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## **O'CONNOR LEAVES HOCKEY EAST POST** **Outgoing director of public relations to pursue writing career**

Brion O'Connor, Hockey East's director of public relations for the past year, will step down from the post effective Sept. 4 to resume his freelance writing career and to spend more time with his young family.

"In many aspects, the post at Hockey East was my dream job," said O'Connor after submitting his formal resignation to Hockey East Commissioner Joe Bertagna this week. "The past 12 months have been challenging, exhilarating, and exhausting. Ultimately, I found it difficult to balance the demands of the job and my responsibilities at home, and I realized that my first priority would always be my family. In fairness to the league office and our programs, I felt it was better to relinquish my post rather than fall short of the standards that I expect of myself in fulfilling my Hockey East obligations."

O'Connor, a resident of Hamilton, Massachusetts, is married and has two daughters, ages 10 and 8. A freelance writer and editor for nine years before coming to Hockey East, O'Connor plans to return to that field while pursuing other business opportunities.

"As a father of young children myself, I respect Brion's decision to spend more time with his family," said Bertagna. "He was a valuable member of our staff in his short time with Hockey East. I wish him the best."

The league office is accepting letters of interest and resumes through Aug. 13 with the expectation that the new director will begin duties on or about Sept. 4. A full job description can be found at [hockeyeastonline.com](http://hockeyeastonline.com).

The Hockey East Association is a 10-team, Division-I college hockey conference, with offices based in Wakefield, Mass. Founded in 1983, the league has won four NCAA championships in the past 14 years. The league also sponsors an eight-team women's league which began play in 2002-03.

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