

## Executive Director's Commentary



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*Dear Members,* The OVR board of directors, officers and staff recently completed their annual August meeting/retreat. The 2003 season presentations were by staff and officers and changes were made to improve OVR events and services. I would guess that many topics were discussed during meal breaks and well into the night. Thanks to this group of dedicated staff.

Online registration for officials will begin on October 1. As they register, officials will receive by mail their registration cards with 2004 season number as well as their new rule books. Again this season, we're asking that every team use the online system. If you have a problem please contact Nick or other friends who have successfully used the online process. The region will accept the traditional triplite hardcopy forms.

Check the website for championship, qualifier and tournament dates. Use these dates to

establish your 2004 OVR season calendar. We're always reaching out to bring into the organization new officials, adult and junior players, and coaches. Please have them contact the region office or proper officer.

As for me, this fall I started to coach high school volleyball again. It's great to be back and working with new, young players. Commissioner/President Bob Price gave me his traditional "You're doing what?" followed by "You must be nuts!" speech. I told him that this will be my tune-up for the OVR season. I do practice what I preach to all of you. Thanks for your continued interest, support, and involvement in the OVR.

Sincerely,  
Ronald J. Wyzynski  
Executive Director / CEO  
Ohio Valley Region, Inc.  
USA Volleyball

### OVR Officers Elected

At the August 9-10, 2003 board meeting, the OVR board of directors elected the following individuals to 4-year terms from Sept. 1, 2003 through Aug. 31, 2007:

Juniors' Program Director: *Bill Zehler*

Registrar: *Ron Wyzynski*

Junior Officials' Development Director:  
*Barb Strome*

Art Faura, Al Herbert, and Tom Kohl will serve on the 2004 Bid Committee. Bob Dickenson was named Awards Committee chair. Nick Nystrom will direct region photography, and Elaine Viney will serve as 2004 Elections Chair.

### West Virginia VB

Thanks largely to grassroots efforts by Paul Claridades and the Charleston VBC, who have been working with other coaches in Beckley and Lewisburg, growth of juniors' volleyball is accelerating in West Virginia.

The OVR is supporting this expansion by hosting the *Big Top Volleyball* tournament at the Charleston Civic Center on April 24-25. Brian Hemelgarn is considering holding a professional officials' clinic in Charleston, and Don Burroughs is planning on holding an IMPACT clinic there as well.

Other West Virginia coaches interested in participating should contact Paul at paul.claridades@verizon.net.

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