

LAKE OF THE WOODS HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATE APPLICATION FORM

If you are interested in being elected to the Board of Directors (BOD) of Lake of the Woods Homeowners' Association, Inc., at the Annual Meeting to be held on **March 12, 2024**, at the community Clubhouse, 300 Carolwood Point, Fern Park, FL 32730, please complete the requested information below.

You can submit your application by depositing this form and your background information summary into the locked box labeled "Applications" located outside the Clubhouse Office or email it to frontdesk@lakeofthewoodshoa.com by the deadline **February 13, 2024 by 4:30 PM**. **If you choose to apply, please ensure you are compliant with the restrictions on Board candidates adopted in Florida Statute 720.306 (9) (b) and the terms of our Bylaws; the Bylaws require that candidates must appear as an owner on a unit title and also be current on their HOA account, with no unpaid association fines or dues as of the date of the Application Submission Deadline.**

We recommend that you format your summary as a separate one-page (8 1/2" X 11") document and include your background, education, qualifications, and other relevant factors to help community members evaluate your candidacy. Your information will be distributed to the owners with the proxy packet and will be available to owners at the Annual Meeting. **Please note that the Nominating Committee is not responsible for editing this information. Please contact the Nominating Committee Chair if you need assistance with your summary.**

IMPORTANT DATES:

Application Submission Deadline	Packets available to Owners no later than	Meet the Candidate Night	Annual Meeting Installation of Directors	Meeting of New Board to Elect Officers
2/13/2024 (4:30 PM deadline)	2/27/2024	3/05/2024	3/12/2024	Following the Annual Meeting

I, _____ (PRINT FIRST AND LAST NAME), do hereby notify the Association of my desire to appear on the ballot as a CANDIDATE for election to the Board of Directors of this Association.

By my signature below, I hereby certify that I have read and understand to the best of my ability the governing documents of Lake of the Woods HOA, the provisions of Florida Statute 720 (HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS), and any applicable rules, and that within 90 days of election or appointment to the Board, I will submit a certificate of satisfactory completion of the educational curriculum administered by a division-approved HOA education provider. I also pledge to uphold such documents and policies to the best of my ability. I pledge to faithfully discharge my fiduciary responsibility to both the Lake of the Woods HOA owners and the Board of Directors.

I am enclosing a Candidate Information sheet along with this completed application. WHILE I UNDERSTAND I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ACCURACY OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE INFORMATION SHEET, I CAN CONTACT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR FOR HELP IN COMPLETING THIS DOCUMENT.

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Printed Name _____ Lot # _____

Lake of the Woods Street Address: _____

Lake of the Woods Bylaws

Article II. Section 5: "Owner" shall mean and refer to the Owner of record, whether one or more persons or entities, of the fee simple title to any Lot which is part of the Properties, including contract sellers, but excluding any other party holding the fee simple title thereto merely as security for the performance of an obligation."

Article II. Section 7: "Member" shall mean and refer to every Owner. Every Owner shall be entitled and required to be a member of the Association. If title to a Lot is held by more than one person, each of such persons shall be members." **Article V. Section 1:** "The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of nine (9) directors who shall be members of the Association."

Florida Statute 720.306

(9) ELECTIONS AND BOARD VACANCIES.

(a) Elections of directors must be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the governing documents of the association. Except as provided in paragraph (b), all members of the association are eligible to serve on the Board of directors, and a member may nominate himself or herself as a candidate for the Board at a meeting where the election is to be held; provided, however, that if the election process allows candidates to be nominated in advance of the meeting, the association is not required to allow nominations at the meeting. An election is not required unless more candidates are nominated than vacancies exist. If an election is not required because there are either an equal number or fewer qualified candidates than vacancies exist, and if nominations from the floor are not required pursuant to this section or the bylaws, write-in nominations are not permitted and such qualified candidates shall commence service on the Board of directors, regardless of whether a quorum is attained at the annual meeting. Except as otherwise provided in the governing documents, boards of directors must be elected by a plurality of the votes cast by eligible voters. Any challenge to the election process must be commenced within 60 days after the election results are announced.

(b) A person who is delinquent in the payment of any fee, fine, or other monetary obligation to the association on the day that he or she could last nominate himself or herself or be nominated for the Board may not seek election to the Board, and his or her name shall not be listed on the ballot. A person serving as a board member who becomes more than 90 days delinquent in the payment of any fee, fine, or other monetary obligation to the association shall be deemed to have abandoned his or her seat on the Board, creating a vacancy on the Board to be filled according to law. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "any fee, fine, or other monetary obligation" means any delinquency to the association with respect to any parcel. A person who has been convicted of any felony in this state or in a United States District or Territorial Court, or has been convicted of any offense in another jurisdiction, which would be considered a felony if committed in this state, may not seek election to the Board and is not eligible for board membership unless such felon's civil rights have been restored for at least 5 years as of the date on which such person seeks election to the Board. The validity of any action by the Board is not affected if it is later determined that a person was ineligible to seek election to the Board or that a member of the Board is ineligible for board membership.

Florida Statute 720.3065

Fraudulent voting activities related to association election; penalties. Each of the following acts is a fraudulent voting activity relating to association elections and constitutes a misdemeanor of the first degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083:

- (1) Willfully and falsely swearing to or affirming an oath or affirmation, or willfully procuring another person to falsely swear to or affirm an oath or affirmation, in connection with or arising out of voting activities.
- (2) Perpetrating or attempting to perpetrate, or aiding in the perpetration of, fraud in connection with a vote cast, to be cast, or attempted to be cast.
- (3) Preventing a member from voting or preventing a member from voting as he or she intended by fraudulently changing or attempting to change a ballot, ballot envelope, vote, or voting certificate of the member.

(4) Menacing, threatening, or using bribery or any other corruption to attempt, directly or indirectly, to influence, deceive, or deter a member when the member is voting.

(5) Giving, or promising, directly or indirectly, anything of value to another member with the intent to buy the vote of that member or another member or to corruptly influence with the intent that member or another member in casting his or her vote. This subsection does not apply to any food served which is to be consumed at an election rally or a meeting or to any item of nominal value which is used as an election advertisement, including a campaign message designed to be worn by a member.

(6) Using or threatening to use, directly or indirectly, force, violence, or intimidation or any tactic of coercion or intimidation to induce or compel a member to vote or refrain from voting in an election or on a particular ballot measure.

Here are some things to consider for your information summary and to help prepare for the “Meet the Candidates Night” scheduled on March 5, 2024. Please format your summary separately; do not submit it on the back of the application form.

- How long have you lived at LOW?
- Have you been a Board member before? When?
- Have you held a leadership position on either the Board or any committee?
- Have you actively participated in any committee? Which one(s)/when?
- If elected, would you be interested in a leadership position?
- Have you read and are you familiar with our governing documents?
- What’s your favorite LOW HOA event?
- Which current or future project(s) interests you?
- What committee(s) would you be willing to serve on as Ex officio?
- How would your experience benefit the community should you be elected?
- If elected, would you be willing to sign the Code of Ethics?

For questions about the application or assistance with your information summary, please feel free to contact any Nominating Committee member:

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