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Nomination for President -- Gene R. Lawrence

Professional Summary

Employed for over 40 years in the computer system, software and information technology industry. 12 years large scale computer system and project experience as a mainframe System Analyst, Data Processing Consultant, Group Leader and Project Manager. 20 plus years professional sales experience. I was employed as an Account Executive/Manager for most of my sales career primarily calling on regional Top 50 or Fortune 500 corporations. My work history includes such companies as Sperry Univac, Unisys, Hewlett Packard, Motorola, Harris Computer Systems and Pyramid Technology (now a part of Siemens USA). I operated an independent sales agent and business consulting practice for 8 years before retirement.

BPNA Activities

In July 2010, I recruited a group of individuals from our neighborhood to serve as a BPNA formation team. In late October 2010, the City of Richardson recognized the BPNA as a functional neighborhood association and I was elected President. In December 2010, the BPNA was certified by the State of Texas as a Domestic Nonprofit Corporation. During my tenure, the BPNA has transitioned from a start-up into one of the most active and credible neighborhood associations in the city. As a result, the BPNA has become an effective voice for its members and neighborhood advocate.

Other Activities

I am a former Richardson AnimaLuv board member (a charitable organization that provided financial support for the Richardson Animal Shelter). I served my church for 12 years as an usher for worship and other services such as memorial and funeral services. I am also a 2012 Inside RISD alumni and served on former State Representative Stefani Carter's Home & Real Estate Committee for 2 years.

Position Statement:

Current President: I remain firmly committed to finding solutions that will continue enhancing our neighborhood, and to serve as the primary coordinator of activities to implement these solutions. I pledge that the entire BPNA leadership team, in partnership with the city, will do its best to actively search for solutions to our neighborhood's concerns and needs. It has truly been an honor and a pleasure to serve our neighborhood through the BPNA for the last 16 plus years. I look forward to an even more successful next term as President.



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Nomination for Vice President -- Stephen Beyer, Ph. D.

Professional Summary:

Educator; Various Public and Private Schools. University administrator, Realtor.

BPNA Activities:

Current Vice President; Steve was recruited at the beginning to work with the formation team. He developed the original BPNA Website and continues to assist when asked. He has attended past Richardson leadership workshops. He also attends board meetings, membership meetings, and social events. Steve has been Vice President from the start of the Association.

Additional Activities and Honors:

American Association of Colleges and Universities

Position Statement:

As Vice President, his primary role has been to work with other board members to advance the causes and concerns of interest important to the Berkner Park Neighborhood. In addition, the Vice President is responsible for overseeing the communications with the organization. In that role, he has assisted in the maintenance and development of the website.



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Nomination for Secretary -- Donna Buhr

Professional Summary:

Retired Principal Product Engineer at Esri, Inc., specializing in geographic information systems (GIS) software development. Served as a Senior Product Engineer Team Lead, Certified ScrumMaster through Scrum Alliance, Product Owner, and Development Team member. Earned Pragmatic Marketing certification in product management and served as a customer advocate.

BPNA Activities:

Currently serves as Secretary of the Board of Directors and previously served on the BPNA Entry Feature Special Projects Committee. As co-chair of the Beautification Committee from 2011 to 2014, she played an instrumental role in launching BPNA Yard of the Month, organizing BPNA participation in Trash Bash, supporting BPNA Make a Difference Day—"Neighbors Helping Neighbors," and advancing the Berkner Park City of Richardson matching-funds beautification project and Butterfly Garden.

BPNA Honors: Berkner Park Neighborhood Association Certificate of Appreciation for service as Beautification Committee Co-Chair, 2011–2014.

Received the 2012 BPNA Star Volunteer Award for excellence, dedication, and commitment to the community.

Additional Activities and Honors:

Currently co-chairs the Altrusa Membership Committee. Served on the Altrusa Richardson Foundation Board of Directors from 2022 to 2024; as Vice President of the Altrusa Board of Directors from 2020 to 2021; as a Director on the Altrusa International of Richardson Board of Directors from 2014 to 2016; as event co-chair for the 2016 Altrusa Richardson "Outstanding Women of Today" fundraiser; and as co-chair of the Altrusa Richardson Community Outreach Committee from 2013 to 2016. Has also served on multiple Altrusa Richardson service and administrative committees.

Currently serves as Co-Coordinator of the Eastpark Neighborhood Crime Watch.

Honors: Received the 2015 HASR (Helping Agencies Serving Richardson) Volunteer of the Year Award and Humanitarian Certificate of Recognition.

Personal Statement: I am passionate about volunteerism and firmly believe that everyone has a responsibility to give back and make a positive difference in the community.

Position Statement:

As Secretary, Donna will maintain a thorough understanding of the Berkner Park Neighborhood Association's operations, procedures, rules, and management objectives, applying that knowledge with sound judgment and dedication. She will faithfully fulfill her responsibilities in accordance with the BPNA Bylaws and serve to the best of her ability.



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Nomination for Treasurer – Jano Pretorius

Professional Summary:

Jano has more than 19 years' experience performing and leading audit engagements, including IT audits and audits supporting financial statements of companies. He is employed as an IT internal auditor in the automotive industry, performing audits of IT systems and controls, including audits of said controls supporting financial systems. Prior to working in the automotive industry, he was working as a consultant at a public accounting firm for 14 years.

BPNA Activities:

Current Treasurer; his involvement with the BPNA began as the interim Treasurer starting in 2023.

Additional Activities:

I serve my church as a deacon starting in 2024.

Position Statement:

As Treasurer, Jano can offer his abilities of strong organization and attention to detail to ensure that the financial matters are managed in accordance with the BPNA Bylaws and other relevant laws/regulations.