Allan Baum
Statement of Qualifications



My name is Allan Baum and I am asking for your support of my candidacy for another term on the Board of Directors of FIPPOA. For those of you who don't know me, I have been coming to the Pines since 1978, first rented a house in 1980 and have been a homeowner since 1987. I am a longtime registered voter in the Pines and currently reside at 235 Beach Hill Walk with my partner of 42 years, Frank Liberto, and our beloved schnauzer Ava.

Since joining the FIPPOA Board in 2014, I have served as Executive Producer of our annual Pines Party event and, in 2021, was elected as FIPPOA Vice President. As Vice President, I have worked closely with Henry Robin and the other members of the Executive Committee on a wide variety of issues affecting the organization. I have also served as one of the three FIPPOA representatives on the Fire Island Boulevard Task Force, working with members of the FIP Chamber of Commerce and outside counsel on the development and implementation of our soon to be rolled out Boulevard plan.

In addition to my duties as Vice President, my year round vocation has been to serve as Executive Producer of our Pines Party event. As head of an amazing volunteer Pines Party Committee, I am very proud of our accomplishments as Pines Party has evolved into a world class event and a major financial success. Pines Party now generates a significant portion of the funding for The Pines Foundation's activities, as well as providing critical support for our off-island beneficiary - Stonewall Community Foundation. Even after cancelling our ON AIR 2020 event, we raised over $135,000 to cover our expenses and provide additional funds for the Foundation and Stonewall. While Pines Party still has a few local naysayers, I am gratified by the community's growing support of the event.

In seeking re-election as a Director, I am hoping to continue to apply my management, business and leadership skills to a wide range of issues affecting the community. While I intend to continue my Pines Party role for the foreseeable future, my goal is to identify and groom the next generation of leadership for the event. More generally, one of my goals for the organization is to increase its engagement with the new generation of homeowners, including expanded representation on the board.

In addition to my "party planning" resume, my qualifications for Director include an extensive background in real estate, business and finance. Prior to retiring in 2002, I had a 20-year career in investment banking with Merrill Lynch, Citibank and Credit Suisse. I have also served on corporate boards, including Gramercy Property Trust (a public REIT acquired by Blackstone), National Consumer Cooperative Bank and Community Development Trust (a private affordable housing REIT for which I currently serve as a director).

I hope I can count on your support in the upcoming election and I look forward to continuing to serve our community as a Director of FIPPOA.

Thanks and regards,

Allan