

On Being A Board Member
Dance Like Nobody's Watching
Love Like It'll Never Hurt

Each year we are faced with encouraging homeowners to consider running for the Board of Directors. Serving on the Board can be a very rewarding experience. Following is an article that talks about serving on the Board. When we have a vacancy or invite owners to run for a position on the board, please consider your involvement!

The person who takes on the role of a community association board member is a special individual with many different motivations. These people may be public-spirited, single-minded, power-seekers or simply there because their spouses encouraged them. While several different motivating factors exist, one trait is shared by all. It's a kind of willingness to step out there and be all you can be, to borrow a phrase or two.

Take Charge As A Board Member

Sitting on the board puts you in a position of risk, power, responsibility and visibility that singles you out as a player in this world. You're willing to take risks, action and responsibility. You see the value of being a part of what's happening rather than being a bystander; a part of the silent majority. You're willing to get out on the dance floor and do your best. When you're on the dance floor you've got to move your feet. As long as you're moving your feet, you're participating and learning and contributing. You get better as the months pass and then you begin to lead. You make a mistake or two and the passage of time makes it all right. Sometimes it takes a few more ticks of the clock than other times, but then there's always the Chubb directors and officers policy to fall back on.

Take the lead and dance like nobody's watching. Feel the pleasure of working with a group of public-spirited neighbors trying to do the right thing for the community. Feel the pride and pleasure when things go right. Don't look for neighborly thank yous. The reward comes from inside. Nobody really is watching, just your comrades across the boardroom table who share the same risks and rewards as you.

Do The Right Thing

Put your full feelings into the job and do the right thing. Do that which will allow you so sleep at night. You're Solomon, Judge Ito and Andrew Jackson. They'll love you or hate you regardless of how careful you tread, so make your decisions and go forward. Recognize that this temporary situation in which you find yourself is a unique opportunity to significantly impact your community's lifestyle, your neighbor's well-being and, most importantly, your own sense of self-esteem and self worth. Don't leave anything on the table. Don't look back with "shoulda, coulda, woulda." Do what you believe is best and live with the consequences. You'll be right most of the time, and the miscues will resolve themselves. Love like it'll never hurt.