Allan Baum
Statement of Qualifications



My name is Allan Baum and I am asking for your support of my candidacy for re-election as Vice President 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 husband and partner of 45 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. I originally ran for the Board with a goal of reviving the event, which at the time was suffering from lackluster financial results and a loss of community support. I couldn't be prouder of the results.

Working with an amazing volunteer Pines Party Committee, Pines Party has become a world class event and a financial success. Expanded to include five parties, an online auction and the Pines Party Community Journal, Pines Party has consistently raised $300,000+/- each year to support operations of The Pines Foundation and the Seashore Defense Fund and to provide critical financial support to our longtime beneficiary - Stonewall Community Foundation.Even more gratifying than the financial success is the fact that (most of) the community now embraces the event.

As an active member of the Executive Committee, I will continue to apply my management, business and leadership skills to a wide range of issues affecting the community. While I continue to serve in a leadership role for Pines Party, my 2025 goal is to identify and begin grooming 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.

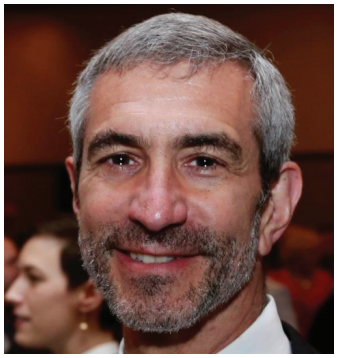
In addition to my "party planning" resume, my qualifications for the Vice President position include an extensive background in real estate, business and finance. Prior to retiring in 2002, I had a 20-year career in investment banking with Merrill Lynch, Citibank and Credit Suisse. I have also served on several 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 where 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 Pines community in the role of FIPPOA Vice President.

Thanks and regards,

Allan

ALAN BRODHERSON



Thank you for considering my candidacy for re-election as Secretary of the FIPPOA Board, a position I have held for six years.

The primary responsibilities of the Secretary are to keep the minutes of our Board meetings, oversee the membership roster and supervise our elections, tasks with which I am quite familiar.

Perhaps the most important day-to-day contribution that I make as Secretary is in my role as the only attorney on the Executive Committee. My legal experience, along with my educational background as a non-practicing accountant, is relevant to any number of significant issues that come before the Association. Continued service on the Executive Committee allows me to have input from the very outset of these critical matters.

My key contributions over the years include the following:

- Drafted and reviewed innumerable contracts, including those relating to The Pines Party and the operations of our harbor.
- Wrote and commented upon proposed amendments to our by-laws.
- Participated in critical decisions concerning litigation.
- Worked with Brookhaven's counsel to draft petitions used to obtain taxpayers' approval to undertake capital projects within the Pines.
- Advised concerning risk and how to minimize that risk through appropriate insurance arrangements.

I have enjoyed having the opportunity to serve in this manner and hope to continue to do so. Thank you again for considering my candidacy.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE SEPT. 21 MEETING, PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFOREHAND. THANK YOU.

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Gary Clinton



Pines Visitor: 1974 - 1980
Renter: 1980 - 1996
Owner: 1997 - present
FIPPOA Board: 1998 – 2011 & 2016 - present

My experiences on the FIPPOA Board and as a homeowner have given me a deep perspective about the Pines and FIPPOA's work. Over the years, I have served as co-chair of the Membership Committee and the Trailblazers Park Task Force, chair of the Whyte Hall Committee, and interim Secretary from 2021 to 2022.

I have also been the *Wagon Rack Guy* for about 20 years.

My guiding philosophy is that Fire Island Pines should not be a retirement community, nor should it be a three-ring circus. I have consistently tried to help FIPPOA strike balances in the community, recognizing that there are sometimes conflicting interests, and always evolving needs. I try to look ahead.

I am cautious about spending FIPPOA's money, but I also believe that when we have more, we should do more to support the community. Related to that, I am keenly aware that much of FIPPOA's revenue, whether dues, fees charged to contractors, or ticket prices for events, ultimately comes from property owners.

During the past 15 months, my Board colleague Russell Saray and I have reviewed, organized, digitized, and analyzed FIPPOA's records going back to its founding in 1953. I have particularly focused on the anti-LGBTQ+ attitude of the 1950s, and have documented the shift from hate-filled rhetoric meant to keep out LGBTQ+ renters and would-be buyers, to the community that evolved into the Pines as we know it today. These records are rich in primary sources, and I am proud to say that FIPPOA is making them available to scholars writing about LGBTQ+ history.

