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Brian Smith is Hockey East Director of Communications — Former USA Hockey Fishman Intern Joins Conference Staff —

Brian Smith, who has served USA Hockey for the past two years as the Brian Fishman Intern, has been named Director of Communications at Hockey East, it was announced today by commissioner Joe Bertagna. Smith, a native of Woburn, Massachusetts, will begin his new duties on July 30.

“We feel very fortunate to make this announcement today,” said Bertagna. “Brian came highly recommended by our friends at USA Hockey and his experience at various levels of the hockey community will serve him well as he tackles his new duties. Even with 157 applicants seeking this position, Brian instantly stood out among the deepest of the candidates.”

Smith divided his two years with USA Hockey between the national office in Colorado Springs and Ann Arbor, Michigan, home to the National Team Development Program. A 2012 graduate of Boston College, Smith not only worked in the national office during the first year of his time with USA Hockey, he also traveled extensively, assisting with numerous international events. In Ann Arbor this past year, he served as the main media contact and managed an entire season for both the U.S. National Under-18 Team and Under-17 Team at the NTDP.

In addition to his work with USA Hockey, Smith spent a year as a communications intern with the New England Revolution and two years on the game day staff of the Boston Bruins while at Boston College.

“We have set out to create a new team in the Hockey East office and Brian will play a major role as we begin to execute a number of initiatives in the coming year,” added Bertagna.

A former high school hockey player at Woburn High School, Smith was a member of the varsity track team at Boston College.

Hockey East Tabs Gallagher and Veneziano As Graduate Interns for 2014-15

Hockey East has announced the appointment of Keagan Gallagher and Andrew Veneziano as graduate interns for the 2014-15 season. Gallagher, a recent graduate of the University of Vermont, will focus on working with Women’s Hockey East matters, as well as assisting Commissioner Bertagna with his duties with the American Hockey Coaches Association. She is a graduate of Reading Memorial High School. Veneziano, who graduated from Boston College this spring, will assume the duties of the traditional intern position. He is a native of Medford, who attended St. John’s Prep. Both Gallagher and Veneziano played high school hockey before heading off to college.

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