

Allan Baum
Statement of Qualifications



My name is Allan Baum and I am asking for your support of my candidacy for re-election as the 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 partner of 43 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 2020, 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 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 the on-going implementation of our Fire Island Boulevard plan.

In addition to my duties as Vice President, my year round "vocation" has become serving as Executive Producer of our annual 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 and provides critical support for our off-island beneficiary - Stonewall Community Foundation. Pines Party also provided substantial financial support for the recently installed Trailblazers Park, as well as support for the Seashore Defense Fund.

In seeking re-election as FIPPOA's Vice President, 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 in the near term, 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.

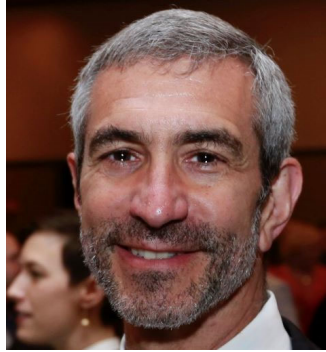
In addition to my "party planning" resume, my qualifications for Vice President include an extensive background in real estate, business and finance. Prior to retiring in 2002, I had a 20-year career in investment banking with Merrill Lynch, Citibank and Credit Suisse. I have also served on corporate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

Thanks and regards,

Allan

ALAN BRODHERSON



Thank you for considering my candidacy both for re-election to the FIPPOA Board of Directors and for the open position of Secretary, a position which I previously held for four years.

The primary responsibilities of the Secretary are to keep the minutes of our Board meetings, oversee the membership roster and supervise our elections. As I previously served as Secretary for four years, I am ready and able to fulfill these critical tasks on day one.

Perhaps the most important contribution that I would make as Secretary is to be the only attorney on the Executive Committee. I believe that my legal experience, along with my educational background as a non-practicing accountant, is relevant to a significant number of issues that come before the Association. By serving on the Executive Committee, I am better positioned to consult at the outset on any matters that have legal or financial implications for the Association.

More generally, in the years that I have served on the Board, I have provided legal advice on a host of issues. Among other matters, I: drafted and reviewed innumerable contracts, including those relating to The Pines Party and the operations of our harbor; wrote proposed amendments to our by-laws, including the amendment that first allowed domestic partners of homeowners to become voting FIPPOA members; 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; and provided legal advice on many other matters. I have enjoyed having the opportunity to serve in this manner and hope to be able to continue to do so.

Thank you again for considering my candidacy both for a four-year term as Director and as Secretary of the Association.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE **SEPT. 17 MEETING, PLEASE BE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT BEFOREHAND. THANK YOU.**

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Greg Henniger
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Dear neighbors,

For the fourth time, I'm standing for election to the Board of Directors and asking that you permit me to continue to be one of our representatives on the Board. Like so many of us, I'm a former long-time renter turned homeowner. A new world opened up to me when I arrived as a half share on Shore Walk in the summer of 1987 and the Pines is where I grew into the gay New York man that I am today. I owe a lot to this community. A bit of my history follows. I spent twelve years renting at the corner of Nautilus and the ocean with housemates, many of whom remain my closest and dearest friends. Those years included houseguests, the beach, pool parties, dinner parties, house parties, Vodka Parties (for those of you of a certain age), Morning Parties, Pines Parties, Tea(s) the Pavilion, Sip n Twirl...the works. That's what it was all about for us and I enjoyed every bit of it. Now here we are in 2022 as owners of our home at 370 Nautilus for 22 years and Tim and I have been enjoying a fabulous new and evolving chapter of intergenerational and diverse friendships and experiences. We're not siloing, and it's great. Sharing our home with long-standing and new friends and enjoying the communitarian atmosphere of it all remains one of the great joys of my life. Only in the Pines.