My hope is that I will be re-elected and continue with my work on the Board as advisor, archivist, voice of reason and experience, and as one of the *Wagon Rack Guys*. I take my responsibility to you seriously, and I ask you for your vote.



Dear Fellow Community Members,

I grew up on Long Island and was fortunate to spend my childhood, teenage years, and increasingly distant 20s and 30s close enough to Fire Island to visit and enjoy it. Ultimately, I fell in love with it. For over twenty years now, it has been my sanctuary, safe space, and home.

The principal reason I've been able to live most of the year here is that my career offers me significant freedom. I started a Managed Service Provider company, specializing in small businesses that I started 18 years ago. I realized early on that small businesses lacked support due to the cost of human resources and services larger companies had access to. I worked to change this by educating myself on the current and cutting-edge technologies, which enabled me to provide services that customers traditionally had no access to and more affordable (due to little overhead). I persisted through the challenges of the early years, and with time took on a business partner to help balance the responsibilities of our clients. We hired several additional employees throughout the following years—we continue to thrive.

In 2013, I joined the neighborhood association where our New Rochelle home is located, a neighborhood of about 270 historic homes. Over the next 5 years, I took a dwindling board and invigorated it with new members. Less than 40% of neighbors were paying dues, but after creating community events and fundraisers, setting up several websites for the association, and introducing digital payments, we more than doubled payees. Our neighborhood has gone through a renaissance since that time, with many new neighbors and an association that is able to provide for the residents and community.

Six years ago, we decided it was time to take the plunge and purchase our home in the Pines; after fostering incredible friendships over the prior years with Pines homeowners. This decision unquestionably changed our lives forever. Not only did our group of friends grow, with many new ones made from bonding over share weeks, but we also grew our family, meeting our partner, Marc. Together as 3, we continued to work together with community organizations such as the Pines Care Center, FIPPOA, FIPAP, BOFFO, DRA, and the Pines Party, volunteering as much time as possible and using our unique skills together to benefit these organizations.

Our most recent venture, The Visitors Center, a retail space, art gallery, and a soft serve dessert bar(coming soon), has proven to be an intense collaboration, not only together as 3 partners but also relying on various community members and contractors to bring this dream to life. We will spend the season continuing to refine the experiences and offerings of the space and have been overwhelmed by the support of neighbors and visitors as they experience the vision.

Continuing to look forward, and regarding why I want to be more involved with FIPPOA, I have 3 initial committees that I feel would benefit from my skills and passions. Firstly, having experience with the Neon donor database and communications platform, I look forward to working with the membership committee, pushing for increased membership, and managing the existing database and projects. My unique technology skills, paired with a passion for interacting with homeowners and visitors, will support this committee well.

Next, I would passionately enjoy working with FIPPOA as a technology specialist and independent auditor, to make sure that the organization is using the right technology and, as importantly, spending the right monetary resources on these services and providers. I have worked extensively with my small business customers, in addition to volunteering on existing FIPPOA projects, to guide technical and financial decisions and gather pricing from multiple vendors. In addition, my experience with all major cloud providers and most major cloud services will be beneficial when implementing new systems or handling upgrades. As I do with all my diverse business customers, I would look to leverage my extensive network of other specialists and technology vendors, to make sure that our community receives the best services and at the most economical pricing.

Lastly, at least for now, I would like to re-form and chair the Fire Island Pines Harbor Committee. Working alongside Harbor Master Dennis and Karen M, I would look for opportunities to bring the Pines' boaters together as more of a community, with planned social events and activities to start. We would also explore all current and future revenue streams from the harbor, working to maximize efficiency and returns to FIPPOA.

I am honored to be considered for a board position and to devote myself further to this community. I look forward to expanding our community's offerings and continuing the long tradition of pride and love.

Your neighbor,

Richard Margolius



MaryBeth Micheels (she/her)

Candidate for the Board of Directors
FIPPOA & The Pines Foundation, Fall 2024

Greetings Neighbors!
I am asking for your support to elect me to the FIPPOA Board of Directors, As a director I will be more effective in continuing preservation work, infrastructure maintenance and improving the quality of life in the Pines. This role will allow me to be a stronger advocate for the needs and priorities for the community, residents and diverse visitors.

