
USA VOLLEYBALL REGIONAL

VOLLEYBALL ASSOCIATION

ASSEMBLY AGENDA

May 19 -20, 2025

Virtual meetings * usavregions.org for call-information

Monday, May 19, 2025

I. **RVAA/JA JOINT SESSION #1**

a) ***WELCOME***

Steve Mueth

Present: Alaska, Julie Weber; Aloha, Kent Ma; Arizona, Harold Cranswick; Badger, Jen Armson-Dyer; Bayou, Angelle Simms; Carolina, Kevin Wendelboe; Chesapeake, Lisa DiGiacinto; Columbia Empire, Cody March; Delta, Joe Williams; Evergreen, Meredith Coupland; Excelsior Empire, Scott Wilhelm; Florida, Kurt Esser; Garden Empire, Kevin DesLauriers; Gateway, Steve Mueth; Great Lakes, Dan Ames; Great Plains, Craig Wiedel; Hoosier, Terry Sweasy; Intermountain, Jason Badell; Iowa, Brett Myres; Keystone, Valerie Podczasy; Lakeshore, Eric Lazowski; Lonestar, Will Vick; Moku O Keawe, Angie Andrade-Morioka; New England, Dave Peixoto; North Country, Laura Bush; North Texas, Steve Carrera; Northern California, Donna Donaghy; Ohio Valley, Brian Hofman; Oklahoma, Shawn McCarty; Old Dominion, Skip Weston; Palmetto, Jimmy Peden; Pioneer, Nancy Funk; Puget Sound, Cindy Compac; Rocky Mountain, Keith Murlless; Southern, Steve Kenyon; Southern California, Ann Davenport; Sun Country, Natasha Campbell; Western Empire, Rocco Lucci

Guests: Peter Vint USAV, Sarah Thrasher, NCSI, Cile Fisher NCSI, Heathre Erickson Athlete, Roger Wyett, Anthony Curci, Curt Glessman JA, Clarence Hughes USAV, Lance Rogers JA, Chris Rustnica Great Lakes Staff, Krista McGovern Carolina, Sean Lenkie EPIC, Jennifer Rains EPIC, Sante Perrelli Lakeshore, Jody Webber Oklahoma, Ted Wade Lone Star Classic, Scott McQueen JA, Alix Montoya, Chrissy Elder USAV, Jenny Johnson USAV, Chris Vadala USAV, Miranda Rivera USAV, Molly Crockett USAV, Wade Gerard USAV, Heather Heehler-Williams JA, Kat Castillo USAV, Natalie Wilkerson USAV, Taylor Dendas USAV, Rachel Stafford USAV, Dave Gentile USAV Board Chair, Jaime Weston USAV, George Mulry IVHF, Ron Perlitan AZ Region, Lisa Naylton AZ Region, Cindy Kirk AZ Region, Kevin Anderson NTR, Beth Modaff North Country, Lindsay Callayhan Evergreen, Laura Fitzgerald Evergreen, Charley Stanton Columbia Empire, Jennifer Joseph JVC Tournaments, AJ Joseph JVC Tournaments, Steven Petesch Puget Sound, Vicky Page JA, Dawnne Ehla Aloha, Pat Akana Aloha, Wayne Lei Aloha, Laura Fawcett USAV, Cody Liner USAV, Melissa Weymath, Lindsey Smith Great Plains, Brian Sharkey, Badger, Kailey Bridges JA Chair, Kim Greenback JA, Chris Clauss JA, Andy Reitingner NTR, Michelle Goodall USAV, Sue Webber NCSA, Casey Emmons SCVA, Kelly Cooper SCVA, Tim Cooper SCVA, Al