As practicing transactional lawyer specializing in affordable housing finance, I have brought to my position on the Zoning Committee a strong sense of logic, intellectual honesty, an inclination to see issues from all sides in order to come to an equitable decision, and an ability to digest and decipher documents, statutes and regulations that are, on the one hand, quite technical but, on the other hand, of great importance to us as a community. I see the role of the Zoning Committee as one of advocating for all of us as individual homeowners, but also as community members living close to one another within the unique environment of the Fire Island National Seashore. The Committee deals with the day to day routine of homeowners modifying their properties, as well as the extraordinary situations brought about by infrequent, but cataclysmic, natural and human-made disasters in our community (think, for instance, Irene, Sandy, the fire in the commercial district). Because of our honest and dependable routine interaction with the Town of Brookhaven, we've accumulated the currency and good will that was instrumental in helping to bring about satisfactory resolutions after those extraordinary events, and which will be necessary when the next big thing, whatever it inevitably is, comes along. It's all arguably very dry, but very, very important to all of us and my work for us in this area is personally very gratifying to me. Going forward, there's plenty for this lawyer to do on the Board for our community if you all decide to re-elect me as a Director. I hope you will. It's my way of giving back.

I'll speak more specifically during my allotted time at our meeting about what I've done and would like to continue doing on the Board. I must say, though, as I've said since I first began my service on the Board, and regardless of your decision with respect to me, that I continue to be nothing but impressed by the diligence, good faith, expertise and selflessness displayed by a Board consisting of volunteers who are often in the position of performing critical, yet thankless, tasks. And I'm most impressed by and grateful for the energy and talents of our newer members. They give me optimism for our future. We're all lucky to have people among us who are willing to do the work necessary to help make the Pines the forward looking, progressive and inclusive community that I think we strive to be.

Greg



Andrew Kirtzman

After a lifetime spent on Fire Island I am running for the FIPPOA board, and ask for your consideration of my candidacy.

I've loved the island since my family first stepped foot on it in the mid-1960s. I was a Fire Island kid – a counselor in the Ocean Beach Youth Group, then publisher of a weekly Fire Island newspaper right out of high school. In the summer of my senior year in college I stepped foot inside the Pavilion and came out of the closet virtually at that moment. I've been in love with the Pines ever since.

My heart is in this community. My husband, Kyle Froman, and I bought our house on Ocean Walk 19 years ago, and use it year-round. I opened The Madison Fire Island Pines 15 years ago, and for a five-year period co-owned the commercial district. Each of my adventures has only made me love the Pines more.

I've decided to run for the board as a way of giving back to a community that has been so good to us. The FIPPOA board has accomplished great things – the successful effort to persuade Verizon to bring FIOS to the community, for example, was an extraordinary victory that has been a game-changer for virtually every resident. It came on the heels of its landmark success in getting the federal and state governments to build back the beach, which saved countless homes (probably mine among them). It is an enormously impressive organization that I would be proud to be a part of.

For whatever reason, the media and entertainment worlds zeroed in on the Pines this summer. There were motion pictures and documentaries, books and endless newspaper and magazine articles; the New York Times seemed to cover us more than the Fire Island News at points. Each portrayed the community differently. Much of the new attention was favorable, but it highlighted how the reputation of the Pines was at the mercy of people outside of the community; that it is being defined by everyone but the people who live here. If the intensity of coverage of what was once a fairly below-the-radar community is going to be the new normal, some thought needs to go into how we deal with it.

More locally, the board and its many task forces are at work on a slew of initiatives; their proposals need to be communicated within the community to ensure the involvement of every constituency.

I've spent my career in media, politics and communications. I've been a reporter for newspapers and television, written books about public figures, and run a crisis communications firm for individuals and organizations in the political and public affairs spheres. In addition to my experience as a homeowner and business owner in the Pines, I would bring a lifetime of experience in this realm to FIPPOA, and with hope be of help in communicating strategically with those within and outside of the community.

I'd love to help FIPPOA succeed in its endeavors, and ask for your support of my candidacy.

Sincerely,
Andrew Kirtzman

Henry Robin



I have had the honor of serving as President of FIPPOA for the past two years. Today, I ask for you to vote for me twice. First so that I may continue as President for another two years, and second so that I may remain on the board for another term as required to be President.

