

2027 Board of Directors & Nominating Committee Elections

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What positions are available in the 2027 SIPOA Election?

Board of Directors: Four (4) positions available.

Nominating Committee: Two (2) positions are available.

Who is eligible to run?

- Be a Seabrook Island Property Owner in Good Standing.
- Not be more than 30 days delinquent in any obligation to SIPOA.
- Have owned property for at least one year (purchased before October 1, 2025), whether full or part-time residents.

How is the SIPOA Board of Directors structured?

- The Board of Directors consists of 12 Directors.
- Each Director serves a three-year term. (Bylaws §5.1)

How is the SIPOA Nominating Committee structured?

- The Nominating Committee consists of five members:
 - Four (4) voting members.
 - One (1) Board Member who votes only in the event of a tie.
- Committee members serve two-year terms.

What is Policy Based Governance?

SIPOA operates under a Policy Based Governance model, which means the Board focuses on setting the Association's overall direction and policies, while the Executive Director and staff are responsible for carrying out those policies and managing the day-to-day operations.

- The Board of Directors establishes the Association's vision, priorities, and policies.
- The Board focuses on what the Association wants to accomplish, not how the work is performed.
- Committees research issues, discuss ideas, and make policy recommendations to the Board.
- The Executive Director and staff implement Board-approved policies and oversee the Association's daily operations.
- This governance model helps ensure the Board remains focused on strategic leadership while staff manage the day-to-day business of the Association.

What committees does SIPOA have?

- Amenities & Activities Committee (Bylaws §7.4.8)
- Architectural Review Committee (ARC) (Bylaws §7.4.6)
- Communications Committee (Bylaws §7.4.9)

- Environmental Committee (Bylaws §7.4.7)
- Finance Committee (Bylaws §7.4.1)
- General Operating & Maintenance Committee (GOMC) (Bylaws §7.4.3)
- Legal Committee (Bylaws §7.4.4)
- Long Range Planning & Development Committee (Bylaws §7.4.5)
- Nominating Committee (Bylaws §7.6)
- Safety & Security Committee (Bylaws §7.4.2)

What is the Executive Committee?

Composed of Board Officers:

- President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Legal Committee Chair. (Bylaws §5.15).
- Handles matters between regular Board meetings, including personnel matters, contract negotiations, and attorney-client privileged legal matters. (Bylaws §5.14)

What are the responsibilities of a Board member? (Bylaws §3.2)

- Represent the interests of all Seabrook Island Property Owners and work collaboratively to make informed decisions.
- Attend at least two-thirds (2/3) of Board and special meetings (in person, by telephone, or video conference).
- Chair, co-chair, or vice-chair one or two committees.
- Review Board materials and participate in discussions.
- Establish policies and long-term strategic direction.

What qualifications are the Nominating Committee looking for in Board candidates?

Must meet requirements outlined in Bylaws §7.6, including:

- Experience serving Seabrook Island through committees, volunteer work, or community involvement.
- Relevant professional or leadership experience.
- Ability to work well with others.
- Commitment to serving the interests of all Property Owners.
- Willingness to devote the required time.
- Ability to evaluate issues and collaborate on solutions.

What technology skills are needed?

- Required: SIPOA email account (provided), Microsoft Word or compatible software, ability to read/edit/save PDFs.
- Helpful: Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, and SharePoint familiarity.

How much time does serving on the Board require?

- Monthly Board meetings: Third Monday at 1:00 PM (up to 3 hours).
- Optional working sessions: Third Monday at 9:00 AM (1–2 hours).
- Committee meetings and assignments. (see [committee descriptions and time commitments](#) for details)
- Annual Meeting, Organizational Meeting immediately following the Annual Meeting in February (approximately 3 hours).

- and Board Orientation (approximately 3 hours).
- Committee chairs prepare agendas, minutes, and monthly reports (approximately 2 - 4 hours).

What does the Nominating Committee do?

Recruit, evaluate, and recommend qualified candidates for election to the SIPOA Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.

What qualifications are important for Nominating Committee members?

Must meet requirements outlined in Bylaws §7.6, including:

- Knowledge of the Seabrook Island community through committee participation, volunteer service, or other community involvement.
- Relevant professional, leadership, or organizational experience.
- Strong community relationships and a willingness to actively recruit qualified candidates.
- An understanding of SIPOA governance, including the roles of the Board of Directors and its committees.
- The ability to objectively evaluate candidates and identify individuals whose skills and experience best meet the needs of the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee.

What is the time commitment for serving on the Nominating Committee?

- Monthly meetings begin in March.
- Recruitment efforts on own time.
- Candidate interviews in October.
- Volunteer Fair in September.
- Meet the Candidates Night in January.
- Additional meetings as needed.

How do I run for the SIPOA Board or Nominating Committee?

- Submit a completed Candidate Application by October 1, 2026.
- Applications are reviewed by the Nominating Committee to verify eligibility and qualifications.
- Qualified candidates are invited to participate in a structured interview.
- The Nominating Committee evaluates all candidates using a consistent interview process.
- Following the interviews, the Nominating Committee selects the candidates to be placed on the election ballot.

What if I am not selected for the ballot?

- The official slate of candidates for the Board of Directors and Nominating Committee will be posted at the SIPOA Administration Office and on sipoa.org at least 60 days before the Annual Meeting.
- Eligible Property Owners may still be nominated by submitting a written petition within 30 days of the posting date.
- A petition must be signed by 50 or more Property Owners in Good Standing, as outlined in SIPOA Bylaws §7.6.

What are the important dates to remember?

- **Application Deadline:** October 1, 2026

- **Candidate Interviews:** Scheduled in October 2026
- **Submission of Additional Materials:**
 - Biographical Statement, Position Statement, and signed Conflict of Interest Form due at the time of the interview.
- **Nominating Committee Selections:** Candidates notified of selection status post-interview
- **Slate of Candidates Announced:** November 2026
- **Meet the Candidates Night:** January 2027 (TBD)
- **Election Period:** January 14 –February 13, 2027
- **Election Results Announced:** February 13, 2027, Annual Meeting