Herbert OVR, Gloria Cox Lone Star, David Vrsanith SE, Mia Ramer SE, Sara Weide SE, Anthony Knutson, SE, John Weinerth SE, Jessica Christiansen SE, Matt Espo SE, Jerramy Hainline SE, Caira Dortch AOC, Jill Simpson RMR, Julianna Hastings USAV, Klarissa Gamboa USAV, Kayla Harper, USAV, Greta Rux USAV, Josie Russell USAV, Bob Watson SRVA, Christian Knapp USAV, Mary Andrew Florida

b) CEO UPDATE

John Speraw

- i) Modernize volleyball's brand language – visual and narrative
- ii) Grow our member reach – objective by LA28 secure 1 million members
- iii) Improved 360 Digital Experience and Audiences and Audiences connection
- iv) Compete to be part of popular culture. Broaden the commercial scope of volleyball
- v) On the way to LA28 with a mind to Brisbane
- vi) Engineer sustainable global impact and build legacy.

c) STAFF REPORTS

Michelle Goodall

- i) To include report updates and TryVolleyball
- ii) Starting June 2 – Host Recruitment
 - (a) Recruitment email
 - (b) USAV social Media post
 - (c) Email to all clubs signed up for updated
- iii) June 23 – Participant Recruitment
- iv) Try Volleyball for Free – August 15-31

d) OUTSIDE SPEAKERS

- i) **EPIC** **Jennifer Rains/Sean Lankie**
Please refer to the presentation document on the RVA website.
- ii) **SE** **Jeremy Hamline, Jessica, Matt**
Please refer to the presentation document on the RVA website.
- iii) **NCSI** **Sarah Trasher/Cile Fisher**
Please refer to the presentation document on the RVA website.
- iv) **NCSA** **Sue Webber**
Please refer to the presentation document on the RVA website.
- v) **SPORTS IMPORTS** **Wes Meermans**
Please refer to the presentation document on the RVA website.
- vi) **IVHF** **George Mulry**
Please mark your calendars for the next Hall of Fame inductee banquet, October 18, 2025

II. RVAA/JA JOINT SESSION #2

a) EXECUTIVE TEAM PRESENTATION

- i) **DIVISION OVERVIEW** **Steve Bishop**
- ii) **PROJECT UPDATE**
 - (a) **Completion Items**
 - Baby on the bench
 - Arbitrator Program Transition
 - Boy's outreach and Townhall over 660 people
 - Enhancement to Boys' JNC

- Modified USAV staff Report
- SE MMS Meetings and Platform Enhancements
- Added prizes money to US Open Adult Nationals
- National Official's Recruitment Campaign

(b) Items in Progress

- Boys' volleyball schedule and formats
- Beach club tour and championships
- Event rotation plan (Indoor)
- Updated Alcohol Policy
- Indoor Rankings
- JNQ renewals and expansions
- JNC enhancements and expansion
- International events expansion
- Updated Championship manuals
- Technology Enhancements
- Collaborations
- Try Volleyball
- Grass Volleyball
- Sports Court Rental Program
- Officials Development Plan

(c) Upcoming Items

- New Events and Divisions
- Club Accreditation
- New Dept: Sport Dev. And Corp. Events
- Office Relocation (COS)
- Simplify Membership Categories
- Zone Structure Expansion
- LAO Agreements
- Quadrennial Blueprint/Corp. Dashboard

iii) TAKE AWAYS

- Growth in Participation
- Increased Viewership
- Increased investment
- New Technology
- Collaboration
- New Leadership
- LA2028 Games

iv) "The 41 of us" to One volleyball

v) OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD

Jaime Weston

- Reinvest in the sport
 - More resources for athletes and programs
- Bigger stage for volleyball
 - Media platform, broadcast, social media, storytelling

- Stronger relationships with brands
 - Long-term partnerships with companies that want to invest in our mission
- Revenue growth year over year
 - Consistent, growing revenue - across the whole ecosystem
- A unified volleyball platform
 - Contents, events, merchandise, and activations

