## Shane Lewis



Dear Fellow Officials,

I am Shane Lewis – a devoted father, husband, and a passionate sports official. Family is the icing on my life's cake and I cherish every moment we spend together.

My officiating journey began in 1991 in Las Vegas, starting with wrestling and evolving into football. Dreaming of officiating at the Olympics and the Super Bowl fueled my early days in the Southern Nevada Officials Association. It was here that I met incredible mentors who shaped the official I am today. In 2001, I transitioned into teaching, finding immense fulfillment in connecting with and inspiring future leaders.

My passion for officiating is as strong as ever. Every time my phone pings with an Arbiter assignment, I can't help but get excited – I genuinely love what I do. I continually set goals to improve and expand my horizons, recently adding softball and volleyball to my repertoire. The challenges and opportunities they bring are truly rewarding.

My initial goal as an official in 1991 was to officiate top-tier games, and I've achieved that by working Regional and State championships, NCAA events, and National Championships. But what makes this journey truly special are the friendships and camaraderie formed with fellow officials. Over the years, I've had the privilege of meeting exceptional officials who have played a significant role in my development. The list is long, and I'm grateful for each of them.

As I approach the latter stages of my officiating career, I hope to inspire others, just as I was

inspired in '91. My ambition and dedication towards sports officiating remain unwavering. We officials are the true backbone of all athletic events. Therefore, my next step in my officiating journey is to give back to the association that has given me so much.

Regarding the "Member at Large" position on the Board of Control, I initially felt intimidated when considering working alongside the board's accomplished members. However, after evaluating my knowledge in multiple sports, my connections with fellow officials, and the respect I've earned on the field, I've come to realize that I belong.

I understand that there are other qualified candidates running for this position, but I believe I am a strong candidate who is ready to motivate, support, and collaborate with our members in the Southern Nevada Officials Association.

Thank you for considering my application.

Warm regards, Shane Lewis