

History of the SLA 2000s

The next chapters of the SLA History will summarize the 2000s up to the year 2011. This will complete 50 years (1961-2011) of the SLA's involvement being the watchdog of the Silver Lake Community. So many passionate volunteers put forth a tremendous effort in the next 12 years with issues that include water quality, weeds, property maintenance & codes, road signs for the Lake District, 911 emergency system, dry hydrants around the lake, the Outlet Trail, wind turbines, and the Dominion gas pumping station. It will also include the Officers, Directors, meetings, Silver Lake activities and membership chapters. The dedication needed by the SLA was unprecedented. Some of these issues still exist and this organization will do the best it can to resolve these issues and concerns.

Officers of the 2000s

Presidents – Rich Elias (2000, 01, 02) Bill Soules (2003, 04, 05) Ruth Lavin (2006, 07, 08) Dick Swanson (2009, 10) Tom Kaufman (2011)

1st and 2nd Vice Presidents – Roy Schneggenburger & Francis Foulkrod (2000, 01) Bill Soules (2002) Rich Elias (2003, 04, 05, 06) Ruth Lavin (2005) Stephen Tarbell (2006, 07) Ann Heizmann (2007, 08, 09) Jim Coles & Mick Griffin (2010, 11)

Secretaries – Lorraine Strum (2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07) Julie Ciferni (2008, 09, 10, 11)

Treasurers – Mary Gillett (2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07) Betty Nasca (2008, 09, 10, 11)

(NOTE: All terms of officers begin after the Annual meeting the previous year of noted term year and ends at the Annual meeting of last term year)

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At the July 2000 Annual meeting Rich Elias was elected President. Also returned to office were Vice Presidents Francis Foulkrod and Roy Schneggenburger, Secretary Lorraine Strum and Treasurer Mary Gillett. The slate was presented by Waltz Tract Director Denton Robinson and the motion was passed to accept this year's Officers.

Waltz Tract Director Denton Robinson presented the 2002-2003 slate of officers: President Bill Soules of Fairview South, Vice President Rich Elias of Davis Tract, Treasurer Mary Gillett of Country Club North, and Secretary Lorraine Strum of Silver Grove Tract. Nominations were closed with no one from the floor and all voted aye for the slate of officers and board of tract directors.

At a special Executive Committee meeting held in August of 2002 a Secretarial Contract was discussed. Bill noted that none existed. Research had found that the board in the past agreed to pay Lorraine for letters, minutes, and a per/hour rate for newsletters and a writers fee if she did the majority of it. Labor included work like: collating, stuffing envelopes, researching assessments. The Committee agreed that all newsletter articles and all correspondence should go through her unless the board decided otherwise. This was to ensure proper grammar. The Committee recommended keeping the fees the same but recommended the full board approve an hourly labor wage.

The slate of the newly elected officers were being presented; Vice presidents Rich Elias and Ruth Lavin, Secretary Lorraine Strum, and treasurer Mary Gillett, Betty Nasca motioned that Bill Soules stay in as President and with Ruth seconding it, Bill then so declined. The slate was moved to be accepted by Dick Swanson as presented, all voted aye.

At the August 2005 meeting Annette Payne nominated Ruth Lavin to be President of the SLA; Mick Griffin seconded it and was accepted. After a discussion of the Co-Vice President position it was decided to keep it when Sue

Griffin motioned and only had one opposed to it. Rich Eliaz nominated Steve Tarbell as a co-VP. Bill Harrington moved to close the nominations. Roy Schneggenburger asked for clarification if the appointment was politicizing a non-political group since Steve was a Town Councilman. The nomination was unanimous.

The SLA Executive Committee met to discuss the secretarial duties and Lorraine had agreed to stay on until July of that year (2007). At that time SLA would need a new secretary to take and transcribe the monthly minutes. Lorraine's duties included: minutes, vacation guide and newsletters. Ruth and Robin met with Mark Maussner regarding the SLA Guide and newsletters. Ruth invited Mark to the October meeting to discuss his ideas with the group.

Ruth mentioned that SLA's paid members were entitled to vote on directors. Mick read the names of officers for the slate of 2007: President-Ruth Lavin, Vice President-Ann Heizmann, Treasurer-Betty Nasca, and Secretary-Julie Ciferni. Mick asked for any nominations from the floor. Ann questioned if there was a nomination for a second Vice President. Roy nominated Steve Tarbell for 2nd Vice President but Steve declined due to lack of time for the commitment. The nomination was then withdrawn. It was decided not to have a second VP at that time. Ruth then presented certificates of appreciation to Steve Tarbell (Vice President-2 years), Mary Gillette (Treasurer-12 Years), Lorraine Sturm (Secretary-17 years), Doug Klein (Austin/Shearman Tract Director-27 years & Secretary-2 years).