vi) NATIONAL TEAMS/EDUCATION

Peter Vint

- (a) Rebranded from CAP to Coaching Academy
- (b) Launched Online Program: Coach Academy
 - Content Organized around 5-pillars. Experience of the athletes has a lot to do with coaching and coaching education
 - Content offered at three tiers: Gold, Silver, Bronze
 - Offered Regions significant bulk discounts
 - 125 modules available, many National Team Coaches and USAV/USOPC Staff
 - Updated IMPACT
 - Adopted Litmos MLM to save cost
 - Progress monitored via badges and leaderboard
- (c) Efforts to create partnerships to expand programming
- (d) Re-Launched Live Programing: 14+ programs executed or planned
 - Coach observation series
 - Region coach developer programs
 - Traditional coach education clinics
- (e) Re-Launched Athlete Academy:
 - Live programing with NTDP Training Series
 - Body confident sport program
- (f) Other Programs
 - USOPC's Million Coach Challenge
 - How to coach kids
- (g) Strategic objectives
 - (i) Assist in Creating Development Pathways
 - (ii) Align and integrate within academy learning pathways content and development model curriculum
 - (iii) Transform the Digital experience
 - (iv) Empower regional and local development
 - (v) Complement additional partnership development
 - (vi) Contribute to the expansion of the USAV Stakeholder (Athlete and Parent) education programs
 - (vii) Enhancement communications and Marketing

vii) USAV FOUNDATION

Wade Garard

- (a) Fundraising Approach
 - (i) Major Gifts Focus
 - (ii) Annual Fund and Events

- (iii) Comprehensive campaign
- (iv) Donor Experiences and Partnerships

QUESTIONS:

Joe Williams: Are there any discussions about splitting the 14-17 division in the future?

Steve Bishop: This has been discussed internally and are opened to future discussions.

Cindy Compoc: Will the RVA have the opportunity to speak to the Executive Team about these items that directly affect the RVAA?

Steve Bishop: Please discuss this with Zone Chairs.

Cindy Compoc: Regarding the LAO agreement, what is that time for the agreement?

Steve Bishop: You will discuss this in your zonal meetings there is not an exact date, but we are in the explorative mode for it to be considered for the 2026 season.

Nancy Funk: Have we considered sending our coaches with membership information about trainings?

Peter Vint: We have, and we want to expand not to just emails but also use social media platforms.

Jen Armson-Dyer: What is the status of the First Point Volleyball Foundation?

John Speraw: Stay Tuned! Still currently an independent organization but interested in working on collaboration

Harrold Cranswick: With regions that have professional sports teams, is there anything we can do on our end to help contact those contacts to help the foundation?

Wade Garard: Yes, Identifications before cultivation. Facilitating an introduction would be appreciated.

Jaime Weston: We want to utilize and create culture without taking advantage. We want to be strategic to connect them to culture.

Cindy Compoc: To the “40 to one volleyball” is this moving forward focused to dissolving regions?

John Speraw: We are focused on aligning people who share the same philosophy, bringing them together under a common umbrella. The umbrella isn’t just a symbol; it’s something we’re actively investing in. Everything moving forward is rooted in our mission. Achieving this mission requires honest, open conversations. We must come together, as one, to create the path forward.

III. RVAA/JA JOINT SESSION #3

a) The Perfect Pass Challenge: Side-Out Foundation *Katie Oleksak*

The Side-Out foundation helps people living with metastatic breast cancer regain control of their lives.

b) Committee and Zonal Instructions *Steve Mueth*

Topics:

1. Service Pins or other awards

2. Executive Team Initiatives
3. Membership Category Maximums
4. Marketing Assistance; Bulk Ordering
5. VolleyStation

IV. RVAA Committee Meetings

- a) Competition
- b) Beach/Outdoor
- c) Education
- d) Marketing and Branding

V. RVAA Zonal Meetings

- a) Atlantic
- b) Border
- c) Central
- d) Pacific

VI. SE/NCSI Social

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

I. RVAA BUSINESS MEETING

a) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by 9:03 am by Steve Mueth

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Proxy Holders: Gulf Coast, Phillip Bryant, Joe Williams; Heart of America, Lisa Madsen, Bertil Wamelink

Quorum is present

Board Reps Present: Bob Baker

Athlete Representation: Erin Aldrich-Shean; Kawika Shoji (virtual)