About me:

- My husband of 34 years, Joe and I were born and raised in Islip, a short drive west from the Sayville Ferry. We currently reside in East Islip and Fire Island Pines, have two adult sons and three grandsons; the most recent addition just arrived on the summer solstice.
- We came to the Pines with friends over 10 years ago, quickly came to enjoy the community, soon bought our first house in the Pines and have been dedicated community members ever since
- We enjoy the diverse art, dance and musical performances presented by the many talented and dedicated organizations throughout the Summer.

Professional background:

- I hold a bachelor's degree in accounting and Spanish. Having learned the language and its rich culture during my time in Colombia, I am a fluent speaker.
- After college, I worked for KPMG performing financial statement audits of primarily hospitals and other not-for-profit organizations. I moved from KPMG into Healthcare Finance on Long Island, eventually spending twenty years with Catholic Health Services, where I led the implementation of the enterprise financial systems for six hospitals, three nursing homes, and various related entities. During this process, I transitioned into an Information Technology leadership role.
- As AVP for Enterprise Applications at Mount Sinai South Nassau, I am currently leading various avenues of integration and standardization between South Nassau and the Mount Sinai Health System, while my team and I support financial, supply management, time & attendance, scheduling, and patient registration systems.

Other Community Experience and Involvement:

- Member of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the East Islip Fire Department for over 25 years; committee member for various fund raisers and events.
- Past President and Past Treasurer of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the East Islip Fire Department
- Past Committee Member and Treasurer of Boy Scout Troop 207
- Regular supporter to the annual Pines Opening Party
- Volunteer at End of Season Closing Party sponsored by FIPPOA, assisting with setup, breakdown along with the food and bar service.
- Regularly perform beach and boulevard cleanup during the off-seasons

When elected, I look forward to helping and working with fellow board and community members to develop, enhance and implement effective policies that ensure the long-term preservation and beauty of our special community.

Leland Rechis
549 Ocean Walk
Running for Board of Directors, FIPPOA 2024



I am a native Long Islander who has been coming to Fire Island since I was a kid, particularly the Eastern communities. Riding the Sayville ferry has always been very personal to me, whether building excitement to build sandcastles at the beach, or opening up a share house with close friends.

As an adult, I started coming to Fire Island about 15 years ago. My partner Stephen and I bought in 2016, and never looked back. We winterized in 2018, came out a few weekends, then every weekend, and now we call Fire Island our home. We are both in the Fire Island Pines Fire Department, myself in the Auxiliary.

I am running for the board to continue to give back to the community and help improve it, particularly leveraging my technology and community leadership skills.

For the Fire Island Pines community, I have:

- Worked with Verizon to improve the internet in our community, given the critical need to work from home as we enter a hybrid work environment. I was a key member of the FIPPOA Internet Task Force that brought FIOS to the Pines. I led the surveying of residents to collect data and present the business case to Verizon, a key factor in getting us FIOS. Additionally, I helped on the operational side – I don't mind getting my hands dirty, including cleaning a list of addresses to get to aid the installers and mapping out demand geospatially.
- Led the Infrastructure Task Force, tackling issues from sewage to power to roadways. With my key partners on the task force, we hired an engineer to analyze the right way to rebuild the boulevard. I am committed to finding a way to implement this with our partners in government. I am also working with a number of partners on forward-looking methods to handle sewage, methods that do not involve clear-cutting trees to install IA systems that we can't service. I have had input on a regional study Island-wide and am now looking at how we get funding for an environmental study with partners.
- Represented homeowners who reside here throughout the year, regardless of whether they are full-time residents or only visit for a few weekends. This might involve taking weekly photographs of the beach or bay side erosion near the power plant for documentation purposes and raising awareness about the need to address deteriorating infrastructure.

In my four years, I have had a measurable impact on Fire Island. I am cognizant that I can't solve everything, but I will be your representative to focus on issues that matter, are in my wheelhouse, and will get the job done.

Thank you for your time. I welcome any feedback and look forward to serving the community.

Leland



Henry Robin

I have had the honor of serving as FIPPOA President for the past four years. Today, I ask for your vote to continue as your President for another two years.

When I was elected, two of my major goals were to engage a wide array of community members – not just our amazing directors – in FIPPOA's work and to increase transparency through engagement and communication.

