



Jean Nelson
Board of Directors - Candidate Questionnaire – 2025

1. What is your motivation for running for the Board of Directors?

As I have become involved through the Food and Beverage Committee and attending Board meetings, I have found a strong desire to be a part of ensuring that we maintain our reputation as one of the most beautiful and current communities in our area. Our current Board is forward thinking and wants to ensure that we're financially sound. I believe in that and hope to be a part of working toward that goal.

2. What do you consider to be the primary functions of the Board of Directors?

To manage, maintain, and improve the amenities and assets of SLHOA2 and also to ensure that our capital reserves are sufficient to support the changing needs of our community.

3. Have you ever served as a member of a Board of Directors? Where, when, and for what organizations?

While living in western Nebraska, during the years of 1996 through 2013, I served on the Board of Habitat for Humanity, the Carnegie Arts Center and the local Salvation Army.

4. What personal characteristics / skills do you possess that you feel will enhance the performance of the Board?

First of all, I am not a "joiner". If I have a desire to be part of something, I will be fully invested and be a part of the team to advance our goals. I have a business degree with experience in running my husband's business and as a supervisor of the retail and lending staff at the bank I worked at.

5. What is your professional and educational background?

I have a Business Education degree from Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota. I taught business classes at a high school in South Dakota for 5 years. I worked for First National bank of Omaha in Alliance, Nebraska for 30 years where I served as Vice President of Retail. I spent 10 of those years as a mortgage lender.

6. What association amenities do you use?

I play golf regularly at both Cottonwood and Palo Verde, I attend numerous TAD shows, wine dinners, New Year parties, the library, card rooms, the fitness center, and both restaurants on a very, very regular basis.

7. List any Association committees on which you have served.

I am a member of the Food and Beverage Committee and am in my second term. I have served as Chairman of that committee for almost 2 years.

8. How many Board Meetings have you attended in the last year?

I have attended 11 of the last 12 meetings.

9. Provide a BIO of 100 words or less suitable for publication.

I have a BS degree in education from Northern State University. After teaching high school business classes for five years, my husband and I moved to Alliance, Nebraska in 1979. I maintained the books for our electric motor business until going to work for First National Bank of Omaha. During my 30 years there, I worked as a mortgage lender/originator and Vice President of retail operations. I served on the Habitat for Humanity Board and worked with the Salvation Army. We have lived in Sun Lakes for 10 years. I served as President of Cottonwood Lady Niners for 2 years.