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The 2002 season was a record breaking year for the OVR. A record number of members, a record number of teams, plus the largest attended Adult and Jr. Region Championships in the country. I want to publicly acknowledge those

people responsible for the successes experienced this season by the OVR.

The efforts of Michelle Fox, Women's Tournament Director, and Keith Burke, Men's Tournament Director, were exemplary in the development of completion of the largest Adult Region Championships in USA- Volleyball.

Bill Zehler, Jr. Program Director, and his staff of thousands who made the 2002 Jr. season such a tremendous success deserve a heartfelt *thank you!* Just to mention a few, Tom Kohl, Yoon Ha, Art Faura, Hank Trimble, Keith Burke, Rich Zeciski, Gene Williams, Steve Donahue and numerous others, I express to all of you the OVR's appreciation. Rick Laskey and Terry Miller also must be mentioned for coordinating the officials and scorekeepers, gentlemen, *well done!*

The Region events for the Adults and Juniors were excellent examples of organization and planning that provided quality playing experiences for all OVR members. A very special thank you to all those mentioned and to those who played a role in these events!

I want to recognize Mr. Rick Laskey, a very special person for his 20+ years of service to the OVR. Rick and his wife Connie are retiring and plan to relocate in the

Carolinas. I've been honored to have had the opportunity to work with *the best* Regional Referees' Chairman in the USA-Volleyball organization. Rick has made the OVR one of the most respected officials divisions in the country. His expertise, along with his willingness to share that expertise, demonstrate the quality of professional he is. Rick Laskey has always been a person whose priority was the promotion and development of the game of volleyball. Rick will be missed, but not forgotten.

Ron Wyzynski, Executive Director/CEO, has been awarded the Outstanding Service Award by the YJOV division of USA-Volleyball. Ron's leadership has been the driving force behind the successes of the OVR. Congratulations!

The OVR has been awarded the 2002 Viggo Nelson Publications Award for Website. Congrats must go to Nick Nystrom, our webmaster; Nick developed, designed, and continues to expand the services of this award-winning website! Congratulations to Nick, and thank you for your dedication to volleyball!

The 2002 season was a tremendous success, and the OVR and its BOD and staff are already at work to make the 2003 season even better! Please contact any BOD with ideas to make the OVR better serve your needs. Have a great summer!

Respectfully,
Bob Price
Commissioner & President
Ohio Valley Region, Inc.
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