

SAPOA NEWSLETTER

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Save the Dates

4/24 Zoom BOD Meeting
4/15 Mussel Beach Road
Open [Weather Permitting]
9/1 Pay Dues
10/15 Dues Delinquent
TBA General Meeting
Check Reader Board for
other important dates!

Bylaws

The Board has been holding workshops to discuss the proposed changes to the Bylaws and budget that were presented to the membership last year.

Last year's board had unanimously agreed to conduct a thorough review of the Bylaws to clear up inconsistencies, ambiguities, and gaps and to clarify and ensure compliance with other guiding documents and state law.

Newsletters will contain short articles about the issues being addressed in the board meetings and workshops. Workshop materials and board meeting minutes (which have more detailed information) may be found on the website at sapoasequim.org under Documents/Board Meetings.

President's Message

We are continuing to hold our educational workshops to discuss last year's Bylaws and budget proposals. We very much appreciate the members who have joined us on Zoom and provided valuable input; and we are committed to recapping these conversations in newsletters, in detailed meeting minutes and by posting the board's workshop materials for members who are unable to attend.

This past year has been challenging, but we are finding creative ways to gather input so—together—we can do what is best for the membership and our community.

We will continue to post dates and times for these meetings, as well as the agendas on our website at sapoasequim.org. In April, we plan to take a closer look at the proposed Bylaws and in May, we expect to have a new, proposed budget to review.

Bob Salisbury

Rules and Regulations

The Rules and Regulations—that outline the day-to-day operations of the association—is the only document that may be changed by the board of directors. The last one Christine could find was from 2008, so that is the one she used for discussion purposes. The proposed Rules and Regulations were approved with by a 4-1 vote. More information about the discussion is in the March 13th BOD meeting minutes. The approved Rules and Regulations are posted on the website under Documents/Bylaws.

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Email specific questions or concerns for the board to sapoasequim@olympen.com or attend one of our Zoom board meeting workshops.

Proposed Budget

In the March 20th workshop, the BOD discussed the budget that was proposed last year. In the Bylaws, SAPOA levies an annual membership fee on all property owners. In Section 2.2 Voting Rights, it says: Each member is entitled to one vote for each lot or aggregate of lots owned, referring to voting rights, not dues. In the past, this has been interpreted different ways. The board discussed this at length and believed it was fair to all members to assess dues for 464 property owners—AND—clarify that each member is entitled to one vote for each property.

The budget also includes funding for member communications, legal fees, tax and audit preparation, reserve funding and insurance.

A new annual budget will be prepared and presented at the May BOD meeting.

New Website

Christine discussed the reason for the new website. The old Classic Google site platform, (outdated technology with known security issues) was being phased out by Google. We also had security and administrative access issues, and wanted to protect members from unsuspectingly downloading viruses or malware. A website developer built our new site in WordPress; and Christine maintains it. We are now capable of adding enhancements like online invoicing and online payments on this new platform.

DP Transit Committee

We have been made aware of members who are concerned about the lack of transportation from Diamond Point to medical facilities in Sequim. The BOD is interested in forming a committee to discuss better transportation—not just for SAPOA members but for the DP community as a whole. Christine offered to chair the committee, but is looking for volunteers. Please contact Christine through the Contact Us on our website or at saposequim@olypen.com if you would be willing to work together to help our community get better access to much needed transportation for medical appointments.

Recall Ballot

We received a Recall Petition for Board President Robert Salisbury. The process will be according to Article VI of the Bylaws (timeline below) and paid for by the membership.

- March 24: One-page statement from Recall Initiation Group stating the reason/s for the recall due
- April 5: One-page defense statement from the board member being recalled due
- April 12: Deadline for mailing ballots
- May 14: Ballots due back
- May 22-24: Count Ballots
- May 24: Ballot Count Deadline

More information may be found in the March 13, 2021, BOD meeting minutes on the website and in the SAPOA Bylaws under Article VI.

Mussel Beach

The huge storms we had this winter



resulted in lots of debris and wood deposited on the beach and boat ramp.



Check out the pictures!

Under the direction of Loren and Kathleen, we will be able to safely perform the work needed to get the road opened by April 15th. We know we've had some issues with the two-lock system we now have, but until a new budget is passed (with funding for a new system), we'll continue with the two-lock system. We'll post a sign with locking instructions. Please follow them. It's no fun to be locked in—or out! The next person will thank you!