

**Emily Hawthorne
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Describe your experience in the volleyball industry, including any volunteer leadership experience, such as board, committees, offices, etc.

I am currently the Executive Director of The Academy Volleyball Club. We run club programs at three locations in Indiana, with 80+ girls teams, 7 boys teams, and a number of youth programs. I was the founder the Jr Eagles Volleyball Club, have coached youth, club, and high school volleyball for the past 19 years, and have organized a number of youth clinics throughout the Indianapolis area.

If nominated and elected to serve, which areas would you feel you could make the greatest contribution?

I have two decades of experience in starting and growing youth and club programs, so I could contribute greatly in assisting clubs with marketing, promotions, and grassroots efforts to grow the game. I would love to have the opportunity to help others start or grow their own programs throughout the country.

What personal qualities will you bring to the Board?

I think it is important for us to remember that we are in the business of kids... kids that are watching us and consider is role models. Because of this, I bring integrity, professionalism and hard work into everything I do.