Guests: Bernie MacLean, Christian Knapp, Kat Taylor, Chris Vadala, Andy Reitingner, Melissa Weymouth, Peter Vint, Daniel Becker, Janice Kosbab, Zach Underwood, Rylan Underwood, Chrissy Elder, Pati Rolf, Laura Fawcett, Rachel Stafford, Brad Lawson, Karlis Kezbers, Dave Gentile, Mia Ramer, Jessica Christiansen, Suzanne Boyd, Cile Fischer, Anthony Curci, Craig Thomas, Alix Montoya, Tim Cooper, Ron Pelham, Jenny Johnson, Kat Castillo, Sante Perelli, Steve Bishop, John Speraw

b) Rules of Order

Steve Mueth

c) Oct Meeting Minutes Approval

Approved by an online vote

d) Assembly Chair Report

Steve Mueth

Six current commissioners were on the committee for the Executive Document but couldn't discuss it until it was public. Refer to the presentation document on the RVA website. USAV covered the expenses for the May 2025 meeting.

e) USAV Board of Directors Report

Andy Reitingner

Please refer to presentation document on the RVA website.

Questions:

Nancy Funk asked - Why was the nomination committee changed?

Steve Mueth will address this at the board meeting:

1. "What was the motivation for the change?"
2. "How long has it been in the works?"
3. "What do we need to do to get the RVA up to date?"
4. Request to see by-laws.

Nancy Funk was notified Mid-March and the board voted on March 30th.

Jen Armson Dyer requested just the topics during the executive meeting could be shared that would be important to know.

Motion to approve agenda (Compoc/Badell)

Motion to amend the agenda (Sweasy/Compoc)

Motion to move Committee Reports and Zonal topics to later point in agenda.

Motion carries

II. RVAA & USAV COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Beach/Outdoor

Keith Murlless

Please refer to the document on the RVA Website. The committee will make a motion to transition to RVA Outdoor Committee

b) Competition

Joe Williams

Please refer to the document on the RVA Website.

Gender guidelines are a topic of concern across the organization. Legal is expected to provide an update at the beginning of the season.

c) Education

Brett Myers

Please refer to the document on the RVA website.

- Endorsement Program
- More digital presence
- Concussion Protocol
- Body Confidence was very positive
- Discussion on the New LMS -USAV will not be using a new LMS but stay with the current one
- Current Coach Academy will be reimagined into certifications

d) Marketing and Branding

Jimmy Peden

Please refer to the document on the RVA website.

- A survey with 35 responses identified key marketing and branding priorities for the regions. These insights will guide collaboration with USAV to develop supporting materials within a set timeframe.
- RVA hired Jen Barber, who has done an excellent job. However, support is needed to provide her with materials more efficiently. She is paid \$29,000 annually and supports 29 regions with their social media efforts, costing regions about \$500.
- We're working with USAV to better understand and address our needs, and they're actively working to deliver solutions based on that input.
- Jimmy will be creating a google form to keep track of tasks and will notify regions on completion.

e) Compliance

Jen Armson Dyer

Please refer to the document on the RVA website.

- Responsibilities were clarified, alcohol policy updates are underway, and the RVA manual needs revisions following USAV board-approved policy changes.
- RVA Educational Series: A monthly educational series is proposed, covering topics like legal compliance and strategic planning, with implementation planned for the fall.
- ROAS (Region Organization Advancement Standard): Policy updates were discussed, including new IRS good standing and external audit requirements, plus a best practice of earning a Candid/Guidestar Bronze Seal. Compliance status was reviewed, with Alaska and Old Dominion identified as non-compliant and losing voting rights.
- Tasks assigned include developing the educational series framework, updating the ROAS policy, and clarifying committee terms and DEI Executive Orders

f) Insurance

Dave Peixoto

Please refer to the document on the RVA website.

- Committee is working on putting together an electronic incident report
- Headsets with Minors are being referred to legal and safesport for guidance

g) **SafeSport**

Cody Marsh

Please refer to the document on the RVA website.

