

## **WLRMS Announces Nominees and Balloting Process for 2022 Board Elections**

**Completed Ballots Must Be Received in the WLRMS Office by  
Wednesday, August 17, 2022 4pm.**

In accordance with the By-Laws, the Wolf Laurel Road Maintenance and Security Homeowners' Association, Inc. (WLRMS) Board of Directors announced the following nominees as Candidates for Election as Directors during the July Board of Directors meeting on Friday, July 15, 2022:

**Joe Bafia**

**Tedi McManus**

**Greg Meier**

**John Narang**

**Stephen Parker**

**Ron Stone**

The biographies of the candidates are below, will be posted on wolflaurelroadsandsecurity.com and included in the voting materials package.

The voting materials, including the ballots, will be mailed on July 25, 2022 to all property owners of record as of that date who are fully current in their annual assessments. If you would like to bring your assessments current, please contact the RMS office immediately to coordinate payment and obtaining a ballot.

**If you prefer to pick up the voting materials at the WLRMS office (and not have them mailed to your billing address) or to have the material mailed to an alternative address**, please alert the office by sending an email to [suehonor@wolflaurelrms.com](mailto:suehonor@wolflaurelrms.com), or via USPS mail to 63 Village Lane, Mars Hill, N.C. 28754 **no later than July 18, 2022**.

**Please Note:** Your email/USPS letter must state that you do not want your election material mailed and that you will pick it up at the WLRMS office between July 25, 2022 and August 17, 2022 during regular office hours or that you would like for the material to be mailed to an alternative address. **Your request must be received no later than July 18, 2022 to prevent your package being mailed to your billing address.** In order to ensure election integrity, you will be asked to present a photo ID and provide your signature when you pick up your voting materials.

Please return the ballot(s) in the envelope provided as soon as possible after you receive them.

**Complete ballots must be received in the WLRMS office by Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 4pm.**

Reminder: Each property owner who is current in annual assessments will receive one ballot for each lot without a home on it. Each property owner who is current in annual assessments will receive two ballots for each lot with a home built on it. If you have not paid your assessment, please do so immediately to receive your ballot.

The WLRMS Board urges all property owners to exercise your vote for those you want to represent your interests on the WLRMS Board.

\*\*\*Please note the Board of Directors does not endorse candidates. We only strive to present, through a nomination selection process completely independently of the board, the best pool of candidates to choose among and to continuously recruit talented volunteers to serve on the board, on committees and for special projects.

Nominating Committee

Gayle Barr, Chair

## **WLRMS Nominees for 2022 Board Elections**

**Joe Bafia**, Chestnut Lane. Joe and his wife Natalia and their 2 boys all fell in love with the community as soon as they first arrived in Wolf Laurel in 2018. They spend many weekends in Wolf Laurel and persuaded other family friends to buy property in the community.

Joe currently works in agriculture providing risk protection to our farmers. With a great love of the outdoors, Joe takes every opportunity to hike, fish, golf and ski. The availability of hiking and recreation is another reason Joe and his family love the Wolf Laurel community and they have taken advantage of the fishing pond, trails and amenities as Village Club members.

Joe would like to take a more active role in the community as his long term plans include moving to Wolf Laurel permanently at some point in the future.

**Tedi McManus**, El Miner Dr. Tedi first visited Wolf Laurel in 2007 as a volunteer for the bird banding station at Big Bald. The amazing beauty of the bald captured her heart, and she purchased her home in Wolf Laurel in 2014. She retired in 2019 from her career in public education and moved to the mountains full time. She currently works as a biologist monitoring Osprey nests on cell towers throughout the Carolinas and Virginia. In her spare time, she enjoys bird-watching, hiking, reading, and creating art. She has a daughter and son-in-law in Raleigh, and her first grandchild is on the way.

Tedi began her professional career as an environmental contractor before switching to the public school system. She's a North Carolina Certified Environmental Educator and enjoys working with children and adults to enhance their knowledge and awareness of the environment. She continues her involvement with Blue Ridge Bird Observatory which operates the bird banding station at Big Bald.

Tedi served as Chair of the WLRMS Wilderness Committee during 2021-22. As a WLRMS board member, her natural resource background would provide knowledge and perspective from a conservation viewpoint. Her focus is on minimizing Wolf Laurel's impact on the surrounding unique natural area by promoting dark sky lighting, good stewardship of Big Bald, road management practices that minimize soil erosion and restrict pesticide use, and managing Wolf Laurel's greenspaces.

**Greg Meier**, Ridgeway Road. Residents of Winter Park, Florida, Greg and his wife, Lisa, have vacationed in the Wolf Laurel community for fifteen years. They purchased their home on Ridgeway Road in August 2017. The family enjoys the full Wolf Laurel experience, being members of Wolf Laurel Country Club and Wolf Laurel Village Club, participating in the “Wolf Pack” hiking all the various trails in the Wolf Laurel Community, horseback riding at the stables, and their son, Jack Henry, is often found on the pickle ball courts.

