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Tolomato SIG - Elections Newsletter

Who is the Tolomato Owners Organization and the Special Interest Group?

A group of Tolomato owners stepped onto the stage after the Tolomato Island Property Owners Association (TIPOA) Board of Directors removed the former Architectural Review Board (ARB). The owners' outrage, shock, and concern moved in a matter of weeks to a voice for wider common good. As Board leadership moved away from community input, those owners stepped forward to bring matters of importance to the attention of the Board and the entire owner community, essentially the silent majority, in a civil non-confrontational way.

When this group publicly presented its concerns to the Board of Directors they were completely ignored and to this day the Board of Directors has not addressed the concerns or issues brought by these property owners. Their (our) voice had to find a new "home".

Owners sensing the need for a real voice for Tolomato owners, that was not available through the Board meetings or the official site Tolomato.org, commissioned the new web site. It was generously given to the Tolomato Owners organization with the mission to "provide transparent accurate information that is of interest to all property owners as well as provide a fun place to communicate with other property owners and promote island fun."

The Tolomato Owners Organization is not a shadow Board of Directors. Remember, the Board of Directors reports to the owners and the Board's responsibility is to conduct our business. www.tolomatoowners.org is available to all Tolomato Island owners and residents. It was funded privately and does not draw from the TIPOA treasury. It has no nefarious origins, nor cloaked purpose, and it is growing.

- **Who is the Tolomato Owners Organization?** Tolomato owners. A growing number appear on the web site. Some choose not to register, their choice. If you don't register, you can't comment in the blogs.
- **Who operates the web site?** Toloadmin, a non-owner technical system administrator and an owner administrator / liaison (Casper)
 - o Casper is a friendly ghost. He can move through the barriers and walls in the software.... hence the name. Casper and Toloadmin are non-partisan and unbiased. You can reach Casper at tolomatoowners@gmail.com
- **Will the web site be available after the election?** Yes. There will always be a need for owner interaction and a vehicle to post events and have fun.

The Tolomato Owners Editorial Panel, edits and publishes the Tolomato Owners' Newsletter. The Editorial Panel (EP) is a group of sometimes 6 editors, all owners, who check information to ensure it is accurate and truthful. In the future they will review web site postings for the same purpose. The EP checks everything from word usage to punctuation. The genesis of each article comes from owners and residents. The Newsletter is being moved to the Tolomato Owners' email system. FYI the Editorial Panel will respond to questions and comments from owners.

The Special Interest Group (SIG) are active owners who have taken on the challenge of finding and vetting Board of Director candidates. The SIG is in fact the entire community. Numerous owners are becoming more involved in the election process, which is most welcome.

Regarding TIPOA Board Candidates, the Special Interest Group is not interested in developing clones or puppets whose strings are pulled by some unseen cabal. We are looking for smart people who not only bring different points of view to the table but have the ability to come up with collaborative solutions that ALWAYS work in the best interests of the greater Tolomato Owner community. We believe we have found some great candidates. If we have somehow missed someone, they are encouraged to contact us at TolomatoSIG@gmail.com

An Editorial

In an effort to diminish the impact of the Tolomato Owners Organization on current elections and our future, some are trying to cast doubt on our organization and its motives. “It is a small group.” It isn’t. “It’s just the old ARB”. It isn’t. Nor, was the visible web site funded or operated by former ARB members. Hearing the misinformation, it was appropriate to distribute the “Who is the Tolomato Owners Organization....” article.

The former ARB, an independent Board published popular periodic newsletters updating the community on issues and construction under its own email ownerstolomato@gmail.com . That email system was made available to the Tolomato Owners Organization until they replace it with their own system.

Having proudly served with 4 other dedicated ARB members, I resisted joining the Tolomato Owners Organization for fear that my lightning rod status would be detrimental. The rumor purveyors continued and proliferated fake rumors anyway. So, in the finest traditions, of citizenship I tell all, I volunteered as an editor of the newsletter and will happily serve with the others. The Editorial Panel will carry on the tradition of providing thoughtful and accurate information. It will not deal in rumors or half-truths. As an independent owner of property on Tolomato Island I will also support the best candidates available which is my right. I am only one of a constantly growing number who in caring for their community have decided to act and I am proud to join them and you. – Signed Carl Weston

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