Mick Griffin read the proposed slate of Officers at the 2008 July meeting; President-Ruth Lavin, Co-Vice Presidents-Rich Eliaz & Bill Soules, Secretary-Julie Ciferni, Treasurer-Betty Nasca. Rich moved to accept the Officers & Directors, Annette-2nd, All-aye.

Nominating Chairman Mick Griffin had nothing to report at the November 2008 meeting. Dick Swanson asked what the procedure was for knowing who wanted a position on the executive committee. A discussion between Dick, Mick, Ann, Bill and Ruth was conducted. You may ask an officer personally if they were going to continue in their position before submitting one self's name for nomination. Dick asked what happened last July when Ruth stated that she was no longer interested and then became President. Ruth responded that there were extenuating circumstances. You may submit your name to Mick at any time. If you did not want to submit your nomination if the person on the board wanted to continue, we would then have a secret ballot. Dick said he did not understand why there was all the secrecy. He did not presently like the process the way it was being done. There was no continuity from year to year. Bill believed there was continuity. Rich was President for three years before Bill and Bill was President for three years before Ruth. Mick presented the slate of officers at the annual meeting. If there was more than one person interested in a particular office, there would be a secret ballot. Ann explained that according to the by-laws, if an officer planned to resign, they must submit a letter to the President and Secretary. They then would give the letter to Mick so that the committee may begin looking for a replacement. Mick would announce throughout the year if there were any openings and asked if anyone would be interested in a position on the Executive Board that they could contact him and his committee. Ruth was VP before President. The committee as a courtesy contacted her.

Mick read the slate of new board members at the June 2009 meeting; Dick Swanson-President, Jim Coles & Mick Griffin-Vice Presidents, Julie Ciferni-Secretary, Betty Nasca-Treasurer. Nominations would be held at annual meeting. Other nominations would be welcome from the floor at that time. A discussion then continued re: slate of names for election. Dick was unaware of all names proposed.

Bill Soules announced the slate of officers; Dick Swanson (Pres), Mick Griffin & Jim Coles (VPs), Julie Ciferni (Sec), Betty Nasca (Treas). Rich moved to accept slate of officers, all voted aye. Roy asked Dick as the new President to make the Pledge to the Flag standard for each meeting, Dick agreed. It was asked, how would Dick monitor goings on, on behalf of the Association? Would you attend local meetings? Critical information was given at these meetings. Dick responded that he would attend the local meetings. Ruth congratulated Dick on his Presidency. Dick Swanson asked that a list be made of all the organizations that would have meetings which impacted the lake along with the date, time, and location of the meetings. The point was to divide among the directors so that the association would have a presence at each meeting.

Mick Griffin stated on behalf of the nominating committee Julie Ciferni requested that someone take over the Secretary position (note-taking at meetings). Then he read the slate of nominees; President Dick Swanson, 1st Vice President-Jim Coles, 2nd Vice President-Mick Griffin, Treasurer-Betty Nasca, Secretary-Julie Ciferni (temporary until replacement was found). Mick asked that if anyone knows anyone who wishes to take over meeting minutes that they let him know. Dick said at the June 2011 meeting that he was in a similar situation as Julie with time and noted that he wished to step down and have someone else take over the Presidency next year. He would be willing to work together with this person to share duties to start.

Dick Swanson announced that Tom Kaufman would be taking over as President. Dick had officially resigned as of the August 2011 meeting. Dick signed his resignation letter. Bill Soules moved to accept Dick's resignation. All voted aye. Dick said he had enjoyed being President. He said he resigned due to his busy schedule and that he would still be active in association. Mick then officially nominated Tom Kaufman as President. Tom said he planned to promote memberships around lake. He asked Betty for the number of this year's membership. She did not have a completed list yet. Tom said he wanted to make meeting minutes more interesting using photos, etc. Tom continued saying that he would work on promoting strengths of individual directors to improve this organization. Tom added he would like to create a "new member packet" with information for new owners. Mick asked all the directors to approach someone in their tract about taking over the Secretary position and after that he would look into hiring someone.