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The Northern California Volleyball Association (NCVA) is proud to announce the selection of **Dr. Nicole Annaloro, as its new Executive Director/Commissioner, effective October 16, 2025.**

Nicole succeeds Donna Donaghy, who has served as NCVA's Chief Executive Officer and Commissioner since 1994. Donna will continue to play a vital role within the organization as **Director of Programs and Events**, ensuring a seamless transition and continuity of leadership.

Nicole brings a distinguished background in organizational leadership, strategic planning, and program development. With a strong record of advancing athletic programs and engaging diverse stakeholders, she is uniquely positioned to lead NCVA into its next chapter of growth and innovation.

The NCVA Board of Directors conducted a comprehensive and transparent selection process that included broad outreach, candidate evaluations, and multiple rounds of interviews to identify the most qualified leader to guide the organization forward.

"I am honored to join NCVA and build upon the remarkable legacy that Donna and her team have created," said Dr. Nicole Annaloro. "Northern California has long been a powerhouse for volleyball, and I look forward to working closely with our athletes, coaches, officials, and partners to continue expanding opportunities and strengthening the sport across the region."

The NCVA Board of Directors expressed its full confidence in Nicole's leadership and vision. *"Nicole is a visionary leader whose experience, passion, and energy will elevate NCVA to new heights,"* said Diane Mazzei, Chair of the NCVA Board of Directors. *"Her appointment ensures the continued success and expansion of volleyball throughout Northern California."*

This organizational transition also celebrates the extraordinary service of Donna Donaghy, whose leadership over the past three decades has been instrumental to NCVA's success. Elected to the USA Volleyball Board of Directors in 2016 and 2020, Donna's leadership and deep love for the game have shaped NCVA into a nationally respected organization. Her new role as Director of Programs and Events will ensure her expertise and commitment remain central to NCVA's future.

Together, Nicole's forward-looking leadership and Donna's ongoing guidance ensure a seamless transition—honoring NCVA's proud history while advancing its vibrant future.