



Julie Briggs

I have been involved with Chesapeake activities for more than 15 years. During that time I have served the membership in several capacities:

- Current CHRVA President (2007-present)
- Member, Board of Directors (2000-present)
- Adult Program Director (2010-present)
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee (new committee)
- Vice President (2005)
- Eligibility Chair (2006-2007)
- Member, Personnel and Executive Committees (2005-present) and the Adult Split Task Force (2005-2008)
- AAVO Fellowship Coordinator (1998-present)
- Scorer Rater (rate candidates at Fellowships, acted as Head Rater at many Fellowships, and taught scorekeeper recertification clinics) (1998-present)
- Regional Scorer (1996-present)
- Provisional Referee (1996-2011; but I continue to take the clinics so that I understand all rules)
- Player WBB/B and Age Division (1996-2008)
- WAA and the WBB/B Division Coordinator (1999-2001)

I am the club director for one of the larger adult clubs in the Region. During the past 14 years, we hosted many tournaments, including four Fellowships and 15 tournaments just this season. In addition to club director, I am the team rep for my husband's team, as I was for my two women's teams when I was a player.

I have worn many hats and can offer several different perspectives while working with the Board, including player, team rep, volunteer, official, and tournament host. As the current president, I have also had regular contact with the National Office.

My goals while on the Board are to work harder to improve the online services, such as online tournament entry and payment, online surveys and voting, and more regular communications from the Board and various programs. As Adult Program Director, I want to work with the coordinators and volunteers to continue to relax "the rules" and to create more and different playing opportunities to bring more teams to the program. I also want to help build the Junior Boys' program. The Junior Girls' program is well-run, but I still love to hear from the members, coaches, and parents with suggestions. It is important to me that we continue to develop new programs and improve existing programs to serve our diverse and ever-changing membership.

Chris Cant

I have been playing volleyball for more than 20 years and have been a member of CHRVA for the past 15 seasons. Here are some of my roles in that time:

- Player
- Coach
- Team Representative
- Club Director
- Tournament Director and Host
- Junior National Referee
- Regional Scorekeeper
- Divisions I, II, III and Junior College NCAA National Referee
- HS Federation Referee in four Maryland counties and DC private schools
- Referee trainer and rater in Federation and USA Volleyball
- Division I NCAA Line Judge and Scorekeeper
- NCABVO (HS) Head Referee and Acting Commissioner
- Officiated at Boys and Girls Junior National Championships, NEQ, PNQ, NN, and Preakness Pro Beach
- Referee at Volleyball House, Sportscenter and Fairfax Sportsplex (currently working about 400 matches per year)

I have been on the CHRVA Board of Directors for more than seven years and have served in the following positions:

- Secretary
- Nominations and Elections Chair 2008 and 2010
- Member, Personnel Committee
- Member, Executive Committee
- Member, Strategic Planning Committee
- Member, CHRVA Web Site Improvement Committee
- Member, Sanctions Committee
- Regionals Tournament Director
- “Digs” Proofreader and Contributor

There are great things ahead for CHRVA and I would very much like to return as your representative and Secretary. We are working hard to improve all of our programs, embrace new technology, and chart the path for the next generation of volleyball players. I know the region well and have many contributions to make! Thank you for reading this far and thank you for voting!

Charles Ezigbo

Driven by an internal passion for sports in general, and volleyball in particular, I have spent years helping to manage and grow both the Region’s Adult and Junior programs. My National volleyball experience, along with my professional background, has proven to be extremely instrumental in my current and past contributions to the Region. As the current Region’s Director of the Junior Girls’ program, I have been blessed to see that area more than double in participation since I was offered the opportunity to serve in that role. Additionally, as the Region’s website technical administrator, I continually seek to enhance technology in the Region so all members have a positive Regional online experience. Some of my contributions to the sport are listed below.

One of my main goals for the next year is to fully implement an online “real-time tournament results reporting system” for the CHRVA region in order to immediately view tournament results. I have already started this process.

Regional

- Current CHRVA Junior Girls' Program Director
- Current member of CHRVA Board of Directors
- Current Capital Area Women's Collegiate Referee Assignor
- Current IMPACT (1st level coaching accreditation) Cadre
- Current CHRVA Website Technical Administrator
- Past CHRVA Referee Assignor
- Past Chair of Junior's Ethics and Rules Committee

National

- USA National Referee
- Collegiate National Referee
- Current Member of USA National Referee Rating Team
- Past Director of USA National Referee Rating and Training Team

Coaching

- Coaching Accreditation Program (CAP) Level II certified
- Junior club coach
- Varsity High School coach
- IMPACT coach's trainer for USA Volleyball

Ken Huntsman

I started my affiliation with the Chesapeake Region as a player in 1995 and have now been part of the Juniors program for the past 12 years as a parent, coach, tournament director, and club director. I've been on the CHRVA Board for the past four years and have been both Finance and Communication Chairs in that time. I've been a director of the largest club in the region and am now a director for a small club, so I understand the operation and administrative needs of juniors clubs both large and small.