- Working with USAV on standardized language for emotional abuse cases on playing time.
- USAV is reviewing and updating the suspended members list to remove individuals whose one-year suspensions from other NGBs have ended.

h) **Structure and Function** – no report as committee did not meet

III. **REVIEW OF ZONAL TOPICS**

a) **Service Pins? Other awards**

Regions propose keeping pins for 5–15 years of service, then offering a more significant gift for 20+ years, with recognition shifted from "commissioner" to "principal representation."

Steve Mueth will assign someone to handle this task.

b) **Executive Team Initiatives – Steve Bishop**

(a) **Updated Championship Manuals:** Revise and standardize manuals to ensure consistency, clarity, and alignment with best practices.

(b) **JNQ Growth & JNC Event Rotation Plan:** Expand the Junior National Qualifier footprint and institute a rotation/expansion strategy for the Junior National Championship.

National Ranking System: A new, data-driven, transparent ranking system is being developed, independent of current event platforms. It will be free for USAV events to upload data, with a fee structure for external users. The system aims to improve competitive integrity through verifiable, weighted data (e.g., strength of schedule). The system rollout is planned for **September 2025**, with full functionality and historical data integration for the **2025–2026 season**.

Qualifier Models:

Three models were discussed:

1. **USAV-owned**
2. **USAV-owned/partner-operated with region/national collaboration**
3. **Region-owned with licensing fees**

Expansion plans include:

Phase 1 (2025–2026): Growth in underserved areas without existing qualifiers.

Phase 2 (2026–2027): High-demand regions needing additional qualifiers.

Data-driven decisions will guide new locations. USAV owns the license to qualifiers, so changes won't directly affect current qualifiers but aim to grow bid capacity. Some regions (e.g., Northeast, Upper Midwest) are already under discussion for new events. USAV will handle RFPs for new qualifiers, based on membership data and regional demand. Regions will be able to participate in new events under the updated models. Requests from regions to host qualifiers may be considered if aligned with strategic goals.

- (c) **New Grass Volleyball Tour & Championship:** Launch an inaugural grass-court series culminating in a national championship.

The program is expanding with 27 grassroots operators identified, though development is still early. A survey and data collection process are underway, but findings haven't been reviewed yet. Tour stops are being planned, with a final championship in development. An official announcement is expected in fall 2025 for the 2026 Grass Tour. A grass rulebook will be updated based on existing resources, with defined parameters for governing the national championship event. Regions hosting notable grass events are encouraged to send information to Steve Mueth to be included in the initial program database. The survey will collect details like participant numbers and timing.

- (d) **New National & International Events on U.S. Soil:** Host additional marquee events to elevate the sport's profile domestically.

- ii) **Member, Club and Region Services**

- (a) **Enhanced Region/Club/Member Services:** Strengthen support structures, streamline processes, and enrich engagement across all stakeholders.
- (b) **Club Accreditation Program:** Develop a tiered accreditation model recognizing operational excellence and best practices.

Regions discussed implementing national club standards. Steve Bishop emphasized the benefits of consistent standards across clubs and noted support from Club and Region Services. Concerns were raised about adding burdensome requirements, but collaboration with USAV was welcomed. The initiative is not planned for 2025–2026, allowing time for input and planning. Existing successful models may guide development.

- (c) **Sport Court Rental Program:** Facilitate access to quality courts via a national rental platform.

- (d) **Expanded Collaborations:** Forge new partnerships with select volleyball organizations to broaden program reach and impact.

- iii) **Official and Arbitration**

- (a) **National Officials Recruitment Campaign:** Executive a high-impact campaign targeting prospective referees nationwide.
- (b) **Expanded Arbitrator Program and Arbitrator Management Functionality:** Grow the pool of certified arbitrators and deploy technology for efficient assignment and tracking.

- iv) **Governance and Development**

- (a) **Sport Development Department:** Establish a dedicated department to oversee grassroots and specialized programming (e.g., Try Volleyball, USYVL, YMCA Alliance).
- (b) **LAO Compliance Commission:** Launch a commission to monitor and support Local Affiliated Organizations' governance and policy adherence.

LAO is a team that USOPC uses so LAO is just a new terminology for RVA. The process and function will remain the same, but with clarified expectations and structure.

