

2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

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WORK BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE:

Before moving to Lake Monticello in 2003, I taught middle school and high school science in Ohio and New York as well as part time for New York State Education Department. Since moving here, I have been Education Manager for the Rivanna Conservation Society and am currently Education Assistant for the Thomas Jefferson Soil and Water Conservation District.

LAKE MONTICELLO OWNERS' ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATION:

- Member of Storm Water Management Committee since 2004, chair since 2005
- Member of Lake Preservation Committee from 2005 to 2007
- Main writer of Chesapeake Bay Small Watershed grant for \$63,000 for stream restoration received in 2005
- Founder and original chair of the Lake Health Education Group, current member; writing flyers, stream restoration booklet, organizing workshops, education at board meetings, television interviews
- Volunteer at various July fourth celebrations, Oktoberfests, and "Love Your Lake Day"

OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

- 4H Junior Naturalist Club leader in 2009, 2010- present
- Master Naturalist volunteering at Ag Day for Fluvanna fourth graders, instructing at Blue Ridge Governor's School for Fluvanna County
- Virginia Master Naturalist volunteer at numerous events and officer in the Rivanna Chapter since it began in 2006
- Sunday School and VBS teacher at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville
- Volunteer for Albemarle County 4H activities, Rivanna Conservation Society, Albemarle-Charlottesville Historical Society and International Students Incorporated

WHAT IS YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE AND DUTIES OF THE LMOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

The Board of Directors as a whole steers the ship of the Association. It oversees the budget and spending, personnel issues, goals and objectives, and work of the committees. It approves long range plans and short term plans. It provides a forum for community input and provides for the welfare of the community as a whole. Individual members of the Board provide listening ears and insights, but the Board acts as a whole. The Board should delegate work to the staff, but not micromanage the work of the staff.

Directors should carefully study the issues before them, reading materials given to them carefully prior to a meeting, and asking appropriate questions of staff and volunteers involved before the meeting so as to vote on the issues in an informed manner. They should make every effort to develop team spirit with each other, staff and members of the community. They should weigh the interests of all residents, from retirees to newborns. Cooperating with committees, staff and each other, they should reach compromises which provide the greatest overall good of the community. They should also be sure the resources, including funds, are managed for the best good of the LMOA members.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO SERVE ON THE LMOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS?

I have served the Lake Monticello Community in a number of ways since I first moved here. I would like to be sure our dues are used as the voters intended them to be used and used with discretion. I also would like a larger platform to encourage more community spirit at Lake Monticello. There are wonderful volunteers here doing great things for the community and I would like to see them appreciated. I have also worked one on one with many of the staff and seen them putting forth great effort to do the best they can for our community; I seek to encourage them. I have worked on environmental issues since we moved here, so maintaining a clean and healthy lake is very important to me. As a long-time educator, mom and grandmother, I love children and would like to see more emphasis on our activities for kids.

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH FOR THE COMMUNITY WHILE SERVING ON THE BOARD?

While I am on the Board of Directors, I will work toward:

- Cooperation and team spirit at the Directors' meetings
- Careful and appropriate expenditure of LMOA resources
- Children's activities emphasized and widely advertised
- Clean and healthy lake water
- Clean and well maintained buildings, roads and grounds
- Communication of issues in timely, understandable and concise ways
- Consistent recognition of the people in our community who are doing good things
- Committee vacancies filled by more volunteers

IF ELECTED TO THE BOARD, ARE YOU WILLING TO KEEP THE CONFIDENCE OF THE BOARD RELATING TO ISSUES OF CONFIDENTIALITY IF AND WHEN NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE ASSOCIATION? Yes

SERVICE AS A DIRECTOR REQUIRES A SIGNIFICANT TIME COMMITMENT. ARE YOU WILLING AND ABLE TO MAKE THIS COMMITMENT? Yes

DO YOU HAVE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST THAT MAY BE RELATIVE TO THE ASSOCIATION? No