I ran four years ago on a platform to help facilitate improvements in the information technology and processes of the region to make it easier and more efficient for both the region staff as well as all clubs in the region to accomplish the work needed to give everyone their chance to play this great sport. While we have continued to make progress with a new web site, the WebPoint online registration system, and online adult tournament payments systems among others, we still have important work to do in terms of further automating tournament registration and administration as well as upgrading the payment system for tournaments to eliminate the need for paper checks. If re-elected, I will continue to work toward seeing these systems implemented as quickly as possible for the benefit of all.

Rebecca Johannes

I have been a CHRVA member for 11 years. In that time I have been on the Junior Ethics Committee, served as a club administrator, coached with multiple clubs, and been a referee in the region. My focus now is on officiating. I am a Junior National referee, a National Beach referee, and a National Scorer. I truly live for the sport of volleyball. Despite the recent addition of my daughter, you can still find me in a gym or teaching a clinic. As a Board member I seek to keep our region growing and in tune with the ever evolving sport of volleyball. I am currently a Board member as well as the assigner for all Juniors tournaments. I hope to continue serving the region for years to come.

Michael Laker

I have had an extensive playing career in volleyball competing throughout the United States. I began my career at Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, on the men's club team, competing at the NIRSA National Tournament during my junior and senior year.

After graduation, I moved to Southern California and learned to play both the beach and indoor disciplines at the AA and A levels. After I finished playing I moved to Arlington, Virginia where my two daughters decided to pursue volleyball as their sport of choice. In support of my daughters' love for the game, I decided to take up coaching to help foster their development as student athletes and in 2010 I became CAP I certified and attended Gold Medal Squared Level 1 Training. This fall I will attend CAP II certification. Currently I am a coach and Executive Director with the Arlington Volleyball Club. I have coached with Virginia Elite Volleyball Club and was the Junior Varsity volleyball coach at Bishop O'Connell High School in Arlington. I am also a Regional Scorekeeper, a Provisional Referee, and I have served on the Board of Directors for the world's largest employee-owned charitable organization, the Boeing Employee Community Fund, providing the experience and background necessary for executive level leadership.

My desire to continue serving on the CHRVA Board will allow me to assist with the rapid growth and development of volleyball in the Chesapeake region and work with other members of the Board to improve the services and relationships provided to the region.

Brian Pitkin

While relatively new to volleyball, I have been immersed in it for the past five years. In 2008, my oldest daughter first started playing club volleyball. Since then, I have played in adult coed and men' leagues and participated in a number of outdoor grass and beach tournaments. As a parent of two junior volleyball players that have played for five different clubs spanning nine seasons, I have become familiar with many of the juniors clubs and coaches. I am IMPACT certified, a CHRVA Regional Scorer, and a CHRVA Provisional Referee.

While I am interested in all levels of volleyball, my particular focus is in increasing the volleyball opportunities for juniors. Over the past couple of decades, adult volleyball – especially outdoor volleyball – has been on the decline. There were times when this region had large doubles tournaments throughout the summer. I believe the best way to help adult volleyball over the long term is to introduce more junior players to all aspects of the sport including indoor sixes and outdoor doubles.

One way that I have tried to do this is by compiling and distributing information about the various volleyball opportunities in the area. Initially, I started by preparing a calendar of summer volleyball clinics and camps. I then moved on to creating an unbiased, informative website called [NoVA Volleyball Stuff](#) designed to share information on all aspects of the game and at all levels. The website tries to share information on junior house leagues, club volleyball opportunities, and high school volleyball. I also put together calendars of volleyball camps and clinics and outdoor summer volleyball tournaments. In short, I try to break down information in a way that is intended to get new players familiar with the sport and get started playing volleyball.

Having watched the CHRVA Board closely for the past five years, it is very clear to me that it has made vast improvements. There are more opportunities available at all levels of volleyball. The Board has initiated outdoor CHRVA-sponsored Juniors events in cooperation with Fairfax Volleyball, Mid-Atlantic Volleyball, NoPanic Volleyball, and the Baltimore Beach program.

The Board has improved the way information is distributed as well as registration and certification processes. I believe I can help continue these positive trends.

Eugene Yee

I've been a member of the Chesapeake region for more than 20 years as a player, coach, scorekeeper, and Board member. I've been involved with Men's, Women's, and Coed teams at all levels. In my years serving on the Board of Directors, I've been involved in many facets of the organization including serving as the President and Vice-President. As a member of the Board of Directors, I feel that the CHRVA should be an organization which promotes fairness and equality to all of its members and have tried to use my experience and skills toward that end. If I am re-elected, I will continue to devote my efforts to promoting the sport of volleyball within the region and help make the organization one that we can all be proud of.