Region Feedback:

- Fast rollout is a concern; regions want time to review and redline the documents.
- Concern about overreach into board structures and potential conflicts with state laws.
- Questions about who holds USAV accountable, what qualifies as a significant bylaw change, and how enforcement works.
- Many regions have already complied with ROAS (Region Organizational Advancement Standards)
- RVA input and committee oversight were missing in the document's release.
- The new zonal structure needs to be defined more clearly, and an explanation of the zonal chairs job description or region input in hiring to support the regions and not manage

Jen Armson Dyer and Cody March would like to collect feedback, suggestions, and solutions to refine the process and ensure region input.

Bob Baker expressed, there is no current agreement to sign; feedback will shape future documents. The goal is transparency and consistency, not control.

Regions are supportive of clarity and structure, but are wary of overreach, legal conflicts, and fast timelines. There is a strong call for collaborative development, legal alignment with state requirements, enforcement transparency, and maintaining regional autonomy where appropriate. RVA's want to collaborate, not just comply.

v) Technology and Innovation

(a) Enterprise Technology Enhancements:

- **Membership Management System**
- **Club Management System**
- **Integrated & Enhanced Event Management System**
- **Bid Management Functionality**
- **Arbitrator Module**
- **Additional Match Management & Safety Features**
- **New Mobile App**

Collectively, these platforms will modernize operations, data integration, and user experience.

vi) Strategic Planning and Measures

- (a) USAV Quadrennial Blueprint and Dashboard:** Develop a comprehensive road map and dynamic dashboard to track progress, key performance indicators, and quadrennial goals.

c) Membership Category Maximums

USAV aims to streamline membership structures, improve transparency, and invest in technology, data systems, and customer experience, which require additional

funding. Discussions centered around raising national membership fees. The last fee increase was in the 2010–11 season. Theoretically targeted for September 1, but regions voiced that the timing is not practical this late in the planning cycle. Many requested a longer runway, ideally starting in the 2026–27 season.

Several regional reps expressed frustration about potentially losing control over pricing, especially when pricing models were historically shaped by each RVA, not USAV. Regions want flexibility to address local socioeconomic factors and existing financial commitments. RVA's acknowledged the need for funding if USAV provides a clear rational explanation. RVA's agreed with smaller, reasonable increases, as long as regions can control their portion and the purpose is clearly communicated.

Concerns Raised:

- Impact on lower-income regions
- Potential loss of members due to fee hikes
- Uneven economic burdens on different areas
- Risk of pushing clubs to other organizations (e.g., AAU, JVA)
- Convention and event planning disruptions due to late changes

Recap & Action:

- General openness to a fee increase with clear communication and justification
- Request to delay changes until 2026–27
- Steve Mueth will present this feedback and summary to the USAV Board of Directors

A vote of 19 favor and 13 against, \$5 is expected on the proposed increase for the 2025-2026 season.

d) Marketing assistance; Bulk Ordering

e) Volley Station

IV. RVAA VOTING & FLOOR MOTIONS

a) Compliance Motion #2 – ROAS Compliance Status – Motion Carries

Motion: As of May 12, 2025, the following regions are out of compliance with ROAS policy: Alaska and Old Dominion and they do not have voting rights in the RVAA

Cranswick, Madsen (5-0)

28 favor (2 athletes), 1 opposed, 5 abstained

Alaska and Old Dominion have no voting rights

b) Compliance Motion #1 – Updated ROAS Requirements – Motion Carries

To add the three suggested requirements (be in good standing with the IRS, complete an external audit when required by state law, publish RVA and JA Reps on the region's website) and one best practice (complete

requirements for a bronze seal or above on Candid / Guidestar and put the seal on the region's website) to the ROAS

policy. Bush / DiGiacinto (4-0)

