, Boston University     | Eddie Jeremiah, Dartmouth         |                           |
| 1959-61      | Harry Cleverly, Boston University    | Al Renfrew, Michigan                  | Eddie Jeremiah, Dartmouth         |                           |
| 1961-63      | Al Renfrew, Michigan                 | John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College  | Eddie Jeremiah, Dartmouth         |                           |
| 1963-65      | John "Snooks" Kelley, Boston College | Eddie Jeremiah, Dartmouth             | Jim Fullerton, Brown              |                           |
| 1965-67      | Eddie Jeremiah, Dartmouth            | Jim Fullerton, Brown                  | Bill McCormick, Williams          |                           |
| 1967-69      | Jim Fullerton, Brown                 | Bill McCormick, Williams              | Charlie Holt, Colby College       |                           |
| 1969-71      | Bill McCormick, Williams             | Charlie Holt, Colby College           | Sid Watson, Bowdoin               |                           |
|              |                                      | John Matchefts, Colorado College      |                                   |                           |
| 1971-73      | Charlie Holt, New Hampshire          | Rube Bjorkman, North Dakota           | Jack Kelley, Boston University    |                           |
|              |                                      | Sid Watson, Bowdoin                   | Al Renfrew, Michigan              |                           |
| 1973-75      | Rube Bjorkman, North Dakota          | Sid Watson, Bowdoin                   | Charlie Holt, New Hampshire       |                           |
|              |                                      | Bob Priestley, Norwich                |                                   |                           |
| 1975-77      | Sid Watson, Bowdoin                  | Bob Priestley, Norwich                | Charles "Lefty" Smith, Notre Dame |                           |
|              |                                      | Jim Salfi, Rensselaer                 | Ex. Secretary: Andy Sweet         |                           |
| 1977-79      | Bob Priestley, Norwich               | Jim Salfi, Rensselaer                 | Don Roberts, Gustavus Adolphus    |                           |
|              |                                      | Charles "Lefty" Smith, Notre Dame     | Ex. Secretary: Andy Sweet         |                           |
| 1979-81      | Charles "Lefty" Smith, Notre Dame    | Don Roberts, Gustavus Adolphus        | Charlie Holt, New Hampshire       |                           |
|              |                                      | Lou Lamoriello, Providence            |                                   |                           |
| 1981-83      | Don Roberts, Gustavus Adolphus       | Lou Lamoriello, Providence            | Charlie Holt, New Hampshire       |                           |
|              |                                      | Gino Gasparini, North Dakota          |                                   |                           |
| 1983-85      | Jerry York, Bowling Green            | Jim Higgins, Princeton                | Mike Addesa, Rensselaer           |                           |
|              |                                      | Brad Buetow, Minnesota                | Herb Hammond, Brown               |                           |
| 1985-87      | Jim Higgins, Princeton               | Brad Buetow, Minnesota                | Herb Hammond, Brown               |                           |
|              |                                      | Jack Parker, Boston University        |                                   |                           |
| 1987-89      | Brad Buetow, Minnesota               | Jack Parker, Boston University        | Herb Hammond, Brown               |                           |
|              |                                      | Shawn Walsh, Maine                    | Bruce Delventhal, Union           |                           |
| 1989-91      | Jack Parker, Boston University       | Shawn Walsh, Maine                    | Bruce Delventhal, Union           |                           |
|              |                                      | Don Brose, Mankato                    |                                   |                           |
| 1991-92      | Don Brose, Mankato                   | Shawn Walsh, Maine                    | Bruce Delventhal, Union           | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Mike Sertich, Minnesota-Duluth        |                                   |                           |
| 1992-95      | Shawn Walsh, Maine                   | Mike Sertich, Minnesota-Duluth        | Bruce Delventhal, Union           | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Terry Meagher, Bowdoin                |                                   |                           |
| 1995-97      | Mike Sertich, Minnesota-Duluth       | Terry Meagher, Bowdoin                | Bruce Delventhal, Union           | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Bob Mancini, Michigan Tech/Usa Hockey |                                   |                           |
| 1997-98      | Terry Meagher, Bowdoin               | Don Lucia, Colorado College           | Bruce Delventhal                  | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | John Harrington, St. John's           |                                   |                           |
| 1998-99      | Don Lucia, Colorado College          | Mark Morris, Clarkson                 | Bruce Delventhal                  | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | John Harrington, St. John's           |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Mark Mazzoleni, Miami                 |                                   |                           |
| 1999-2000    | John Harrington, St. John's          | Jim Tortorella, Colby College         | Bruce Delventhal                  | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Mark Mazzoleni, Harvard               |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Jim Tortorella, Colby College         |                                   |                           |
| 2000-01      | Mark Mazzoleni, Harvard              | Roger Grillo, Brown                   | Bruce Delventhal                  | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Jim Tortorella, Colby College         |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Roger Grillo, Brown                   |                                   |                           |
| 2001-02      | Jim Tortorella, Colby College        | Scott Sandelin, Minnesota-Duluth      | Bruce Delventhal                  | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Roger Grillo, Brown                   |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Scott Sandelin, Minnesota-Duluth      |                                   |                           |
| 2002-03      | Roger Grillo, Brown                  | Mike Kemp, Nebraska-Omaha             | Bruce Delventhal                  | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Scott Sandelin, Minnesota-Duluth      |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Mike Kemp, Nebraska-Omaha             |                                   |                           |
| 2003-04      | Roger Grillo, Brown                  | Kevin Sneddon, Vermont                | Bruce Delventhal                  | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Mike Kemp, Nebraska-Omaha             |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Kevin Sneddon, Vermont                |                                   |                           |
| 2004-05      | Roger Grillo, Brown                  | Bruce Marshall, Connecticut           | Bruce Delventhal                  | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Kevin Sneddon, Vermont                |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Bruce Marshall, Connecticut           |                                   |                           |
| 2005-06      | George Gwozdecky, Denver             | Mike Schafer, Cornell                 | Bruce Delventhal, Plattsburgh     | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Kevin Sneddon, Vermont                |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Bruce Marshall, Connecticut           |                                   |                           |
| 2006-07      | George Gwozdecky, Denver             | Mike Schafer, Cornell                 | Bruce Delventhal, Plattsburgh     | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Kevin Patrick, Wisconsin              |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Paul Pearl, Holy Cross                |                                   |                           |
| 2007-08      | George Gwozdecky, Denver             | Mike Schafer, Cornell                 | Bruce Delventhal, Plattsburgh     | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Kevin Patrick, Wisconsin              |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Paul Pearl, Holy Cross                |                                   |                           |
| 2008-09      | Seth Appert, Rensselaer              | Mike Schafer, Cornell                 | Bruce Delventhal, Plattsburgh     | Joe Bertagna              |
|              |                                      | Kevin Patrick, Wisconsin              |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Paul Pearl, Holy Cross                |                                   |                           |
|              |                                      | Mark Tabrum, USA Hockey               |                                   |                           |