

2022-2023 OVLL Board of Director Applicants

Name: Oliver Cervantes

Children in League: Oliver, 7: Minor C; Andrew, 5: Farm; William, 5: Farm

Current OVLL Board Member: No

Positions Interested in: Lower Player Agent, Coaching Coordinator, Open to other positions

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- Because I'm going to be here for a long time. I would like to add value to OVLL and keep making it better for the kids.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I am comfortable leading by example or taking direction from anyone. I'm tech savvy and comfortable with DIY projects. I'm great with finances and management, but can make coffee and take out the trash too.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- I have four boys eventually making their way through OVLL, why why not!?

Name: Caoimhe Chacon

Children in League: Declan, 11: Majors

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Fundraising Manager

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- My son is Declan Chacon, and he is league age 11 this season. He is in Majors and part of the wonderful A's team. This is my third year being part of the OVLL community, and I love it! This season was my first "official" year helping/being on the board, but I have been involved since the start. Volunteering and helping is what I love to do, and it teaches my son what it is to be part of a community and how when we all come together and do our part, great things can happen. I love being part of OVLL and the board because it truly is a group of people who want what's best for the kids and do whatever it takes to make it happen. Seeing the smiles on the kids' faces, playing sandlot, and hanging out with their friends, makes me smile and my heart happy.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- This year I was part of the Fundraising Team, and we did a pretty good job raising money for the league. We worked on multiple fundraising programs to raise money, for example, corporate sponsorships with local businesses, Dick's Coupon Books, MVP Fundraiser, and Poker Tournament just to name a few. I would love to continue to be part of the fundraising team to raise the money needed to give our kids another awesome baseball season.

Name: Jeanette Coffey

Children in League: Matthew Harvey, 9: Minor A

Current OVLL Board Member: No

Positions Interested in: Open to any position

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I feel strongly about volunteering time to our league. I have time to contribute and believe we have a super league!

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- Secretary- I take notes at all meetings I attend regardless of being Secretary. I type fast so I can get the minutes out quickly.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- Our family loves spending time at the OVLL park. Matthew's dad has been a coach for him for the last 5 years since TBall.

Name: Alana Cooper

Children in League: Braden, 11: Majors; Colin, 9: Minor A

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Info Officer, Lower Player Agent, Fundraising

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I have served on the OVLL board for 4 years now and have loved every minute of it. There is nothing more gratifying than seeing the smiles on the player's faces while they are in line at the snackbar after a game, running around the bases at the Sandlot and an entire community wearing bright pink socks in recognition of Breast Cancer awareness. Ocean View Little League is an extremely special play to my entire family, it has been an honor serving on the board and I would love to continue to do so if elected.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- Fundraising: I served as the Fundraising Chair for my first three years on the board. During that time we had the 1st Poker Tournament, started the CPK partnership and implemented the OVLL MVP Fundraiser, our most successful fundraiser in OVLL's history.
- Information Officer: This is my first year as serving as Info Officer and it has been fun and refreshing to learn a new role within our organization. If the board thinks this is where I am fit I would be happy to continue to serve in this position.
- Lower Division Player Agent: I have always been interested in this position. If I am needed to step in and learn a new role I would be happy to do so!

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- I love OVLL with all my heart and have enjoyed being a member of this Board. I love being involved with the players, parents and our community as a whole. I want nothing more than to leave OVLL in a better place than it was when my family joined 6 years ago.

Name: Shawn Cotter

Children in League: Aaron, 10 years old: Minor A

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: President

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I believe in helping kids play in a league that helps them have fun. I have been on the board for 5 years and would like to continue serving.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I have had the honor of serving as President for 3 years now.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- Make OVLL better every year

Name: Joe Dillard

Children in League: Charlie, 9 years old: Minor A

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Safety Officer

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I would like to return to the OVLL Board as league safety officer. I have held this position for the last 2 years. I have been in the league for 4 years now. I have a passion for baseball and the development of youth players. I have managed 3 of my 4 years in the league as well as served as a commissioner and safety officer.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- Returning League Safety Officer

Name: Chris Foster

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Vice President

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I have been involved with OVLL for as long as I can remember, this place is literally my home. I enjoy being around the players, coaches and the entire community. I would like to continue to serve on the board so I can help improve OVLL and share my knowledge of Little League Baseball.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I have served as Vice President this year, assisting Shawn Cotter. I have helped create schedules, assisted with our umpire program, help manage our Sign Up Genius site and a variety of other tasks. I have enjoyed my responsibilities in this position and would like to continue to do it moving forward.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- OVLL is a very special place and I would like to remain on the board to keep it the place it is for all our current and future players.