I am proud of the tangible accomplishments we have achieved together, for example:

- Bringing Verizon FIOS to the community.
- The creation of Trailblazers Park.
- Significantly improving the aesthetics of Fire Island Boulevard by building additional contractor enclosures and creating a concealed parking lot for contractor vehicles and equipment.
- Promoting solar energy.
- Improving relationships with the government agencies and elected officials that are instrumental in garnering the respect and support the Pines needs to achieve many of our important goals and objectives.

But perhaps the most significant accomplishment of the past two years is addressing the existential threat created by a series of severe storms that devastated our beaches. Immediately I identified three objectives that required FIPPOA leadership to secure. First, the stop-gap trap bag project completed last spring for the west end of the Pines using $3 million in state grants we secured through our active outreach to local, state and federal officials as well as the government agencies involved. Second, the soon to be completed full beach restoration by the Army Corp of Engineers - scheduled to begin on the east end of Fire Island this fall. And the third objective, which is my primary focus today, securing the inter-government agreements required to obtain routine renourishment of our beaches on a 4-year cycle for the next 28 years. I am proud of the leading role the Pines played (together with Seaview) in being the leading advocate within the public arena (media) and behind the scenes with our elected officials which all culminated in an actionable strategic plan that has led to the successful outcomes we so desperately needed.

I am proud of the feedback I receive that FIPPOA has become more open and inclusive. I have always been keenly aware that to best achieve the seemingly unachievable, we need to tap into our community's deep talent pool because we do indeed have deep and passionate talent in the Pines. And we are able to accomplish far more as a united community working together than any one of us can accomplish working alone. Far more community members than ever before have been directly engaged in meaningful capacities working toward and achieving a variety of important, tangible results. That is the hallmark of my leadership style, and I believe it works.

I ask for your vote so that I may have the honor, privilege and responsibility to serve as your President for two more years.

Dear Friends and Fellow FIPPOA Members,



I'm Eric Sawyer, and I've proudly served on the FIPPOA Board for the past 20 years. This year, I kindly ask for your support to **VOTE FOR ME TWICE**—once for re-election as a Board Member and again for FIPPOA Treasurer.

My love for the Pines began in 1975 when a college wrestling teammate from Sayville, knowing my struggle to accept my identity, introduced me to the Pines which has since become my true home. After years of renting, I bought 142 Ocean, AKA the TV House, in 2003. During a break from my work with AIDS nonprofits, I renovated the TV House, joined the FIPPOA Board, and ran a home repair business (living in the Pines year-round for nearly four years). Having retired a few years ago I live most of the year in the Pines. My commitment to protecting, promoting, and preserving our community for future generations remains unwavering.

Before focusing on AIDS work in 1992, I gained valuable experience working for the City of Boulder (CO.), American Standard Corporation, Citibank NA, and Towers - Watson. My roles involved reorganization, contract negotiations, and resolving internal challenges, providing me with a unique understanding of local government and corporate operations.

I have also owned and renovated over a dozen properties in Harlem, Fire Island Pines, and upstate NY, which helps me assist FIPPOA with the maintenance and operation of Whyte Hall and other aspects of FIPPOA's infrastructure.

I co-founded several impactful organizations, including ACT UP, Housing Works, and Health GAP, focusing on AIDS advocacy, housing, and treatment access. My work with UNAIDS at the UN Headquarters involved liaising with NGOs to integrate the AIDS community into UN programs. I'm also a Founding Director of the NYC AIDS Memorial, contributing to the creation of a memorial for over 100,000 New Yorkers lost to the disease. I am currently helping Jay Pagano and others develop an AIDS Memorial here on Fire Island.

My activism extends to FIPPOA, where I've contributed significantly over the years. Years ago, I led efforts to repair boardwalks, enhance water safety, and improve community facilities. I've chaired the Operations Committee of Whyte Hall and supported numerous community fundraisers and events. My year-round presence, my Masters in Public Administration, knowledge of property management, and understanding of FIPPOA operating procedures and infrastructure allow me to assist FIPPOA with carrying out its daily tasks throughout the year.

I am eager to continue serving as a FIPPOA Board Director and as your Treasurer. I respectfully ask for your support in both roles. Thank you for your consideration.

Eric Sawyer