

Meet the 2017 Board of Directors Candidates

Green Valley Recreation, Inc. is pleased to announce the 2017 slate of candidates for the GVR Board of Directors. There are nine candidates and four available positions. Our candidates are Donna Coon, Carol Crothers, Barbara Mauser, David Messick, Roger Myers, Jim Nelson, Denise Nichols, Tom Sadowski, and Timothy Stewart.

Donna Coon

A year round resident of Townhouse VI, Donna Coon has been a GVR member since 2006. She worked for a major property casualty insurance company as a programmer/analyst and manager of both accounting and underwriting systems. She has a dual Associate degree in Data Processing and Accounting.

Since moving to Green Valley, Donna has been an officer of the Pickleball Club, served on GVR Board committees and has been an officer of her HOA.

She said her career taught her “to understand the big picture, the goals, the full effect of a decision – not just a specific part you were asked to handle.” “I love the diversity of what GVR offers its members. I am intrigued by the uniqueness of GVR and the Green Valley community,” she wrote on her application.

Carol Crothers

Carol Crothers is a Green Valley resident 6 months of the year in The Acres, and has been a GVR member since 2006. She retired from IBM after a 32 year career including ten years in executive positions. She said most of her responsibilities were in marketing, planning, strategy and project management. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in math and has been sent by IBM to post graduate training at Stanford and Harvard.

“I believe GVR is straying from its mission of supporting the social and recreational needs of its members,” she wrote on her application. “I love living in Green Valley and particularly appreciate its inclusive, non-pretentious nature. We have a wonderful community of members, and I hate to see it compromised by unnecessary spending, growth and promotion.” Carol also stated that she has been a GVR volunteer, but has been “very discouraged by the lack of attention given to the pool and fitness center volunteer program.”

Barbara Mauser (Incumbent)

Barbara Mauser has been a full time resident of Green Valley in Canoa Terrace since 2006 and served on the GVR Board of Directors for the past three years. She has an Associate’s degree in accounting and served as an accountant for various companies in the Dallas/Houston areas. She was the Chief Accountant/Controller for an international marine salvage corporation in Houston for 15 years.

“I am extremely excited with the direction that GVR has taken in the last few years and feel honored that I was a part of that and I would consider it a privilege to continue to serve as a Director for another term,” she said.

Barbara has served on several Board committees and currently is the Chairperson of the Board Affairs Committee and the Legal Governance Documents Audit. She said her career as an accountant and understanding budget and financial processes have enabled her to understand that “any issue that might arise at GVR also comes with a price tag.”

David Messick

David Messick has been a year round resident of Green Valley in Casa Paloma 1 since 2012. He is a local realtor and describes himself as an “active voice in support of a vibrant and thriving GVR.” He said he believes GVR enhances the value of all Green Valley homes, including those who are not GVR members.

David has a Bachelor of Arts from Macalester College, a Master’s degree from West Illinois University and an MBA from the University of Minnesota. He was a licensed nursing home and assisted living administrator for 15 years in Minnesota, and has been a licensed real estate agent in Arizona since 2005.

On his application, David wrote, “I respect the accumulated wisdom of this population as well as understand how challenging change can be. To remain relevant, GVR must change to meet the expectation of future members while remaining sensitive to members who joined in years past.”

Roger Myers

Roger Myers is a year round resident of San Miguel in Las Campanas, and has lived in Green Valley since 2010. He has served as an at-large member of the Fiscal Affairs Committee in 2015 and 2016, was the 2016 co-chairperson Board Ad Hoc Investment Committee, the chairperson of the 2016 Reserve Policy Update Subcommittee, co-chairperson 2015 Reserve Study Subcommittee, and an at-large member 2015 Board Ad Hoc Investment Committee.

Roger has a BS in Business Administration from the University of Arizona and a certificate in accounting from Pima Community College. He was employed as an assistant treasurer and treasurer for 20 years at high-tech manufacturers. He also owned an AAMCO Transmission franchise. “I believe my experience will benefit the Board and GVR as they tackle financial decisions going forward,” Roger stated on his application.

He also said, “GVR is growing and expanding with an eye toward the future needs of the community. I would like to participate in the Board decisions and actions taken to implement GVR’s vision and mission statements. “

Jim Nelson (Incumbent)

Jim Nelson has been a year round resident of Green Valley for 12 years, and currently resides in Sunrise Pointe. He graduated from the University of Dubuque in Iowa and was a high school band director,

performing in numerous national parades, including the Cotton Bowl, Macy' Thanksgiving Day Parade and President Jimmy Carter's Inaugural Parade. He completed graduate school at the University of Iowa and was a school district superintendent in Iowa and Arizona for 28 years, retiring from the Continental School District.

Jim currently serves on the GVR Board of Directors as Secretary, member of Planning & Evaluation Committee, GVRI/GVR Foundation Task Force and Nominations & Elections Committee. Jim also is on the Board of the Greater Green Valley Community Foundation, Wisdoms Sports and Scholars and is a Ruling Elder at the Valley Presbyterian Church.

"Giving back to this community is my reason for serving on the GVR Board of Directors... The experiences and skills gained as an educator prepared me to work with varied individuals/groups having diverse views," Jim stated on his application.

Denise Nichols

Last year Denise Nichols moved to Green Valley full time after being seasonal for eight years and lives in Canoa Terrace. She has a degree in Parks and Recreation Management and worked for 27 years with the City of Yakima, WA.

She served 12 years on the Selah School District Board of Directors, four years with the Selah City Council, four years on the Yakima YMCA Board and three years on the Washington Recreation and Parks Association Board of Directors. She also has been active in many charities and communities over the years.

"I feel it is important to volunteer in the community where you live and this is an opportunity to give back to the community," Denise said on her application. "I have experience in volunteer management, conflict resolution, grant writing, personnel management and budgeting. I understand the functions of serving on the Board of Directors as a policy making Board and understand the relationships between management and Board Members."

Tom Sadowski

Tom Sadowski has been a visitor in Green Valley for over 25 years and is a resident of Desert Hills-6 six to seven months of the year since 2010. He retired after 32 years of federal service. He served as internal and external auditor with the Department of the Interior's Office of the Secretary, and has been a licensed CPA since 1983.

Tom identified fraud, waste and abuse in Federal programs. He performed audits of federal agencies, worked as a program analyst, budget officer, payroll system and contract administrator. Additionally, he developed policies and procedures to resolve issues, made and implemented recommendations and improved program effectiveness in a cost effective and efficient manner.

“The population and demographics of Green Valley are constantly changing. What was needed in the past is different from our future needs. I believe I have the necessary managerial and financial skills to effectively help lead Green Valley Recreation into the future,” Tom said on his application.

Tim Stewart

Timothy Stewart has been a GVR member since 2010. He lives in Canoa Seca Estates eight months out of the year. He has a Ph.D. in Psychology and worked in various positions throughout a 38 year career.

He spent the last 10 years of employment at the Pfizer Co. as director/creator of their company-wide substance abuse program and later as director of the Employee Assistance Program. Concurrently, for 20 years, he also owned and practiced as a psychologist in a private outpatient clinic for psychological services in the Kalamazoo, MI area and spent 12 years as a psychologist at a large residence rehabilitation center.

“Community support has been an active focus in various capacities in both my professional and personal life,” Timothy stated on his application. “Recently, I have been impressed with the more recent direction the Board has taken and trust that my professional skills would blend with the expertise and goals of the Board.”

Candidates’ complete applications are posted on the GVR website, www.gvrec.org.

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