



Belfair Acreage Tracts Association

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION NEWSLETTER – for May 2026

Hello BATA homeowners! Our annual meeting is May 17th and will be at the HUB this year because of the library remodel. A GUEST SPEAKER will be at the annual meeting! The North Mason Regional Fire Authority, Chief Bakken, will be attending and giving a presentation. They will answer questions on topics including fire prevention, emergency response, wildfire protection and any other public safety related questions. Come and get the good info!

Also, as you know from the March newsletter, it is that time of year again for BATA Board of Director elections. This mailing includes a blank ballot, and information about the election including candidate nominations received. Instructions on returning your voting ballot before or at our May annual meeting can also be found on the enclosed ballot form. Thank you.

ELECTIONS:

As you know, we are still operating under our 1979 Bylaws and C&Rs, which means that all five (5) board positions are up for re-election. As described in the March newsletter we are following the timeline below to hold our election at our annual meeting May 17th:

1. Board sends out newsletter requesting nomination write-ups..... March newsletter mailed 3/5/26
2. Nomination write-ups due to Board by mail or email..... April 6, 2026 (received)
3. Board sends out newsletter with candidate information and ballots..... April 13, 2026 (this mailing)
4. **Unopened ballots mailed back to Board if not brought to May Annual meeting..... May 11, 2026**
5. Ballot counting at May 17th meeting by volunteer Association members who are not running.

As of the April 6 deadline, the current five board members were the only ones who submitted self-nomination write-ups. So many of you may be thinking, why do we need to go to the trouble of having an election? The current board cannot assume that no one else will want to run at the meeting or as a write-in candidate. Therefore, we are mailing out the ballots with a blank for any potential write-in candidates. Also, nominations may happen in person at the May meeting prior to ballot counting per our bylaws. If a candidate steps forward at the meeting, they will be eligible for votes from those attending the meeting. Write-in candidates must be present at the May meeting to be eligible to accept nomination and take office at the close of the meeting if elected.

Candidate information is on the next pages. To have your ballot counted, you may do any of the following:

- a. mail it in the enclosed envelope* so it is received prior to May 17
- b. bring it to the May 17 meeting or give it in a sealed envelope to someone who you know will be attending the meeting if you are not able
- c. complete a ballot at the meeting after in-person nominations
- d. give a written proxy for someone else to cast a ballot for you at the meeting after in-person nominations are completed (proxy document must be provided to secretary prior to the voting at the meeting if not already on file)

*Please mail or submit your ballot in the enclosed envelope. If you use another envelope, please mark it with the words "HOA ballot to be opened at election meeting only." Since all of the current board members are also candidates, ballots will be opened by other volunteer community members at the May meeting for counting. Mail to BATA, PO Box 1725, Belfair, WA 98528. If you are an owner who does not live in Belfair, recommend mailing your ballot at least a week prior to May 17 to allow for adequate mail delivery time.

We normally give the option for voters to scan or snap a photo of their completed ballot and email the scan/photo to the BATA email account. Since the BATA email account is only opened by current board members who are also candidates, owners should be aware that if they submit their ballot this way, the board members would see it prior to the counting. If this is not an issue for you, we will certainly print your emailed ballot and provide it to the volunteers to be counted at the meeting.

Candidate submitted information follows:

Elayne Stodola - I am running (again!) for the Board to continue with the work on the roads that we have started this past year. We have come a long way with the progress, but there is more that needs to be done. I am proud of the work that we have completed during this past year and would like your vote to continue with the following work:

- Continue to build the road base for Alderwood and Razor
- Continue to work on drainage by locating culverts that were neglected and searching for the ones that have been abandoned to bring them back into the system. Numbering the culverts for identification of locations.
- Make repairs to the side roads that have issues with either needing rock, drainage fixes or road stability.
- Continue with the updating of the governing documents (Bylaws, CC&Rs and Articles)
- Working with PUD3 on the upcoming conduit, fiber optics and new wiring project
- Working with DNR for fire hazard issues and home evaluations for helping your property survive a mass fire and bring together a plan for mass evacuation in case of a massive fire

We have created a working board that has put forth a lot of time and effort into making this past year productive. Let us keep working forward to keep the safety and health of our neighbors and community members. I would appreciate your vote to let us continue to do that. Thank you

Terilynn Lazo - BATA Neighbors - My name is Terilynn Lazo and I have been serving as the BATA Board Secretary for the last two years. I am running for the board again and seek your vote. I have put in many, many, volunteer hours working to help execute the administrative business of the Board (meeting scheduling/minutes, vote on CPA audit, audit law research, bylaw committee, budget ratification process, reserve study analysis, maps, signs, website updates, newsletters, speed enforcement documents, etc.). I've worked hard to provide good communication and notifications about board activities so you all are informed and have opportunities to weigh in. I use my own computer and projector for meetings to help facilitate discussions. I continue to work on the complicated governance document updates for the extensive state law changes. If re-elected, I will continue this complex work so we can have versions to discuss and narrow down as a community. I am running again to see this through so this work doesn't have to start from scratch by someone else. I respectfully request your vote in the next board member election.

Mark Case - Helloooooo, BATA! Once again, it is election season and I've been asked to run for the board again, so here we are. We've made great strides in the maintenance and condition of the road over the past few years, including working with our contractor on building up the road base and improving drainage to better withstand the traffic levels and weather (and the occasional falling tree) that it gets hit with. There is always still more work to be done and I hope to continue that work with your support!

Robert Maxwell - I am pleased to announce my intention to seek re-election to the board for the upcoming term. Having served as Treasurer for the past five years, I have diligently worked to enhance our financial stability, successfully reducing our delinquency rate and meticulously maintaining our financial records. I am dedicated to continuing this positive trajectory should the BATA community endorse my re-election. I trust that my commitment and contributions to the BATA community have been evident throughout my tenure.
Robert Maxwell

Terri Maxwell - Dear BATA, I am writing to express my continued interest in serving on the board of [BATA], and I am confident that my experience and skills would be beneficial in fostering the organization's growth and success.

As a dedicated and enthusiastic supporter of the [BATA] community, I have had the privilege of serving in various roles, including Secretary/Treasurer and Secretary, over the past five years. Throughout my time on the board, I have strived to act in the best interests of [BATA] and its community.

My primary motivation for joining and remaining on the board has always been to contribute to the advancement of [BATA] and its stakeholders, rather than for personal benefit. I have consistently prioritized the organization's needs and collaborated effectively with my fellow board members to achieve our shared objectives.

As a board member, I offer a comprehensive understanding of [BATA]'s mission, values, and operations. My experience has provided me with the necessary skills and knowledge to offer informed guidance and support to the organization.

I am very much looking forward to continuing my service to [BATA] and contributing to positive change and growth. I am committed to upholding the organization's values and mission, and I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to continue working alongside individuals who share my passion for [BATA].

Sincerely,
Terri Maxwell

Blank ballot is enclosed with space for write-in candidates. The five candidates who receive the most votes and are verified as members in good standing (dues paid) will serve on the board.

Other Notes: As the dry season comes, our dirt roads will get dusty. The Board is looking at options for dust control. In the meantime, you should know that **IT IS ILLEGAL to dump oil or other hazardous substances on the road!** Anyone who sees this happening should report it to the sheriff's office immediately. See website for more information.

Reminder: The May meeting is held the **third** Sunday in May instead of the second Sunday because of Mother's Day. This year our May annual meeting will be on May 17, 2026 at 4:30 pm at the HUB senior center. Please use the side door. [We hope to see you there!](#)

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