29 favor (2 athletes), 4 opposed, 3 abstained

c) **Compliance Motion #3 – Best Practices Stipends – Motion Carries**

The USAV Admin Council Compliance Committee requests a one-time allocation of up to \$5,000 from the RVA Contingency Fund for \$500 stipends to subject matter experts for the RVAA Board and Operations Best Practices. These funds will be paid directly to the individual by the RVAA Associate Chair upon direction from the USAV Admin Council Compliance Chair. (Armson-Dyer / Madsen)(5-0)

37 Favor (2 athletes), 0 opposed, 1 Abstained

d) **Beach Motion #1 – Name Change – Motion Carries**

we move to change our committee's name USAV RVA Beach Committee to a more inclusive phrase that will more accurately reflect the new nature of our mission: hence the "USAV RVA Outdoor Committee"

38 Favor (2 athletes), 0 opposed, 0 abstained

e) **Competition Motion #1 – Additional of Staff – Motion Carries**

Eliminate the rule from page 32 of the QM that states; The addition of staff to an official roster is not allowed once a Team has begun Match play in the event." Motion passed 12-0

37 Favor (2 athletes), 0 opposed, 1 abstained

f) **Competition Motion #2– American Division Bids – Motion Carries**

A vote was held to approve an amendment change for the motion to say more than 96 teams. 30 Favor

Add bids at qualifiers and regionals to make the American division a total of 96 teams at GJNC. For qualifiers, American divisions that have more than 96 teams will get 2 bids and 144 or greater will get 3 bids. These divisions will be played as 2 or 3 separate tournaments within the same qualifier. Motion passed

38 favor (2 athletes), 0 Opposed, 0 abstained

g) **Competition Motion #3 – Wrong Number Penalties – Motion Carries**

Delete the rule on page 30 penalizing teams for having wrong numbers. Approved 11-0

33 Favor (2 athletes), 1 opposed, 3 abstained

h) **Competition Motion #4 – Wrong Number on Players – Motion Carries**

Change the rule on page 30 penalizing teams for having wrong numbers to; not eliminate players from playing and to only have a financial fee if it happens on day 2 or day 3." Approved 11-0

32 favor (2 athletes), 1 opposed, 3 abstained

i) **Floor Motion #1 – National Dues Increase – Motion Carries**

A request was made to specify "full" membership.

A \$5 increase in national dues for all full members is recommended for the 2025–2026 season.

Steve Mueth will present these notes to the board tomorrow.

34 favor, 2 opposed, 2 abstained (2 athletes)

j) **Floor Motion #2 – NAVR – Motion Fails**

Open research and discussion to explore legalities of using the non-profit organization, National Association Volleyball of Regions (NAVR) as an organization where Insurance Funds can be transferred.

There is documentation on what funds can be used for and right now the way the policy is written, the RVA is the only one that can spend the money. 2 Favor, 21 Opposed, 12 Abstained (2 Athletes)

k) **Additional Questions**

i) Should the Junior Assembly and Official Assembly be dissolved?
Discussion was made that leaderships of both groups will collaborate so that we are not duplicating the same agendas.

ii) Rule Books

Pati Rolf informed that the rule books are fully edited and completed.

They will be in the regions hand by September 1st or sooner.

v. **RVAA BUSINESS MEETING - 3:45 PM**

a) **SafeSport Tracking Platform Demo Presentation** *SafeSport Team*

A new system that will be more automated to get information to and from USAV.

b) **USA Deaf Volleyball Presentation**
Boren

LynnRay

c) **All Star Championships Update**

Jen Armson-Dyer

d) **JN and National Official Certification Process**

Terry Sweasy

e) **AVCA Convention Meeting/ Gathering**

Steve Mueth

f) **Awards**

Steve Mueth

i) **5 years**

(a) Keith Murlless

(b) Terry Sweasy

ii) **10 years**

(a) Jason Badell

iii) **20 years**

(a) Shawn McCarty

(b) Skip Weston

g) **New Business**

Steve Mueth

h) **Next Meeting**

October 11-12, 2025, Denver CO (Closer to the Airport)

i) **Announcements**

Steve Mueth

j) **General Session Adjournment**

Steve Mueth

Motion to adjourn (Myres/Compoc)

VI. ON-SITE SOCIAL PRESENTED BY TTS