

Kala Pointer

Elections Special Edition ★ November 2023



December 12, 2023: Kala Point Election

Your Voice is Important

Kala Point's 2023 annual election is fast approaching. The Elections Committee has worked hard to recruit candidates for three open Board positions, giving you the opportunity to choose from six candidates. There also are eight important resolutions, including the budget and proposed governing document changes.

The Elections Committee is pleased to partner with the Publications Committee in offering this *Kala Pointer* Elections Special Edition for the first time. Our Administration Office will also be mailing you a jam-packed Voters' Packet.

Involvement in your community begins with voting, including voting in Kala Point's 2023 annual election. Have a voice, cast your vote, and *make a difference!* ♦

Elections Calendar

December 12 is when our elections season will come to a grand finale: Kala Point's Annual Membership Meeting and Budget Ratification Meeting. We will cast our votes to elect three new Board members, and to approve or deny eight resolutions, including our 2024 budget resolution. (See "Eight Resolutions" article in this newsletter.)

Key Election Dates

November 9:

Voters' Information Packet will be mailed to you from the KPOA office containing information about:

- 1) Each board candidate
- 2) Each resolution, including 2024's budget
- 3) Voting procedures

Ballots will be mailed to members from our vendor, Election Trust. Full voting procedures will be in the Voters' Information Packet.

November 9 to December 12: Submit your ballot to vote. If unable to vote, you may designate a proxy-holder. Consider voting after the Candidates' Forum on November 11, and after reviewing the Voters' Information Packet.

November 11: Meet our candidates at the Candidates' Forum.

December 12: Annual Meeting and Budget Ratification Meeting. Full details of this meeting will be in December's *Kala Pointer*. ♦



Board Candidates

Presented here in alphabetical order are the six candidates for the three-year open positions on the Kala Point Owners Association Board of Directors. Come get acquainted with each candidate and pepper them with questions at the **Meet the Candidates event at the Clubhouse on Saturday, November 11, from 1–3 p.m.**



Donna Abear
420 Pinecrest Drive

Donna Abear

My husband Brandy and I had been visiting our eldest son and grandchildren in Port Townsend for many years before we decided to retire here. I'll never forget my first time driving into Kala Point: the winding streets, towering trees and lush greenery, and well-kept custom homes that ranged from modest to statuesque. I had always dreamed of retiring in "my fairytale house in the forest," and suddenly I knew just where I wanted it to be.

Before retirement, Brandy had a split career: first, carpentry/contracting; second, Special Ed teacher. I worked my last 25 years at Baxter Healthcare in marketing communications.

But aside from my family, my hobbies were my true love. I'm a published humorist and playwright, as well as a self-published book author. I was a 35-year member of a theatre group, where I served as actress, director, stage manager, playwright, and board member.

On the board, I served as a board member, as recording secretary, as corresponding secretary, and finally as President for 3 terms.

What I found from my service on a board for 35+ years is that the best board members, including those in executive positions, were those who served without a personal "agenda" and with the good of the organization and its members always at the heart of their service. If elected to the KPOA board, that would be my goal.

This is my first experience owning a home in a gated community and living under the rules of an HOA. My husband and I read and reread the HOA documents before buying the property and building, and found nothing objectionable. I felt that the majority of the rules about homes and property made sense in order to create/maintain the aesthetic of Kala Point that we, and I'm sure the majority of you as well, fell in love with.

For me, the future of Kala Point is to maintain that aesthetic as much as we possibly can — for each other and for the beautiful plants, trees and wildlife we live amongst. I feel grateful every day that we live in this beautiful community surrounded by nature's beauty and wonderful neighbors and friends. ♦

Marilyn Berry

My name is Marilyn Berry and I live on Fairbreeze with my husband, Paul, and our 14-year-old yellow lab, Mr. Willy. I've lived in Kala Point for 4½ years, was born and raised in Ohio, but migrated here via South Carolina and Texas. Our move to Kala Point left behind our three children, two grandchildren, and the extreme Texas heat. It was replaced with a beautiful environment, wonderful neighbors, and great new friends.