Name: Matt Harbour

Children in League: Cooper, 8: Minor B

Current OVLL Board Member: No

Positions Interested in: Treasurer, Safety Officer, Open to Other Positions

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- To help contribute and maximize the experience of our athletes, parents and baseball community through partnership, engagement/listening, and execution. Although already very close, I want to do my part in helping OVLL not only become the best Little League in the State, but also the Country. First and foremost, it's about creating a FUN, SAFE and WELCOMING environment for ALL to either play or watch the games and comradery.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I believe I am most qualified for Safety Officer or Treasurer, but I am open to any position. My experience as a college athlete and 10+ year experience as a Little League umpire has allowed me to understand the importance of safe playing conditions for our athletes, but also safe facilities for our families. Our children are our most precious asset in life. As for Treasurer, I have been a Banker my entire
- 21 year professional career, so I have deep knowledge of creating, negotiating and adhering to a budget and have been trusted to manage large sums of money for 1000s of past clients.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- Two things- (i) I have a deep passion for our Veteran/Military community, and currently serve on the Board of Wells Fargo Bank's Southern California 'Veterans Employee Network' to help hire, develop, create awareness, promote, and retain talent that as served in our Armed Forces; and (ii) as mentioned, I have been a Little League umpire for 10+ years and for the past two years, have exceeded my volunteer requirements and continue to ask to do more when OVLL is short staffed with umpires b/c I love the game of baseball and working to improve the experience of our children.

Name: Tim Herrera

Children in League: Tervor, 12 years old: Majors

Current OVLL Board Member: No (Commissioner)

Positions Interested in: Open to any position

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I enjoy being part of the OVLL Community

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- I've been involved with Little League Baseball for the past 5 years

Name: Nicole Jacinto

Children in League: Dean, 9 years old: Minor B; Grant, 7 years old: Minor C

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Info Officer, Lower Player Agent, Auxiliary Rep

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I would like to be on the OVLL Board to be involved in my kids activities and meet new people. I want to work with others to provide a positive experience for the kids and make OVLL be the best that it can.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I work well with others and am detail oriented. I have a background in management information systems.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- I have an extremely positive attitude!!!

Name: Stacey Jacobs

Children in League: Gavin, 10 years old: Minor A

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Lower Player Agent, Auxiliary Rep, Secretary

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I have had the privilege of serving on the board for the last 3 years. I have served as Co-Auxiliary Rep and now this year, Auxiliary Rep. I enjoy serving on the board as it gives me an opportunity to be connected to the league even more than just watching games. Being a part of this board gives me a greater connection to my son's love of baseball. Knowing that I am helping to make this league great makes me feel proud as an OVLL Parent and board member.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I am a 2nd/3rd grade special education teacher and feel the qualifications needed for my job allow me to be successful as the Auxiliary Rep. Having served as Co-Auxiliary for 2 years, and now as Auxiliary Rep, I have been able to see first hand how much organization and time management are needed. Doing this on a daily basis in my classroom has provided me with the necessary skills to be successful in this position.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- OVLL is my home away from home. I love this league and everything it provides to our children. I have had such a wonderful experience serving on the board thus far, and hope I am able to continue until my son ages out of OVLL. Ocean View is a place where I am happy and know my kids love to be!

Name: Carl Lopez

Children in League: Jacob, 7: Minor C; Brock, 4: Tee Ball

Current OVLL Board Member: No

Positions Interested in: Open to any positions

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I have two young boys and I want to be a part of their baseball experience like my father was for me. I have come to love the OVLL Community and want to be able to give back to this community and help our children learn and love this game.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I am open to any position. I feel I have many qualifications that will bring value to OVLL including my business experience in management and my many years of coaching and teaching at the college level.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- I am honored with the opportunity to be on the OVLL Board of Directors and look forward to many years of service as my boys play in this league.

Name: Christine Ragos

Children in League: Ben, 12: Majors

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Treasurer

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- More than anything, I love to be at the baseball fields watching our players grow and develop in the sport and in their life skills. The OVLL Board helps to provide structure and framework to create the best experience possible for the kids and their families. Having served as the OVLL Treasurer for the past four years, my goal has been to ensure the league funds are used in an appropriate way that best serves our players and to manage our expenses and accounts accordingly to make sure that we can stay viable as a league. In addition to my duties as treasurer, I have served on many committees for our different events and have also involved my whole family in contributing their talents to these events.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- OVLL Treasurer (4 Years)
- Other OVLL Duties: Team Mom, Snack Bar Supervisor, Scorekeeper
- Banking and Finance (25 Years)
- Other Non-Profit Board Service- Working Wardrobes (5 years)

Name: Aron Rainone

Children in League: Hundrix, 6 years old: Minor C

Current OVLL Board Member: No

Positions Interested in: Info Officer, Lower Player Agent, Safety Officer, Fundraising, Open to any other position

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- To help the league succeed and become better.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I feel I can do any of the positions checked above but have no problem filling in where I am needed.

