

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2018 - VOLUME 2 – NEWS FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Welcome to Fall everyone - it's hard to believe the summer temperatures held on for so long. But it looks like Autumn has finally arrived and along with it, the Nominating Committee is kicking into high gear.

Each year the Nominating Committee seeks out candidates to fill three positions. The Committee, chaired this year by Arlene Grinnell, has been hard updating the nomination process and implementing new and improved guidelines. We offer you, David Letterman-style, our top ten reasons you should consider joining the Springwood Board of Governors:

1. ***You will learn patience.*** A group of smart and passionate folks sitting around a conference room table can argue and pontificate. They can say stupid things and make the most brilliant observations. And you will learn patience to wade through it
2. ***You will learn how to ask for money.*** You did it when you were eight years old carrying that orange UNICEF box but the skill might have lain dormant since. I believe every grownup should know how to ask for money for a worthy cause. I'll take it one step further. I'd argue that until you ask for money for a worthy cause, you have not reached "grownup" status.
3. ***You will have an experience that enriches your resume.*** OK, this one is a bit selfish but it's true and it's OK to be honest about it.
4. ***You will meet interesting people who will add to your sphere of influence.*** People who join boards are a wonderful breed. They have chosen to get off the bench and onto the field. You will be enriched by being in their company.
5. ***You will learn to play nicely in the sandbox.*** This is about diplomacy and making sure that your colleagues get their say (even if you think *your* comment said it all). The very best board members are teams.
6. ***You will learn to appreciate that assets = liabilities.*** I mean this quite specifically. You will be able to read and understand financial statements and ask a related question or two that actually makes sense.
7. ***You will have another excuse to skip the gym.*** OK, just wanted to be sure you were paying attention.
8. ***You will learn how to run an effective meeting of people who don't work for you.*** Perhaps you will find yourself as a committee chair. Trust me you learn a very different set of skills than in a staff meeting. These fellow board members are volunteers, not paid employees, and they may have more business experience than you do.
9. ***You will stretch all your intellectual and emotional muscles.*** Board service at its best allows you to bring your full self to the Club - your emotional connection to the work, your commitment to Springwood family, your life experience, your skills, and the good head you have on your shoulders. There are precious few tables you will sit at that will need all of what you bring the way Springwood
10. ***You will fall more in love with Springwood.*** The closer you are to the inner workings of the Club, the more that Springwood comes to life for you, the more passionate you will become. And you will feel another emotion. You will feel lucky.

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Attached here you will find (1) an Information Sheet for Prospective Board Candidates; (2) Board Member Qualifications which describes the criteria the Committee will use evaluate potential board members; and (3) a Prospective Board Member Application. Bond members interested in applying for a Board member position should complete the application and return it by email to admin@springwoodswimclub.com by November 1, 2017.

NOTE: *If you are a current Board member whose term is expiring or if you have previously filed an application you will still need to submit an application for the new year. Only completed applications will be considered.*

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION



Early Bird Registration is open and will continue through March 31, 2018. It's never too early to reserve your spot and save up to 10% on all member types.

Membership forms are now available for download on our website at:

<http://www.springwoodswimclub.com/membership.html>.

WE'RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD INDIVIDUALS

Springwood Swim Club is seeking bright, energetic and enthusiastic individuals to join our team for the upcoming summer Season.

If you are or know of an individual who is available during the summer months (teachers, students, paraprofessionals, etc.) or maybe you're retired and interested in keeping busy – this might just be the perfect opportunity for you.

Applications are now available on our website for all positions - Club Manager, Assistant Manager(s) and Lifeguards.

Interested candidates should check out our jobs board at <http://www.springwoodswimclub.com/jobs.html> to apply.