My hobbies include walking, hiking, gardening, and riding my ebike. I believe in volunteerism and am currently working with Friends of Fort Townsend (keeping trails free of debris), the Jefferson County Food Bank (Accounts



Receivable for the four area food bank donations), and serving on KPOA's Project Study Committee (formerly SPC). I have actively attended many of the Tree, Architectural, Finance, and Grounds Committee meetings, and also served briefly on the Publications and EPC Committees.

Marilyn Berry
130 Fairbreeze Drive

Before retiring, I was the Quality and Food Safety Director for a food manufacturer. Responsibilities included documenting and implementing processes, and managing and auditing those processes against ISO (international business standards), SQF (Safe Quality Food standards), FDA, and Department of Health requirements. The skills I can offer Kala Point are found in my 20-plus years' experience interacting with regulators and employees. Those skills include leadership, teamwork, communication, open-mindedness, fairness, finding solutions, and organization, all which were challenged daily.

After moving here, the Elections Committee asked me on several occasions to consider being on the Board, and my answer was, "No, I've just retired and wanted to enjoy it." However, after a couple of years I became interested in changes being made to an APP of which I had interest. That led to my wanting to attend as many committee meetings as possible to learn more about the inner-workings of KPOA. Now, I believe I can be a positive addition to the Board.

With no hidden agenda, I believe in listening, working for the good of the whole, and lastly that our documents should be clear, concise, and enforceable, i.e., if you aren't going to enforce the rule, it shouldn't be a rule. My door will always be open for a five-minute discussion — feel free to stop by. ♦



Mike Connor
40 Cedarview Drive

Mike Connor

Background

I would like to become a member of the KPOA Board to maintain our community as a great place to live, while continually looking for ways we can improve. My wife, Chris Werme, and I moved to 40 Cedarview Drive in September. We came to the Olympics from Oakland, California, after vacationing at many places on the peninsula, and renting in Uptown and Marrowstone.

Educational and Career Background

After completing graduate school in Biological Oceanography — most importantly, it's how I met Chris — and post-graduate work in public health, my career focused on sustainable coastal management. I have been a senior manager at local and regional public agencies and NGOs in Boston and the San Francisco Bay.

Extensive Managerial Experience

As VP at the New England Aquarium and GM at the San Francisco Estuary Institute, I recruited and managed staff and found ways of supporting them within the limitations of small agency career advancement. In both organizations, I had to manage governing board expectations, and develop communication strategies that brought larger community buy-in.

Experience Dealing with Boards as a Board Member and General Manager

Much of my career has been as a departmental manager at the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) or General Manager at East Bay Dischargers Authority

(EBDA), community water agencies. These agencies had locally appointed and elected governing boards, which generally had more power and oversight than most nonprofit boards. In all these cases, though, I found developing some standard measures for capturing organizational annual or long-term goals gave the board and staff a useful structure to frame discussions about how to proceed. I am a strong believer in “what gets measured gets managed” as a tool for board/staff interaction. As EBDA GM, I was a Board member of a regional trade organization with three staff members and learned its importance.

Experience as a Residential Coop Board Member

I was a board member and Treasurer at the Lake Royal Apartments, a cooperative with a budget similar to KPOA. I became expert at managing our reserves budget, which required a special assessment of about \$8 million to upgrade the building’s earthquake resilience. As a back-up to another Board member, we shepherded the project through under budget and learned a lot about getting member approval, managing member construction conflicts, and maximizing architect/construction contractor coordination. ♦

Geoff Genter

Born and raised in Bellingham, Washington, married with two sons and a granddaughter. Was a commercial fisher on the Salish Sea and in South Eastern Alaska for several years. Inducted into the Army in 1966 and served for two years as a cryptographer in Germany. Obtained an Associate Arts degree and went to work for a major food retailer.

