

## **Board of Directors - Candidate Questionnaire - 2023**

### **Candidate – Martin Neilson**

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

I believe we must all contribute to our communities. The quality of life and venues here are unparalleled and I would like to help perpetuate that success going forward.

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

The Board of Directors has the responsibility to conduct the affairs of the HOA in accordance with governing documents and directs the actions administered by the General Manager.

**3. Have you ever served as a member of a board of directors? Where, when and for what organizations?**

Yes.

Former Director and Board Member, King County Library Foundation 1992-1995 Seattle  
Former Board Member Museum of History and Industry 1995-1998 Seattle  
Former Board Member. Consumer Credit Counseling 1992-4 Washington DC  
Former Board positions with HOAs and the Greater Sun Lakes Community Foundation

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

I am experienced at Senior Management leadership. I believe strongly in team work and achieving results with effective communication.

**5. What is your profession and educational background?**

I went to the University of Washington in 1964-5. I joined the USAF from 1965-69 with an honorable discharge. Later in 1988, I graduated from Pacific Coast Banking School administered by the University of Washington Business Graduate School, and in 1988 was invited to attend and complete the Stanford Executive Program

I started with Seafirst Bank in 1971 and rose to Executive Vice President in 1988. After Bank of America acquired Seafirst, I stayed with Bank of America as an Executive Vice President until retiring in 2001. My management responsibilities included Credit Card Operations, Private Banking, Home Equity Lending, Loan Servicing and Dealer Banking. I was a member of the Senior Credit Committee and member of Bank of America's Key 200 Executives program worldwide.

After retirement from Bank of America, I joined Paccar, Manufacturer of Peterbilt, Kenworth, and DAF trucks world wide. I was their Director of Credit and later Director of Dealer Performance. I retired a second time at age 63 in 2008.

**6. What association amenities do you use?**

Joy and I are very active socially in the community at both venues. I am a member of the Palo Verde Mens Club and play golf regularly, but not well.

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

Food and Beverage 8 years as Chair. Served on the Task Force to redesign the Cottonwood Restaurant.

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

Nine

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

Joy and I purchased a home in Cottonwood 15 years ago and now have a home in Palo Verde. We enjoy our community and the entertainment and camaraderie it provides are of great value to us.

I spent 38 years in various management positions at Seattle First National Bank and Bank of America. I have experience in leadership and problem solving.

I believe our HOA managed in a responsible, professional manner. I can and would like to help perpetuate that and help deal with the many challenges in our future.