

2019 GVR Board of Directors Candidates Online Interview Questions
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1. What do you think are the characteristics of a great board member?

Professional behavior, even temperament, respectful, attentive to other ideas.
Understanding of the rules by which GVR is governed, i.e., policy governance.

2. What do you see as the Board's challenges?

Keeping GVR properly funded, and recreation centers open to membership. Recent board inaction may escalate funding problems.

3. What motivates you to do your best work?

Adversity and opposition to reasonable, responsible governance.

4. What are the two or three most critical issues facing GVR in the next 3-5 years?

1. Improper funding caused by fiscal irresponsibility.

2. Governing in what appears a hostile environment. Some of our board and standing committee meetings have had a taste of unprofessional behavior by the governing members.

5. Is there something the current Board is doing or not doing that you would handle differently?

Yes, what they are doing in some cases seems unreasonable. It's almost like some have lost their independence. Kicking the can down the road with hopes something will change this election cycle. If you're a true snowbird, you would not be aware of the delay tactics that have been applied to board decisions. I would work judiciously to move GVR into the future. Making GVR an attractive destination for new retirees increases stability, creates fertile ground for new commerce, which benefits all members regardless of age or participation.

A strong argument can be made that some board members have either intentionally, or unintentionally undermined the GVR Foundations efforts to raise non dues revenue, for a planned initiative that had been studied, and approved by past GVR boards. Much time and money may be wasted for this, and for future expansion projects for various club interests. I find this unacceptable, and will work hard to restore the fracture that has been created.

6. Which Board committee do you have a specific interest in serving on and why?

Board Affairs, feel my background in QA/QC may help me on this committee.