

Michael Hansen

PVA Board of Directors Candidate Statement

I am running for the Palmetto Region Board of Directors because I have had a life-long passion for volleyball, and I believe that I can make a positive impact on the continued growth of the Palmetto Region. I have been involved in volleyball for over 30 years as a player, parent, coach, and director.

In college I played outside hitter on the Miami University (Oxford, OH) Men's Volleyball Team. In my years after college I played on several USAV club teams and beach teams. I started coaching USAV junior volleyball in 2013, and I have also had two daughters that played USAV club volleyball. In 2022, my wife Mary and I formed Carolina Sky Volleyball Club in the Chapin/Newberry area. We started with two teams and as we now enter our third season we have six teams, including three teams playing at the Power Level. At Carolina Sky I serve as both the Co-Director of the club and Head Coach of the 15 Elite Team. I am also the Head Volleyball Coach at Mid-Carolina High School, where I have coached for four years. I have been a member of the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) for over 10 years and regularly attend their annual convention, which keeps me well connected to the nation-wide volleyball community.

Outside of volleyball, I have been the President of White Pine Environmental, LLC, an environmental consulting company, since 2011, and I am currently a Board Member of the Love Like Alissa Foundation, a non-profit organization that focuses on empowering young athletes through sports and education.

Because I have been a USAV athlete, the parent of USAV junior members, a USAV coach, and a USAV club director I have seen the game through multiple perspectives. These various roles and my 30 plus years of experience in the game provide me with a broad understanding of the attributes and challenges of the Palmetto Region. Please consider me for your vote for the Palmetto Region Board of Directors.