

## **Secretary**

**Ruth Rich**

I am honored to have been nominated as the Secretary on STAHA's Executive Board and am honored to continue to serve in this role.

At the close of my first year on this board, I realize and appreciate how much I have learned about our organization. My first practical goal was to work with those on the board to review all STAHA documents, update the organization's bylaws, and to follow up with a review and update, as necessary, of our policies and procedures. We are making great strides in these areas. Looking forward, I see opportunities for the growth and refinement of our program and I am eager to work collaboratively towards these goals, as well.

As a businessperson, I bring strength in communication, finance, organization, and the creation and execution of a solid plan. I enjoy setting a goal and working towards its achievement. Serving on several boards over the past decades, in positions ranging from parliamentarian to president, and on multiple PTAs through charitable foundations, I understand that accepting a board position is committing to a job — and that this culminates in my being responsible to the greater good of the organization, to the very best of my abilities.

Improving communication between the board and all STAHA families will continue to be one of my guiding principles as secretary. Working to create an environment where all who would like to be informed can be, where information is easily accessible, and all who would like to be involved have a place to do so can be real assets to a thriving program. We have so many amazing people in our Grizzlies club and plenty of room to harness that great energy and skill!

While we are a tiny, mountain community, we draw from a huge outlying area. It is amazing to me that we have the gift of an ice arena and an ice hockey program. I am very happy to help our organization stay vital and also grow!

Respectfully,

Ruth Rich