



# TELL-E-GRAM

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**\*The August Board Workshop has been CANCELLED**

## POA Board Elections: Be an informed voter

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On many occasions, I have stated that time is “flying by” and that the future is upon us. I know you think this year’s Board is just settling in, but I must remind you that our POA Board elections for 2018 are just around the corner. We, the POA Board, hope that you all will get involved in this year’s election: either as a candidate, a supporter, or as a diligent voter. With Alan Hart’s (current Board member) permission, I have included a message he sent to Villagers last year. I think he covered all the salient points in an exemplarily manner.

Alan wrote:

“The governance of Tellico Village is the responsibility of the Property Owner Association Board of Directors. Initially, the majority of the Board members were part of the Developer Company, Cooper Communities Incorporated, as they held a significant block of votes. The early Board’s main mission was to launch Tellico Village by selling lots, building the community infrastructure and amenities such as the Yacht Club and Toqua Golf Course. Over time as the developer votes decreased, membership on the Board became the representation of the Property Owners themselves. Property Owners who are elected and serve on the Board volunteer their time to help set the future direction for the Village and to oversee maintaining its properties and financial strength.

The election process for members of the Board of Directors is presented in the By-Laws of the Board. Elections are held each year for three-year terms. There are seven members of the Board so that two seats come open each year for two years and then three seats come open in the third year as in 2016. The only qualifications required of any candidate are that they must provide a supporting petition signed by 25 Property Owners in good standing, and they must fill in a series of questions. Answers to those questions are used by the POA to introduce the candidates and their qualifications to the entire Property Owner population to help them during the election process with their selections through various communications.

The voting process takes place in November over approximately a two-week period and is managed by an outside service to keep results confidential until the end of the voting period. Voting can be done either digitally or by paper copy, if desired. The winners are announced prior to Thanksgiving and are then installed on the Board in late December to start their three-year term.

Most of the Board of Directors bring significant Village experience to their post through activities such as Department Advisory and ad hoc committees and from attending many of the meetings that are held concerning important topics to the Village. Those experiences are very helpful in understanding the complexity of the operations in the Village. The POA Board acts like a municipal government with a town manager, in our case a general manager, who reports to the Board.

Over the years, the POA Board has developed a list of responsibilities for their members. Rather than give an exhaustive list, some of the major tasks are given to show the range of responsibilities that are required. Board members must:

- o Exercise all corporate, fiduciary, and legal powers to manage and direct the affairs of the Village.
- o Develop strategic direction and follow the Vision, Mission, Core Values and Guiding Principles.
- o Develop annual goals and objectives and monitor performance.
- o Hire, direct and review performance of the General Manager.
- o Finalize and approve Budgets, Five Year plans, annual assessments and fees.
- o Appoint all members of the committees of the POA.
- o Serve as a "court of appeal" for POA-member disputes and appeals of ACC decisions.
- o Communicate to all members.
- o Instill a culture of Continuous Improvement throughout the whole structure of Tellico Village.

It is also important to note that the POA Board of Directors does not have day-to-day management responsibility of personnel as that is done by the General Manager, who reports to the Board, and his staff. It is also important that Property Owners understand that the POA Board is responsible to all of the Property Owners of Tellico Village, resident and non-resident alike.

We are fortunate to have had more than 50 different individuals serving on the POA Board of Directors since the Village's creation. Each has contributed in his or her own way for the betterment of life here in Tellico Village. They are one major reason that we can say It's better at Tellico Village."

This year, two seats will be up for election. With the recent By-Law change, they cannot be filled by either of the incumbents as they have met their two-consecutive term-limit. We hope there will be a lot of interest in these seats and hope that all of you will be active Villagers...and VOTE!

# UPCOMING Board Election Dates

## **August 1, 2017**

TVPOA will start accepting applications for the Board position openings.

## **September 8, 2017**

Last day for applications, petitions, and resumes to be submitted (TVPOA office must receive candidate information by 3:00 p.m.) Potential candidates are requested to provide a brief biography with current photo; this information will be included with the election mailing and notifications to The Connection.

## **October 13, 2017**

Reports to determine voter eligibility will be generated based on property owner records as of 12:00 noon on this date (or following business day).

## **October 26, 2017**

All election materials to be mailed on this date (or the following business day) as stated in the election rules.

## **October 29, 2017**

Election officially opens on VoteNet or by Paper Ballot at 12:01 a.m.

## **November 16, 2017**

Ballots (Electronic and Paper) must be received by VoteNet by 12:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Polls CLOSE at noon.

## **November 17, 2017**

Official announcement of election results begins at 2:00 p.m. Election committee sends report of election results to Board of Directors for certification.

## **December 20, 2017**

December Board Meeting – Certification of Election Results and Announcement of new Board members.

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## Board Applications

To pick up a Board of Directors application please contact  
Mitzi Lane  
Continuous Improvement and Special Projects Manager  
TVPOA General Manager's Office  
mlane@tvpoa.org  
Direct Line 865-408-2619

**There are 2 open seats on the Board for 2018.**

•Board applications must be turned in by 3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 8, 2017.

## POA Committee Applications Available Now

Committee Application packets are now available at the POA offices by contacting Mitzi Lane at [mlane@tvpoa.org](mailto:mlane@tvpoa.org) or calling 865-458-5408, ext. 4100. You can also find them online on the POA website [www.Tellicovillagepoa.org](http://www.Tellicovillagepoa.org), under the Board of Directors page. You can fill out the application and drop it off to Mitzi at the POA Admin office located at 112 Chota Center Loudon, TN 37774 or email it to [mlane@tvpoa.org](mailto:mlane@tvpoa.org)

### **Open Seats on Committees for 2018**

Architectural Control Committee: 1 open seat  
Communications Marketing Advisory Committee: 2 open seats  
Finance Advisory Committee: 1 open seat  
Golf Advisory Committee: 2 open seats  
Long Range Planning Advisory Committee: 1 open seat  
Public Services Advisory Committee: 2 open seats  
Recreation Advisory Committee: 2 open seats

•Committee applications must be in by close of business, Thursday, Oct. 5, to be considered for 2018 committee seats.