Greg is a practicing attorney partner with Shuffield Lowman in Orlando, having a focus on estate planning, tax and business transactions. He is licensed in both Florida and Georgia. His practice also touches upon non-profit organizations and intellectual property. He recently obtained his Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy (CAP) designation which helps him serve his clients in their major gifts philanthropic planning. In his practice he is called upon to make complex topics as easy to follow as possible. While recognizing the often-complicated intricacies of a matter, Greg helps his clients see the big picture – ultimately focusing on how things are going to affect his clients and their families. He takes pleasure in being able to distill complicated matters into language that his client can understand.

In 2021, Greg volunteered and was appointed to the WLRMS Board where he served several months filling an unexpected vacancy. Greg presently volunteers for WLRMS on its Legal Committee. He also volunteers in several civic organizations in Central Florida, including serving on non-profit boards of directors.

**John Narang**, Glenaire Drive. John was raised in Charleston, South Carolina, and attended the University of South Carolina attaining BS and MBA degrees. John joined Sonoco Products Company in Hartsville, SC being part of a team implementing a Client/Server network and ERP/scheduling applications for their Industrial Products Division across North America. Later he moved to Charlotte, NC became a technology risk and security manager for KPMG and Ernst & Young. His two specialties were manufacturing and banking. After a good run and seeing just about every place one could imagine, he decided to finally create his own company. John enrolled at the Gemological Institute of America, became a gemologist, and opened a gemstone and jewelry business based in Columbia, SC.

John first came to Wolf Laurel in the mid-1980s. The drive up and back to The Wolf from Asheville was very scary at times on the old 19/23 highway, especially at night (those that know, know!). He fell in love with the property and area over some time and purchased a lot in 1996 as a little spot of peace and nature and imagination. Over the last few decades John has seen and read about so many booms and busts, as well as odd actions/initiatives up in these hills. His love for The Wolf remained strong through everything, all the while watching Asheville become a favorite place for travelers...some of which could care less about keeping it natural, clean, and a magical place of serenity. If elected, John commits to doing his best to ensure sensibility on all matters within the community, as well as having fiscal prudence. Every property and lot owner has different views, capital, and needs. It is paramount that the reasons that drew John to Wolf Laurel remain unspoiled.

**Stephen Parker**, El Miner Drive. Steve and his wife Pat are full time resident since 2016, but their connection to the community started several years before. To paraphrase Thoreau, the Parkers moved to Wolf Laurel because they “wished to live deliberately”. Steve and Pat feel they have done that, are enjoying Wolf Laurel immensely, and continue to want to “pay it forward”. They enjoy skiing, hiking, travel, community socials, working on their house, and the pool. Steve is a member of the Ski Patrol, serves on the Wolf Laurel ARB, and is a past member of the WLPOA Board.

Steve attended Colgate University and Boston University attaining a BA and MBA. Steve has had a broadly varied career with public, private and educational institutions in the areas of banking, financial services, mortgage portfolio management and data analysis, consulting, and business. Steve has also been active and served in leadership positions with a variety of charitable organizations, including his church, Scouts, youth sports leadership, Sunday School teaching, treasurer/controller of a 450 member church and volunteer controller of a YMCA.

Steve is hopeful that this background would be useful in helping WLRMS in its attestation and financial planning and analysis roles and would look forward to putting his background to use for Wolf Laurel.

**Ron Stone** Fox Den. Ron and his wife Paula have been full time residents for many years. Their passions are food (organic), natural health & enjoying the great natural environment in Wolf Laurel through their walks. You will see Ron walking their Great Pyrenees Kai 4 miles a day on the roads of Wolf Laurel.

Ron spent 20 years as a financial executive and CPA (inactive) in industry and as a consultant. He was Comptroller of a \$250 million paper mill, served as a Senior Analyst to top executives of The Mead Corporation, CFO of a healthcare products company, and General Manager of a \$25 million corrugated box plant. He now works full time from his home utilizing website skills acquired in building websites in the commercial loan business to help local businesses nationwide with their web needs, including generating prospects for their business.

As a board member and Treasurer of WLRMS, Ron dove into WLRMS finances to insure sound financial footing, including cash coverage of significant future capital expenditures to avoid the need for a Special Assessment. He also devoted a great deal of hands on time to improving accounting and administration, including setting up direct deposit for employees, remote deposits of assessment checks, improvement in information systems, and numerous changes to our financial reports to improve their readability and understanding. Best known during his working career for his ability to solve problems through analysis, a thorough understanding of the underlying issues, communication, and creating close working relationships, Ron adapted these skills to serve the community serving as a volunteer through serving on multiple committees and as an officer of the board.