

## **Friday E-blast – November 26<sup>th</sup>**

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

Thanks to everyone who voted in the recent RECOA election! At the end of the Annual Meeting we announced that 862 votes had been cast, with 611 for candidate Robert Sharpe and 245 for candidate Leslie Brown. We welcome Mr. Sharpe to the Board and thank Ms. Brown for her three years of service.

The IRS resolution passed with 764 votes in favor.

At the limited Board meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting the slate of officers elected is as follows: Janet Skaggs, President; Robert Sharpe, Vice President; John Leszar, Treasurer; and Linda Ficere, Secretary. There were also four motions passed unanimously. Draft minutes will be posted next week.

### **GETTING ORGANIZED**

There's always much for a new Board to do and we plan to keep you informed along the way as we get organized. In the next two weeks we will work on getting information posted to the RECOA web site, review pending activities, reach out to Committee Chairs, and explore ways to keep all Board members involved in RECOA work.

### **NEXT BOARD MEETING**

The next Limited Agenda Board meeting will be via Zoom on December 16th, beginning at 10 am. Much of what we do will involve "housekeeping" tasks like assigning Board members to committees, approving volunteers for committees, approving future Board meeting dates, etc. The meeting Zoom link is posted on the RECOA website calendar.

### **FEMA GRANT FOR WILDFIRE MANAGEMENT MEETING**

We are hoping to schedule a Special Board meeting via Zoom on Friday, December 10th, 10 am - noon with Deschutes County Forester Ed Keith. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the FEMA grant being offered to RECOA for Board approval.

Much information has been provided to owners about this program which involves tree thinning on golf course property and above West Ridge.

The FEMA grant is a unique opportunity to apply federal money to our defensible space program which has been meticulously developed over the years in coordination with fire professionals from the City, County, and State.

Without this program RECOA would have NO SAY in the removal of trees on golf course property, which is owned by Eagle Crest Resort. By working with the Resort and applying sound principles for fire management we will greatly improve fire safety for homes bordering these areas and for our community overall.

At the last Board meeting we talked about ways to keep everyone informed. This past year we met with owners, walked the areas under review, and addressed a variety of concerns. If you would like to know more please review the information available on the Community Wildfire Protection (CWP) Committee page of the RECOA web site and contact CWP at [cwp@ridgeowners.org](mailto:cwp@ridgeowners.org) if you have questions..

### **WORKING FOR CHANGE**

The results of the RECOA election confirm that those owners who voted want things to be different on the RECOA Board. With that in mind we are looking at ways to organize activities more efficiently and to improve communication with owners and among Board members.

Change isn't easy. It takes time and often comes in small steps. Trust needs to be built, and actions must follow words. We appreciate this opportunity and welcome owner feedback. If you wish to contact us, you will find names and contact information for all Board members on the RECOA website.

Thank you for this opportunity and Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

**Janet**

Janet Skaggs  
RECOA President