



FYBOARD OF DIRECTORS SELF-NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name of Nominee:	<i>Ben Stern</i>
Nominee's City of Residence:	<i>Beaverton</i>
Name of Club Nominee Currently Participates With:	<i>ATHENAVB & AJAXVB</i>
Nominee's Role Within Their Club:	<i>Club Coach</i>
Other Affiliations Within CEVA:	<i>CEVA Member, Parent of a Player, Current or Former Adult Player</i>
If applying for a member-elected position, which position would you like to apply for?	<i>Junior Boys' Representative (3-Year Term)</i>

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

What about CEVA's mission and work makes you interested in serving as a member of our Board or a standing committee?

I am grateful for CEVA's commitment to supporting the boys' growth in our region, and I want to give back to those efforts. I feel strongly about creating "life-long learners" within the world of volleyball, which means quality people, and not just athletes.

What strengths, skills, and/or specific relevant experiences would you bring to the role(s) for which you are applying?

My co-workers have described me as "the perfect teammate" and somebody who "brings out the strengths in others." I also have a good amount of positive connections in both the local and national volleyball sphere including coaches, directors, officials, and families. Even though I have been "just a coach" in recent years, I am always communicating with people about the growth of boys volleyball across the country.

Tell us about your previous experience as a Board member in other organizations, and previous experience you have working in or with a non-profit business (if any).

My main board experience comes from volunteering as Secretary on my local community HOA board. I have a decent understanding of running meetings according to "Robert's Rules of Order."



What experience do you have in the areas of diversity, equity, and inclusion? How would you further enhance or promote CEVA's ongoing commitment to DEI initiatives?

As an alternative high school teacher of 15 years, I have seen it all. My first priority in that role is to provide a "safe and positive learning environment for ALL students." My district has faced some controversy in recent years, and I am proud to say that I found a way to support ALL students through those difficult times. I would embrace learning more about CEVA's DEI practices and initiatives.

What else should we know about you? Share anything you feel is pertinent or relevant.

Honestly, it's family-first for me. All my decisions in life are determined by prioritizing my family. As my children grow up, I am finding new ways to manage my time and goals according to this philosophy. By coaching less, I believe that I now have the opportunity to volunteer more, and support the growth of this sport which is near and dear to me.