



## CEVA BOARD OF DIRECTORS BIOGRAPHIES

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### **NICK HACKER (PRESIDENT / AT-LARGE)**

Nick Hacker enters his second season as an At-Large member of the CEVA Board of Directors in 2021-2022, and was elected as the President of the Board on June 21, 2021.

Hacker is a Regional official within CEVA, also officiates school volleyball, is a member of CEVA's Diversity & Inclusion Committee, the CEVA Junior Boys Committee, and the CEVA Policy & Appeals Committee.

Originally from St. Louis, Hacker is a former high school and club player in the Gateway Region of USAV. He also coached boys' volleyball in St. Louis and tries to stay active in local rec leagues. He is currently a Logistics Operations Manager for Global Diversity Logistics supporting Intel's Oregon campus.

A graduate of the University of Missouri – St. Louis, Hacker says he's "looking forward to bringing a new and fresh perspective to the BOD and committees that I serve on ... I am most excited about the movement that is not only happening in our region but across the entirety of the USAV community with the organization's renewed commitment to DEI."

He resides in Portland with his partner, Neal, and their dog, Winston.

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### **LINDSEY GAY (VICE PRESIDENT / ADULT REPRESENTATIVE)**

Lindsey Gay enters her second year on the Board of Directors in the 2021-2022 season, serving as the region's Adult Representative. She is the Chair of the CEVA Adult Committee, CEVA Nominating & Elections Committee, and serves of the CEVA Finance Committee. She was elected as the Vice President of the Board on June 21, 2021.



Lindsey has played, coached, watched, and loved volleyball her entire life. She still participates in adult leagues and sand leagues.

She currently works for Nike, and has an extensive club volleyball background, including a stint as the Program Manager for CEVA, as well as an administrator and coach with Athena Volleyball Academy.

She wanted to be on the BOD because "Sports have always been the number one constant in my life. Without sports, I wouldn't have relationships that are incredibly important to me. They've taught me more about myself and my goals than anything else in life. I hope to bring that passion to the board to provide as many opportunities for people of all ages to be involved in the volleyball community, creating long lasting relationships and growing as an athlete."

Originally from Lebanon, she currently resides in Damascus.

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### **TORI BARTO (SECRETARY / AT-LARGE)**

Tori Barto is in her third year as an At-Large Representative on the CEVA Board of Directors in 2021-2022. She is the current Board Secretary and serves as the Chair of the CEVA Policy & Appeals Committee.

She is a coach with OJVA and an assistant coach at Valley Catholic High School in Beaverton. She is a former player at Valley Catholic and played club volleyball for Athena Volleyball Academy. Collegiately, she played at Mt. Hood CC and Sacred Heart University. Tori has also served as a CEVA tournament director.

She works as a purchasing agent at Daimler Trucks North America.

She wanted to serve on the Board "because of my passion for the sport of volleyball, in hopes that I can help pass that on to current and future athletes, and to help make the sport accessible to all who love and share interest in the game."

Originally from Banks, she is married to Nick Barto and they live in Hillsboro with their daughter, Charlie, and their two cats, George and Lola.



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### **CARRIE KREIDLER (TREASURER / AT-LARGE)**

Carrie Kreidler enters her fourth year on the CEVA Board of Directors in 2020-2021, and was selected to an At-Large position on July 30, 2018. Carrie is the Chair of the CEVA Finance Committee, serves on the CEVA Diversity & Inclusion Committee, and the CEVA Nominating & Elections Committee.

Kreidler currently serves as a Tournament Director for CEVA events, including Power Leagues and the annual Regional Championships. She is officially retired from full-time work, but still coaches at Marist Catholic High School in Eugene, and is a high school official.

Her main reasons for serving on the CEVA Board: "I want to encourage young volleyball players to love the game and as adults be coaches, officials, and TD's."

She has 4 children, including 3 daughters who all played high school and club volleyball. Originally from Orofino, ID, she currently resides in Eugene, OR.



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### **GREG CLARK (OFFICIALS' REPRESENTATIVE)**

Greg Clark was elected to his second 2-year term as the Officials' Representative in June of 2021. He serves as the Chair of the CEVA Officials' Committee.

