

2018 OPA Search Committee Report

Section I. 2018 Committee Members and Status of Terms

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date appointed</u>	<u>On Term</u>
Ken Koroknay (Chair)	October 2017	2
Cathy Gallagher	November 2017	2
Tom Piatti	October 2017	2
Peggy Turner	November 2017	2

Section II. Summary of Major Activities during Reporting Period

The OP Search Committee was tasked with stimulating interest in the Board of Directors election, soliciting candidates from a broad spectrum of the OP membership and providing information and assisting potential candidates with the application process. The 2018 Search Committee goal was to find a minimum of five candidates for the three open director seats. The Committee began activities as follows:

1. The initial strategy meeting was held on Friday, February 16, 2018, at 3:30 in the Admin Bldg. All members were in attendance including Committee Liaison Doug Parks. It was noted that the Committee recognized that it has only four (of five required) members at this time and efforts continue to identify an additional member; however, the Committee was confident it could meet its objectives with only four members.
2. Advertising: There was a substantial effort to advertise this year's Candidate search. Denise Sawyer, OPA Marketing and Public Relations Director, placed notices in local newspapers, OP weekly email blasts, the Winter edition of the Ocean Pines Report and on parkway marquees inviting candidates to apply. The Committee drafted a similar article with our contact information (name, email address and phone number) which was published by Josh Davis, Associate Editor Bayside Gazette, on May 4.

Earlier on March 15, Josh Davis published an article concerning the search for BOD Candidates and the Search Committee operating reforms that were recommended to the Board. Later, on May 3, Josh Davis published an article detailing the activities of the Candidate Informational Meeting that was held the evening of April 26 in the Community Center. He also re-stated in his article the means in which to submit a Candidate application.

3. Committee members directly contacted numerous residents to solicit their interest in being a candidate or to provide a recommendation of a resident that the Committee should contract to be a candidate.

4. A notice to invite candidates was emailed to every OPA Advisory Committee chairman to pass on to their committee members.

5. A second Committee meeting was held on March 9, at 3:30 in the Admin Bldg. The Committee discussed their solicitation activities and subsequent results. Denise Sawyer and Josh Davis attended this meeting and we reviewed the timeline of tasks for advertising, solicitation and a date for the Candidate Information Meeting which took place on April 26.

6. The Search Committee conducted a Candidate Information Meeting on the evening of April 26 in the Community Center. Doug Parks attended along with representatives from the Elections Committee. Copies of OPA Election Governing Documents and Candidate Application Forms were made available. There was an informal roundtable discussion and a question and answer period. Although attendance was light, it should be noted that future candidates Mark Mitchell and Paula Gray attended.

7. A third Committee meeting was held on May 6 at 3:30 in the Admin Bldg. to discuss ongoing activities and to coordinate the handover of Candidate Applications to Secretary Horn on May 11.

8. **Last Meeting Minutes and Final Report:** A final meeting was held on May 11, 3:30, Admin Bldg. Michelle Bennett, OPA Executive Assistant, handed a folder of ten Candidate Applications to Acting Chairman Tom Piatti. The Committee recorded the names for our report and handed the applications to Secretary Horn who has the responsibility to qualify each applicant.

Ten residents submitted an application for the 2018 OP Board of Directors election as follows:

Name

Frank Daly

Esther Diller

Paula Gray

Brett Hill

Arie Klapholz

Mark Mitchell

Ted Moroney

Steve Tuttle

Gregory Turner

Scott Wagner

Section III. Problems Encountered and Assistance Required

The Search Committee did not encounter any problems this year in soliciting the community for potential OPA Director Candidates.

Section IV. Request for Items to be considered for Inclusion in the Next OPA Budget. Chairpersons Should Consider Impacts on Their Committees Relating to the OPA Comprehensive Plan.

No budget item is requested by the 2018 Search Committee.

Section V. Recommendations for Board Action

None