Name: Tiffany Richter

Children in League: August, 11 Years old: Majors

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Lead Player Agent

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I am a proud parent of two OVLL players (one current, one past) and have been a part of OVLL in one way or another from Farm thru Majors! I love my time at the fields and welcome any chance to give back to the league that has become my family's home away from home over the last 7 years. My goal as a board member is to create a fun, rewarding and memorable baseball experience for our players and families, to continue to promote and grow our league and to set OVLL up for continued success. I look forward to sharing what I've learned over the years and collaborating on new opportunities.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I've served on the Board of Directors for 4 terms as both the Lower Division and Upper Division Player Agent. I've successfully coordinated and executed registration, tryouts, drafts and rosters for up to 400 players each season and handled all player and team verification for post-season tournaments. My attention to detail, organizational skills, and willingness to jump in where needed have been an asset to the league. My goal as Lead Player Agent for the upcoming season is to train and mentor a Lower Division Player Agent who can take over the role of Lead Player Agent after my next term.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- In addition to my official role on the board, I've helped plan and manage many special events at OVLL over the years including Opening Day ceremonies and Hit-A-Thon. I've also volunteered as team mom, scorekeeper and announcer for both regular season and post-season games. I'm an OVLL FAN thru and thru and hope to continue to serve on the board in the coming year!

Name: Sean Stowell

Children in League: Bennett and Declan, 9 Years old: Minor A

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Coaching Coordinator

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- I want to serve on the OVLL Board because OVLL has been such a positive part of our family since 2015. I believe OVLL is a beneficial organization to the kids, families and our community as a whole. This league does so many positive things from providing a place for kids to play a great sport that allows them to challenge themselves while developing worth ethic and social skills, to supporting outside organizations like Breast Cancer Angels. There is so much more to OVLL than statistics and scores and I am proud to be a part of that.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I currently serve on the OVLL Board of Directors as the Co-Coaching Coordinator, learning the nuances of the position such as helping to recruit team managers and working through the various events that arise during a long season, from minor issues concerning managers and coaches, helping to get all managers and coaches fingerprinted due to new state mandates, to providing clear communications on rules and field schedules. I have learned a tremendous amount and feel that should I be elected again to the Board, we can have a seamless transition to the 2023 season, continuing to recruit and retain coaches with a strong baseball knowledge who also do it with character.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- I am currently the Co-Coaching Coordinator and previously served as the Minor C Commissioner in 2021. I have helped at nearly all levels at OVLL, being a team manager in T-Ball and Farm, and an assistant coach in Minor C, Minor B and Minor A. I have also been a Fall Ball Manager for Minor A. Being a Commissioner and Board member has allowed me to have numerous experiences as the Officer of the Day, dealing with everything from opening and closing the fields to helping with rules, clarifications, working with various snack bar supervisors and effectively dealing with issues that may arise on any given day. Thank you for your consideration.

Name: Don Trapp

Children in League: Jacob (Jake), 8: Minor B

Current OVLL Board Member: No

Positions Interested in: Open to any position

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- Truly love OVLL baseball and would like to give back to the organization and families that we serve. It is a pleasure to help kids learn baseball and many other skills through sports that will assist them to be successful in life. Happy to help continue to improve our facility.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I would be comfortable with a few positions and willing to help where needed.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- I have been involved with OVLL since T-Ball with my son Jake, have been an assistant coach for two years and manager for Minor C and currently Minor B.

Name: Marc Wilson

Children in League: Brandt, 8 years old: Minor B; Maxwell, 5 years old: Farm

Current OVLL Board Member: Yes

Positions Interested in: Vice President, Safety Officer, Coaching Coordinator

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- OVLL has been such a place of fun and happiness for my boys over the past 5 years and I want to try to make that experience the same for every family involved in our organization. From our 12 year old Legends down to the tee-ballers just starting out, we should be focused on making OVLL a place where all involved can have a positive, successful experience. By serving on the board for another season I believe I can help us continue to grow and improve our league with that philosophy in mind. Wins and losses do matter in Little League, but just as important is creating an atmosphere that allows our pliers to look back on their experience in a positive light.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- Since my oldest son started in 2018, I have either managed or coached on every team for both of my boys. I have also spent the past 3 seasons as Cooaching Coordinator as a member of the board. Prior to that I spent 1 season as the Tee-Ball Commissioner. In that timeframe I have been able to interact with managers and coaches at all levels within our league to work together and try to give them the resources needed to be successful. If elected again, I would be happy to serve as coaching coordinator, but also believe my previous experience in that position would allow me to be successful in the vice president role as well.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- Playing Little League had a hugely positive influence in my life. It gave me some of my closest friends to this day and my hope is by being involved with OVLL I can help our current and future players have that same experience. My number 1 priority as a coach is to make sure every player has an enjoyable experience and wants to come back to play for the next season.

Name: Carrie Wood

Children in League: Nicholas, 7 years old: Minor C; Ryan, 6 years old: Farm

Current OVLL Board Member: No

Positions Interested in: Info Officer, Auxiliary Rep, Secretary

Why do you want to serve on the OVLL Board?

- OVLL is the best place to learn and love baseball! It would be my pleasure to help the league, players and community by serving on the board.

Tell us your qualifications for the position that most interests you.

- I currently hold several volunteer positions in the community at OVSD. These opportunities require organization, effective communication, problem solving and dedication, which I will bring to a board position.

Other information you would like the nominating committee to know...

- I have much appreciation for the current board members. It has been a seamless season with fun, well-planned activities. My boys are looking forward to many years at OVLL.