He earned his Junior National certification at GJNC in Indianapolis in the Summer of 2019 and is a National Beach Official. He was named the Beach Officials Chair for the CEVA Region in the Summer of 2020 and has been instrumental in growing the cadre of certified Beach officials in the region. He serves as both a high school and collegiate official.



He currently resides in Vancouver, WA.

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### **JOHN DOWNEY (GEOGRAPHICAL REPRESENTATIVE)**

John Downey enters his second year as the CEVA Geographical Representative in the 2021-2022 season.

John brings a wealth of experience to the CEVA Board, including two stints as the CEVA Commissioner.

He has "attempted to retire" multiple times, most recently in 2015. He currently serves as the club director for Basin Bombers Volleyball Club in Klamath Falls, and the head coach at Mazama High School.

Previously, he's served as a coach at Central Catholic High School and Rose City Volleyball Club in Portland. His coaching career dates to a start in CYO in 1987.

John "would like to be a voice for the remote clubs of the Region." Originally from Milwaukie, he currently resides in Klamath Falls. He is married with two children and two grandchildren.

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### **ERIK ANDERSON (AT-LARGE)**

Erik Anderson enters his fourth year on the CEVA Board as an At-Large Representative in 2021-2022. He is a boys' coach at AJAX Volleyball Club in Beaverton. He has participated previously as a member of the CEVA Junior Boys' Committee.



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### **NATHAN BLANKENSHIP (JUNIOR BOYS REPRESENTATIVE)**

Nathan Blankenship enters his second year as the CEVA Junior Boys' Representative in the 2021-2022 season.

Nathan brings experience as a club director, high school coach, and international player to the Board. His playing career saw him spend time in Europe, Australia, and New Zealand. He has also had two daughters that played through CEVA and are now in college.

He currently serves as the owner and director of NW Elite Volleyball Club, which covers the Oregon City and Wilsonville Area. He is also the head coach at Wilsonville High School.

His goal "is to greatly expand opportunity for boys in Oregon and Washington." Originally from Hawaii, he currently lives in West Linn.

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### **CRAIG PARKER (AT-LARGE)**

Craig Parker will enter his second season as an At-Large member of the CEVA Board of Directors in 2021-2022.

Parker is a club volleyball parent who brings a wealth of executive experience to the Board. He serves on the CEVA Junior Girls' Committee as well as the CEVA Finance Committee.

He resides with his family in Vancouver.

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### **ANDREW YOSHIHARA (DIVERSITY & INCLUSION REPRESENTATIVE)**

Andrew Yoshihara was elected in June of 2021 as CEVA's Diversity & Inclusion Representative on the Board of Directors. He will serve as the Chair of the CEVA Diversity & Inclusion Committee, and has been a member of the committee for the last year.

He is the founder and current Executive Director at Bustin' Barriers, a local non-profit that works with kids with disabilities. He has an extensive background in DEI initiatives and serves as a DEI consultant. He spent time at La Salle High School as an assistant basketball coach.

He resides in Portland with his family.

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### **CHARLEY STANTON (JUNIOR GIRLS' REPRESENTATIVE)**

Charley Stanton was elected in June of 2021 as the Junior Girls' Representative on the CEVA Board of Directors, and will take over as Chair of the CEVA Junior Girls' Committee.

Stanton has been involved with volleyball for over 30 years and still plays occasionally outdoors.

He brings experience as a player, parent, coach, and administrator to the Board. He is currently the head coach of multiple teams at Athena Volleyball Academy, and serves as the club's Technical Director. He also brings a wealth of business acumen to the Board, including running his own companies and serving on other Boards.



He is the Director of EHS & Security for Jireh Semiconductor, Inc. in Hillsboro. His daughter plays at Western Oregon and was a player at Athena.

"I'm excited to serve with the other members that are just as passionate about the sport as I am," Stanton said. "I hope to continue the great work of my predecessors."

He resides in Hillsboro.

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### **HECTOR ESCOBAR (PARENT REPRESENTATIVE)**

Hector Escobar was elected in June of 2021 as the Parent Representative on the CEVA Board.

Escobar is a current Regional Official in CEVA, and brings experience not only as a referee, but also as a parent, coach, and player. He has previous experience working in the non-profit world.

The Eugene resident says that he's "very interested in helping the region and supporting all players, parents, and whoever wants to do better things for the volleyball community."