In 1973 went to work for the Washington State Patrol, graduated from the WSP Academy and became a Trooper. I was assigned to an area that extended from the King/Snohomish county line to the Canadian border and east to the summit of Stevens pass. I was selected to attend training in advanced collision investigation and became a specialist in felony traffic enforcement. In 1980 I transferred to Okanogan County and took part in emergency operations during and after the eruption of Mt. St. Helens.

I was promoted to the rank of detective and completed programs in collision analysis and reconstruction at Northwestern University. I also completed specialized courses in interviewing, and spent the remainder of my time with the WSP conducting critical accident investigations throughout Washington State and became qualified as an expert witness in the Superior Courts of Washington State. During this period, I conducted criminal investigations ranging from white collar crime to threats against the governor, as well as several homicides for outside law enforcement agencies. With other detectives developed the first accredited Collision Reconstruction course outside of Northwestern University and taught the course to law enforcement agencies throughout the western United States, specializing in car/pedestrian collisions.

I retired from the WSP in 2000 and with my wife Nancy moved to Kala Point in 2015. I served on the Tree Committee for six-plus years as a member and Chairperson and helped rewrite the current Tree Committee APP to better serve the community. ♦



Geoff Genter
21 Kala Heights Drive



Bob Goldstein
32 Foxfield Drive

Bob Goldstein

I'm originally from Connecticut. Went to college in upstate New York and grad school in Connecticut where I got a Ph.D. in Aquatic Ecology. My work experience is varied: I worked for a major utility company, two state DNRs, two federal departments, (Energy at a DOE National Laboratory, and Interior with the US Geological Survey) at both local and national levels, and with a quirk of fate and the economy, I was part owner and general manager of a wholesale plumbing and heating supply business. Over the last 50 years, I have either lived or done field work in almost every state in the northern half of the country as well as a few in the south.

My wife Kay and I have been married for almost 50 years, We have two phenomenal daughters who live in Portland and a grandson, Jack, age 5, who wants to be a paleontologist; ah the lure of dinosaurs.

We share our home with two dogs (a lab Burt, and a labradoodle Slick), and two Siamese cats (Wizard and Finn). Other than family, I stay busy with woodworking, remodeling, gardening, crabbing, and I wish more fishing.

Kay and I have lived here since 2012. I was a member of the Tree Committee for about five years where I led the revision of the APPs. I love the beach; you can find me there every morning around 8 a.m. walking the dogs. ♦

Dan Kimball

I love living in Kala Point. The wooded environment, the beach, and access to the state park make this a uniquely wonderful place to live. Property values in Kala Point continue to rise year after year. Kala Point is attractive because the residents act in the best interest of the whole, the rules we all follow reflect the desires of the majority while respecting the individuality of all residents. The price of keeping Kala Point great is more than just the annual assessment — it is the willingness of residents to give of their time and effort to achieve good governance. Continuous process improvement is a better way forward than throwing out the baby with the bathwater.

My wife and I have lived in Kala Point since December 2007, moving here from Arlington, Virginia.

Prior to fully retiring in 2018, I worked crafting American and International technical standards for bar codes and RFID devices. This required building a consensus among 34 nations where only three were native English speakers. Preceding that I served 26 years active duty in the Navy, retiring with the rank of Captain in the Supply Corps.

My experience with homeowners' boards includes three years as Chair of an HOA in Virginia and three years (2019-2022) here on the KPOA Board, including one year each as Vice President and then as President. Other board experience includes five years as Chair of the Senior Alumni Group and on the National Alumni Board at the University of



Dan Kimball
31 Corbridge Place

Notre Dame; Virginia Special Olympics (three years); and Association of Identification Manufacturers North America (four years).

Here at KPOA, I have served on the following committees: Finance, Internal Controls, Personnel, Architectural, Elections, and Project Study (previously known as Strategic Planning), and as the Board Representative to the Tree and Grounds committees.

