

# A Call for Candidates - Upcoming Montclair 2023 Annual Meeting



**T**he Montclair Annual Meeting is just around the corner, which is when Montclairions will vote on the annual budget and to elect four members to serve on the Board of Directors. This is an exciting time to be a Montclairion as the board is actively engaged in several projects to enhance the appeal of the community. These projects include completing the installation of new entrance and beach signs, compiling a new reserve study and five-year plan, lake dredging, and much more!

Serving your community as a board member is a rewarding experience but it can be a significant time commitment. Here is a look at the makeup of the Board, what they do, and the qualifications for prospective candidates.

## **Who is on the Board?**

The Board of Directors is comprised of 11 members, seven at-large directors and four directors elected by the members of their respective precincts.

## **What Does the Board Do?**

Serving on the board is much more than simply fulfilling a community service. It is taking on a role as a fiduciary, which means to serve all the members of the community to the highest standard of care and loyalty under the law. The board is responsible for making and enforcing policies of the association and

relies upon its officers and agents to execute those decisions.

After the community elects the directors the board will hold its own election determining the officers of the corporation for the upcoming year. The officers consist of a President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The board may also consider appointments to various committees and assign directors as board liaisons to those committees. The duties and responsibilities of each of these officer positions are detailed in article five of the MPOA Bylaws and article two of the Community Guidelines.

## **How Often Does the Board Meet?**

The board holds regularly scheduled meetings on the second Wednesday of each month to dispense with association business. There may also be a need for additional special meetings to discuss critical, time-sensitive items on occasion. Each board member serves on a quarterly rotation of various subcommittees, and these committees meet as needed. Committees of the board are further detailed in Section 3.3.4 of the Community Guidelines.

## **What are the Qualifications to Serve on the Board?**

Candidates for the board must be an association

member in good standing. Any special skills or experiences that could benefit the community are welcome. For example, experience with putting together budgets, managing or negotiating vendor contracts, or having a background in communications are all desirable. While all skills and experiences make a well-rounded and effective team, the candidate only needs to have the desire to improve Montclair with an interest in how the association is governed.

It is important to know and understand that by accepting a board position, you are accepting a real, legally binding responsibility for which there may be consequences for actions taken by the board either as a group or individually. There is no doubt it is a challenging role but knowing the impact you are making on our community is worth it!

If you think you are up for the task, please reference the Board of Directors Call for Candidates form found inside this issue or online at [www.montclairva.com](http://www.montclairva.com) and click on the "Annual Meeting" icon. The completed form, election statement, and candidate photo are due no later than January 9, 2023, please send to [residentservices@montclairva.com](mailto:residentservices@montclairva.com).

If you have any further questions about the Annual Meeting or board elections, please reach out to the Election Committee Chair Barbara Ball at 703-670-4381 or the General Manager Steven Levin at 703-670-6187.