

SRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS INFORMATION

Each November, at the SRA General Membership Meeting, elections are held for the Board of Directors. There are 9 positions on the Board, 4 officers and 5 at-large. Officer elections are staggered every other year (President and Secretary in odd years, Vice President and Treasurer in even years) as to ensure continuity for corporate officers. Serving on the Board is a two year term, and per SRA by-laws, there is a 6 year term limit for consecutive terms. It is a voluntary way to serve SRA and help ensure the facility remains a cherished and high quality asset.

Please contact SRA President Brian Berry at president@stratfordrec.org to learn more or if you are interested in running for the Board. **This year, we will offer to meet with and interview all candidates for the Board to ensure candidates are aware of the responsibilities, expectations and needs of all Board members prior to considering a run for election. It would be unfair to SRA and the BOD, and to you, if you don't fully appreciate and fulfill expectations when joining the Board.**

1. Board members meet for a BOD meeting once per month (every third Tuesday) all year. The meeting runs for 1 – 2 hours. The by-laws state that BOD members cannot miss more than 2 BOD meetings during their term, otherwise the BOD can elect to replace the Board member. This has NOT happened in a very long time if ever.
2. Serving on the Board is not about showing up to a 1x monthly meeting and simply discussing matters and voting. Board members put in sweat equity and work. So please ask yourself, are you prepared for that? For example:
 - a. At-Large members sometimes chair committees: Social Committee, Grounds Committee, special committees like Construction Committee, Parking Lot Committee. If you find yourself without a set of responsibilities, discuss with SRA president what you can take on.
 - b. Directors might also volunteer in other capacities: overseeing the demo and re-build of the new water slide (2023), replacing the playground (2020), resurfacing the tennis courts (2022), long-term capital improvements and financial projects planning, serving a coordinator and liaison between the various team reps (swim, dive, tennis), and more.
3. If there is a need at SRA – procuring a new shed for the pool cover during season, ordering new furniture, installing the new teams records board, installing new fence guards, installing new tennis court nets or volleyball nets, assembling the new picnic tables, buying new BBQ grills, purchasing and installing fans or pavilion speakers, etc., it is usually a Board Member or a team of Board Members who either do this work themselves, or assemble a team to do it or lead the effort to identify a solution.

This is how a co-op operates. Board Members should expect to put in a lot of time during their term on the Board. If you have long hour work obligations, small children or other kids' obligations that will make it difficult to truly dedicate the time and work needed on the Board, it may be best to wait until you have the time to commit. There are other ways to volunteer in smaller capacities that are still very helpful and valuable to SRA. Each Board member is expected to step up and "own" and lead various responsibilities.

Much of the Board's leadership is intentionally behind-the-scenes, as we also don't want Board members to worry about having to enforce rules and regulations all the time. There should never be a need for Board Members to "police" the facility when enjoying it for their own use. We have an operations contractor and managers hired by SRA to handle that work, at the direction of the SRA President and Vice President.

We need a strong Board. Are you ready? We hope so. SRA is the premier, and arguably the nicest private recreation association in 22308 since our full facility renovation that started in 2017. This is entirely because of Board-level leadership. SRA's membership is filled with many "get-after-it" and "roll up your sleeves" kind of people. Are you one of them? If so, please consider running for the Board of Directors.