

2022 OPA Search Committee (SC) Report

Section I. 2022 Committee Members and Status of Terms

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date appointed</u>	<u>On Term</u>	<u>If Reappointed, Term Ends</u>
Tom Piatti (Chair)	24 March 2021	2	23 Feb 2024
Andie Davis	24 March 2021	2	23 Feb 2024
Sherrie Clifford	23 March 2022	1	23 Mar 2025
Michelle Stewart	23 March 2022	1	23 Mar 2025

Section II. Summary of Major Activities during Reporting Period

The SC is tasked with stimulating interest in the Board of Directors election, soliciting candidates from a broad spectrum of the OP membership, providing information and assisting potential candidates with the application process. The 2022 Search Committee goal was to find a minimum of five candidates for three open Director seats. The Committee began activities as follows:

1. Communications: Most SC activities were conducted via email, with the first emails in February to solicit additional SC members, and later, emails directed to coordinate SC needs with staff - Josh Davis, OP Marketing and Public Relations Director, for public announcements/virtual meetings and with Senior Executive Officer Manager Linda Martin for administrative support, such as where applications can be obtained and submitted. Throughout the process, email or telephone exchanges occurred between SC members and those making inquiries. Whether or not a Candidate Application was emailed to the SC, email acknowledgement confirmed receipt of every candidate application to the applicant.

2. Advertising: As in the past, Josh Davis coordinated the placement of notices on multiple "official" OP FaceBook sites, local newspapers, OP weekly email blasts and the Spring edition of the Ocean Pines Report. Articles with SC contact information were published in several editions of The Dispatch, Bayside Gazette, Ocean Pines Progress, OC Today and The Courier.

3. Social Media: SC members posted notifications and answered inquires on several privately managed local FaceBook **Group** sites, such as Ocean Pines News & Info, Ocean Pines ~ Get Involved, Ocean Pines Residents Oversight Community, besides OceanPinesForum.com. Notifications were also posted on several Facebook **Page** sites, such as the OP Yacht Club, OP Chamber of Commerce and OP Neighbors, besides the APP site Nextdoor Neighbor. The SC personally contacted numerous residents to solicit their interest in being a candidate or to provide a recommendation of a resident that the SC could contact to be a candidate.

4. Virtual Roundtable: On April 28, the SC hosted a virtual, informal Roundtable Session via Microsoft Teams. The session provided an opportunity for potential candidates to ask questions and receive answers about Board member responsibilities and commitments. Two Board members participated in the hour-long event and fielded many questions and comments. This was a successful endeavor which garnered 84 YouTube views, along with positive feedback from participants.

5. Ms. Andie Davis sent an email solicitation notice to each OPA Advisory Committee chairman to pass on to their committee members.

6. Six Candidate Applications were provided to Secretary Farr. Those residents who applied are:

Name

Paula Gray

Stephen Jacobs

Stuart Lakernick

Amy Peck

Monica Rakowski

Josette Wheatley

Section III. Problems Encountered and Assistance Required

The revision of the Candidate Application during the application process caused some delay, but we kept on top of the issue. No assistance is required.

**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.**

None.

Section V. Recommendations for Board Action

1. There are none since the 2022 approval of the Resolution to change Section 5.02(b) of the Bylaws for the SC appointment date, number of SC members and acquisition of two more candidates than vacancies.

Thomas Piatti

Search Committee Chairman