

Hi Neighbors,

Three months ago the Board had to make the decision about whether to hold a physical or a virtual annual meeting. Three months ago we didn't know that everyone who wanted to be vaccinated would be and that we could gather in person without risking our own or our loved ones' health. So three months ago we made the hard decision to keep the 2021 meeting virtual, as we had done in 2020 under President John Fortuna's leadership.

We hope that soon neighbors will begin to gather together again for BBQs, movie nights, cocktail parties, and horseshoes! We have all missed our SWS2 friends and we look forward to a return of community events that help us build new friendships.

In the meantime, welcome to our 2nd virtual annual meeting!

President's Report

The Board has approved the minutes from last year's annual meeting and the budget for this year. Both are attached. If you have any questions, please contact any Board member.

Our community has a number of new faces this year, and some familiar faces in new homes. It was an active real estate year in Lake Anna in general as people sought the beauty, fun, and peace of a lake home in the midst of the pandemic. This year we welcomed the following new neighbors: Michael and Sarah Barker and their children Sadie and Ethan; Alan and Debbie Smith; Gary and Debbie Grantz; Rob and Vicki Frye; Steve and Diane Stegner and their children Jared and Kile; and Ryan and Rachel Cage and their children David, Isabella, and Lucie; and Bonnie Styles and Brian Charles.

I think that's a record for new neighbors in a single year at SWS2! Welcome all!

This year two of our neighbors moved within the community: Tim Briggs moved from on-water to off-water when he purchased the Hargis house and George and Mona Tsoukleris moved from off-water to on-water when they purchased the Chandlee house. There is lots to love about SWS2 whether you are on or off water!

During this past year, we launched our new community newsletter, *Community Matters*. We produced four editions: Independence Day, Labor Day, MLK Day, and Memorial Day. I hope that you found it informative, useful, and fun. I am putting down my pen as I rotate off the Board, so if anyone can support the new Board in putting out the newsletter, please contact them. I have a Word template and would be happy to show you what to do.

I want to thank my fellow Board members who have served diligently and effectively in pursuit of the interests of our community this past year. Vice President Mark Starkey successfully transferred his financial duties to the new Treasurer and then used his contracting expertise to help us find good value contracts for several SWS2 maintenance projects. He also delivered welcome baskets to new neighbors! Treasurer Tom Ronksley very quickly got up to speed on the financials and soon had our money earning more and our financial reports as clean and clear as they've ever been. Environmental Chair George Tsoukleris coordinated property owner requests for architectural review and took care of a lot of the common area maintenance items to keep our community beautiful. Secretary Teresa Jescovitch has the gift of organization and performed her Board work with diligence; more importantly, she always kept the good of our community at the forefront of our discussions.

Please note that voting on the three positions for the 2021-2022 Board will close at 1 pm on Saturday, June 12. For information about the voting process, see my email sent from Teresa Jescovitch (boatnbooks@yahoo.com) on May 23 at 6:07 pm. If you need another copy, contact Teresa.

I am retiring from the Board after six years as Treasurer then one year as Vice President and one as President. It was an honor and a privilege to serve the community in these roles. It was also fun and engaging and fulfilling. I got to know my fellow Board members more deeply and I learned a lot about our community, our neighbors, and how we have chosen to self-govern. And that was why it was fulfilling—because I contributed to our common good by being part of the self-governance process. If you haven't yet had the opportunity to serve on the Board, I hope you will consider running. Our community needs your perspective and your skills.

See you at a community event soon!

Sharon Boivin