

# 2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHICAL STATEMENT

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### WORK BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE:

I received a BA from Randolph-Macon Woman's College and a Masters in Library Science from the University of Maryland.

Work experience:

- President of the LMOA Board of Directors 2008 to 2010, worked with Board members, staff, committees and residents to provide good governance to this community. I worked with a residents group to put in place a dues increase so the community could be maintained with dues and so that investment income could be saved for large expenses. I represented LMOA's interests during Aqua Virginia's rate increase hearing by drafting comments for the Board and residents to use and by attending the State Corporation Commission's hearing in Richmond. Also represented the LMOA Board and residents in expressing our concerns to the Fluvanna County Board of Supervisors about the proposed location of the water pipeline on Route 600. During my time as LMOA President, we approved a new waste management contract and outsourced food service operations for the Eagles Nest and the pool snack bar. Those 3 actions saved the community a significant amount of money.
- Managed libraries in the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund for twenty-one years. Managed a large purchasing section buying information services worldwide in 100-plus currencies. Planned and implemented budgets, and managed staff. Coordinated services within a network of fourteen libraries. Used input from customers to improve and focus on efficient and effective services, incorporating new technologies as available.
- Managed a World Bank technology support center.
- Project manager for training four thousand people worldwide for a large software implementation for the World Bank, coordinating customer needs with an outside vendor and the development of materials within a limited budget.
- Became familiar with laws and regulations while monitoring legislation and federal agency actions for a financial trade association.

### LAKE MONTICELLO OWNERS' ASSOCIATION PARTICIPATION:

LMOA Board member 2007 to 2010; Board President 2008 to 2010.

Member of Solicitation and Contracts Review Committee 2005 to 2007 and 2010 to present; chair 2006 to 2007.

Member of Lake Health Education Group which has produced brochures about maintaining the health of the lake.

### OTHER COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES:

As a parent, I worked with an advisory committee to the Arlington County School Board. Active in Beautification Corps including co-chair of the 2005 garden tour and worked on the Lake telephone book.

Fluvanna County Leadership Development Course 2010-2011.

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

The LMOA Board of Directors is the governing body for the Association. Directors approve policies, rules and regulations necessary for Lake Monticello's proper operation, administration and governance. The Board can declare an emergency if it judges that appropriate and can make temporary rules to deal with the situation.

The Board has an obligation to make its policies and actions as transparent to residents as possible. The Board should represent the community before other bodies as appropriate.

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

I have a strong belief in giving back to the community in which I live, and am dedicated to continuing the improvement of the community.

With almost half of the Board being replaced this June, I believe that my past experience on the Board can be helpful to the community.

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

My goals:

1. Build consensus within the Board, bringing in viewpoints from a variety of residents.
2. Encourage greater participation by Board members in budget preparation so that there is a greater understanding of the budget before it is approved.
3. Ensure the continued viability of the community by making the Lake an even more attractive place for a wide variety of people to live.

**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