

HIDDEN SPRINGS PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION BOARD OF DIRECTOR ANNUAL ELECTION

Please refer to the “Bylaws of Salado Hidden Springs Property Owners Association, A Nonprofit Corporation” for complete information regarding:

Section 3-*Meeting of Members*,

Section 6-*Board of Directors and Architectural Control Committee Nomination and Election*,

Section 8-*Board of Directors – Powers and Duties*, and

Section 9-*Officers and Their Duties*.

Information from these sections is only provided in this document in abbreviated form, to be used as general guidance for those considering nominating a fellow Hidden Springs (HS) Property Owner or want to have their own name added to the ballot. References to the above sections have been noted.

The election of two (2) new Board Directors, each for a three (3) year term, will take place on Saturday, October 14, 2023 (Sec. 3:1) via signed ballot, which can be submitted in person or as proxy/absentee ballot (Sec. 3:5, Sec. 6:2). To elect Directors, a quorum of twenty percent (20%) of property owners is required (in-person + proxy + absentee ballots) (Sec. 3:5).

Names of all eligible owners who request to be on the ballot must be put on the ballot and declare their intent no later than thirty (30) days prior to the annual meeting (Sec. 6:1). However, the current Board of Directors would like to minimize postage expenditures to be able to include a *tentative ballot* and information about the candidates approximately six (6) weeks prior to the meeting. Doing this gives Property Owners additional time to consider their vote. A *final ballot* with all names received prior to the thirty-day deadline will be available at the Annual Meeting and/or via email to those Property Owners who have given an email address to the current Board.

All Property Owners: to receive the latest Board information via email, please contact the board at **HiddenSpringsPOA@gmail.com** and note it is fine to contact you via email. Emails will be infrequent and all emails are sent “blind” so your email is NOT shared. There will still be occasional mailed items.

A *tentative ballot* and the nominee information will be mailed to HS Property Owners at the end of August 2023, to be included with the mailing of the annual HSPOA Maintenance Charge invoice.

Those considering election to the Board of Directors are urged to read, at a minimum, the Bylaws of HSPOA: Section 8-*Board of Directors – Powers and Duties* and Section 9-*Officers and Their Duties* to have a better understanding of the requirements of a Director/Officer. Potential candidates should read the Bylaws in their entirety as well as the HS *Declarations of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions Hidden Springs Section 1 and Section 2* as well as all amendments. These documents are on the HSPOA website: **HiddenSpringsSalado.com** under the heading *Covenants & Restrictions*. Texas Property Code Chapters 202 and 209 can be found online via Texas.gov.

Once Property Owners have elected new Directors, the new Board of Directors shall meet in a brief, closed session to elect the offices of President, 1st and 2nd Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary (Sec. 9:2). Duties (abbreviated) of the Officers (Sec. 9:6 for full citation):

President – preside at meetings, sign contracts, signatory authority for banking (Sec. 9:6:1)

1st VP – presides in matters of Maintenance and Contracts (Sec. 9:6:2)

2nd VP – presides over matters of Compliance (Sec. 9:6:3)

Secretary – records votes, meeting minutes, record keeping of HSPOA, website updates (Sec. 9:6:4)

Treasurer – receives/deposits fund, pays bills, financial record keeping, annual budget (Sec. 9:6:4)

Candidates for the Board of Directors are encouraged, though not required, to give a brief response to the following questions as their biographical/informational piece. The responses will then be listed underneath each question so Property Owners can easily see the various points of view/experience in comparison. Candidates will be listed in alphabetical order. Those who do not wish to respond to the questions may write a brief statement of introduction, which will be added after the question/answers section.

1. Please summarize past board or officer experience(s) you've had with other organizations. If none, then note any pertinent experience that lends itself to being a Director.
2. What do you like most and least about living in Hidden Springs?
3. How would you categorize your familiarity with and willingness to gain knowledge of, the Hidden Springs *Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions* (including amendments), *Bylaws*, Texas Property Code (specifically Chapters 202 & 209)?
4. If elected, what (if anything) would you like to change or do differently? And, what are your top priorities for the HSPOA community?
5. If there is anything else the community needs to know about you that will help them to know you are the right person to be a Director, please briefly add it here.

**Please return your replies to the questions or your statement of introduction to:
HiddenSpringsPOA@gmail.com
by Friday, August 22, 2023 at 1700 (5pm)
so your information and name can be included in the late-August mailing of the
tentative ballot and candidate informational pages.**

Depending on the number of candidates and the length of their responses, gentle editing may be required in order to condense the information enough to keep mailing costs in check. If you include your email and/or phone number to assist us in any needed editing, that would be most helpful. Do try to be succinct yet thorough in your answers. Thank you in advance for helping the Board to be good stewards of the HSPOA funds.

If there are any questions about being a possible candidate for the Hidden Springs Board of Directors, feel free to contact the current Board at: **HiddenSpringsPOA@gmail.com**. We are more than willing and very happy to address any questions or concerns about participating!