I hold degrees from the University of Notre Dame (BBA), the College of William and Mary (MBA) and Southern Polytechnic State University (MS Quality Assurance). I currently serve on the Finance Committee at St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Port Townsend, and as the President and temporary Treasurer of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul in East Jefferson County. ♦

Candidates' Forum

Mark your calendar to attend the annual Candidates' Forum on Saturday, November 11, at the Kala Point Clubhouse. The event will kick off at 1 p.m. with refreshments and a half hour of social time for members to get to know the six candidates running for the three Board of Directors' positions.

From 1:30–3 p.m., the candidates will each give an overview about themselves, followed by a question-and-answer session. Please bring any questions you'd like to ask the candidates pertaining to Kala Point governance. You may also attend via Zoom or view the recording on our website.



If you're unable to attend at all, just send your candidate questions to the Elections Committee at ElectionscommitteeK@gmail.com.

The more questions we receive, the better. Being part of Candidates' Forum and voting for candidates is an important way we each can make a difference in our community.

Watch your mailbox bulletin boards, and view upcoming email blasts for more candidate information. Within your voters' packet, which will be mailed out November 9, will be biographies and answered questions by each candidate.

For more information, call Elections Committee Chair Patsy Mathys at 360.643.1326. ♦

Vote on 8 Resolutions

This year's ballot will include eight resolutions on which to vote. The three standard resolutions voted on each year are:

- **#2023-1** Budget Ratification: 2024 KPOA budget
- **#2023-2** Excess of 2023's membership income over expenses to apply against 2025's assessment
- **#2023-3** Whether to conduct an independent audit of 2023 KPOA financial statements

We also have five resolutions regarding amending our governing documents:

- **#2023-4 & 5** Amend CC&R Article IV, Chapter B, Section 7 Care and Appearance Premises
- **#2023-6** Amend CC&R Article IV, Chapter B, Section 15 Common Area Vegetation

- **#2023-7** Amend CC&R Article I, Sections 40 & 41 Member Vote and Quorum Definitions
- **#2023-8** Amend Bylaws Article V, Section 7 and Article II, Section 3 Quorum and Voting Rights

The resolutions and any support documents will be in your voters' packet which will be mailed on November 9. ♦

Demystifying our Voting Process

On November 9, the KPOA office will mail your Voters' Information Packet, and Election Trust will mail your ballot. If you don't receive these mailings, contact GM Keith Larson at 360.385.0814 or gm_larson@kalapoint.org.

Voting Options

You have three ways to vote:

1. **By Mail:** fill out your ballot and mail to Election Trust
2. **In Person:** fill out your ballot and bring to the December 12 Annual Membership Meeting
3. **By Proxy:** see below

A proxy lets someone vote on your behalf. You may let them vote your ballot, on new business that comes up at the meeting, or both. Using a proxy form is optional.



Proxy Options

Voting Paper Ballot: If you want someone to fill out your ballot in your stead, just checkmark "Voting Paper Ballot" on the proxy-holder form. Give your completed proxy form, your blank ballot and its return envelope to your proxy-holder.

New Business Resolution: If you will not be at the membership meeting but would like someone to vote for you if any new matter is presented by the membership, just checkmark "New Business Resolution" on the proxy form. Give your completed proxy form and Notice of 2023 Annual Membership & Budget Ratification Meeting (from Election Trust mailing) to your proxy-holder.

Voting Paper Ballot and New Business Resolution: You can ask someone to vote your ballot and vote on new matters. Follow above procedures by check-marking both "Vote Paper Ballot" and "New Business Resolution."

The proxy-holder must bring the above documents to the membership meeting in your stead. A proxy-holder need not be a Kala Point member.

Any questions? Contact GM Keith Larson at 360.385.3810, gm_larson@kalapoint.org or Elections Committee Chair Patsy Mathys at 360.643.1326, ElectionsCommitteeK@gmail.com. ♦



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