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Tolomato Owners' Newsletter

Announcing 2024 Board of Directors Candidates

The Tolomato SIG (Special Interest Group) is pleased to announce the candidacy of two people we believe will serve our community well. They are personable, enthusiastic, committed, and professional. They represent the future of Tolomato. They are new, they are fresh, and they have experience. Both are in favor of 1) Optionally Combining Lots, 2) Financial and Operational Audits, 3) Development of a Master Plan and 4) resolution of several currently perplexing problems. Please read beyond this introduction. Read their resumes and by all means, follow up by asking them questions on the new Tolomato Owners website www.tolomatoowners.org

Heather Rowe

Heather is a delightful and enthusiastic neighbor, and truly capable engineer and manager. She and her husband Johnny are the proud parents of terrific young boys. We like Heather because she, like our other candidates has pledged to work to develop a Board that develops consensus and is not fixated on voting. In our view developing a consensus out of many points of view is always better than “my way or the highway” or rule by decree.

Heather modestly talks about designing and building their home. The reality is Heather and her husband worked with but mostly through 3 different Tolomato Board / ARB administrations. Even an experienced project manager like Heather at times had her hands full. She has clearly demonstrated the ability to manage multiple complex and competing interests.

Besides having Treasurer experience in an HOA, Heather's obvious appeal is she represents younger owners. Tolomato Island isn't a retiree backwater. Even our retirees are vital and productive, though perhaps mindful of father time. We need to acknowledge and support our changing demographics. Heather and her peers represent a new generation of Tolomato Island leaders.

Steve Anderson

Steve fills every room. At 6'4" he does so literally and intellectually. Steve and his wife Shelley are in the process of obtaining approvals to build a new home in Tolomato Island. They visit frequently and have made a real effort to meet neighbors and make friends. They are a great couple. Steve is a genuinely interesting and quick-witted man, who skips no details, but sorts them well, deciding quickly if there is action needed. He is collaborative, but make no mistake, once decisions are made, he is focused on results.

We like Steve because he brings positive experience not only as a practicing Dentist and former tech guru, but a current president of a Corporate Owners Association (COA). Steve doesn't recite covenants; he understands their original intent and their current application. While we don't think the Board of Directors has to “rule by covenant”, we acknowledge that misinterpretation has led to some serious problems. Further we like Steve's customer focus. The Tolomato Island Board of Directors is after all, in business to meet the needs of all owners (its customers).