When I was elected President, 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 accomplishments we have made over the past

two years. In Fall 2020, I established these five Task Forces (consisting of both FIPPOA directors and community members at-large) to address the most pressing needs as shared with me by the community during the campaign for President:

- The Internet Task Force, after a firm, initial NO from Verizon, was ultimately successful in bringing FIOS to the community.
- The Quality-of-Life Task Force, after a public forum and virtual comment/feedback, introduced mindful community-based guidelines to address conflict arising from noise and garbage.
- The Trailblazers Park Task Force, whose efforts led to the recently dedicated installation in the harbor honoring LGBTQ+ Trailblazers.
- The joint FIPPOA/Chamber of Commerce Task Force helped complete 19 lease agreements with Pines contractors for less visible spaces on Fire Island Boulevard Updated and, in some cases, new rules governing the roadway, freight dock and marina have been agreed upon and will soon be implemented to further improve the aesthetics on the Boulevard and the efficiency of commercial operations.
- The AIDS Memorial Task Force collected and documented critical stories of both the devastation and resilience of our community during the height of the AIDS pandemic; it continues to work on locating a site and creating a memorial.

After a six-month long-term community planning project conducted by a professional consultant, I recently formed three new Task Forces to begin working on a plan of action to address challenges and opportunities that may not be critical now, but which will become critical over the next 5 to 10 years:

- The impact of climate change and rising water levels on the Pines.
- Evolving and critical infrastructure and services needs of our community.
- Developing environmental standards of which we as a community can be proud, and facilitating implementation.

FIPPOA has never been more open and inclusive, involving over 40 members of the community in these efforts, effectively tapping into our deep talent pool and enabling us to accomplish far more as a united community working together. Much has been accomplished, yet more remains to be done. Therefore, I ask for your vote TWICE: first to remain on the board (as required) and second to have the honor and privilege of continuing as President for two more years.



Russell Saray. I am a long-time resident of the Pines, renting my first share in 1992. For the past 21 years I've lived with my husband, Steve Foster on Nautilus Walk. We look forward to opening the house in early March every year and then closing in late fall.

I am long retired from a career in marketing, sales and education but I remain committed to the joy of coaching, inspiring and motivating those who join me in the causes I promote. In addition to my work here on the island with FIPPOA, I serve as Secretary for The Pines Conservation Society. In the city, I am Vice Chair of the Abingdon Square Conservancy.

For nine uninterrupted years, I've prided myself on being a very busy director taking on challenges and bringing practical solutions to life. As Chair of the Seashore Defense Fund, I grew its coffers to over \$150,000. The SDF continues to educate us on how to prepare, preserve and protect our most precious resource, our beach. I designed and oversaw the installation of Beach Bin trash receptacles and KEEP OFF DUNES signs. This past year, new serpentine sand fencing was added to our previously installed fencing. Without a doubt the fencing is aggregating sand at an unprecedented rate.

I co-chaired the Membership committee and increased membership to its then highest levels. I continue to work with the team - bringing the Community Map in the harbor to life. I led the work to create the Sandbook which then became the template for the new FIPPOA website. I created and launched the very popular digital Community Bulletin Board which puts our many non-profits' events on the community's radar.

As Secretary, I would continue to serve the Pines community as part of the FIPPOA executive committee, where my attention to detail and commitment to "getting things done" would be a valuable resource. I enjoy being an active member of our community and I look forward to being your advocate for needed change in the Pines.

I would be honored to have your vote for my election as Secretary.

Thank you! Russell

Eric Sawyer candidate for Treasurer

My name is Eric Sawyer, and I am running to continue to represent you on the Executive Committee as FIPPOA Treasurer. I have been a member of the FIPPOA board for 18 years, and I have loved the Fire Island Pines community since my first trip here over 45 years ago. Through my personal and professional experience, I hope to continue to support a collaborative and respectful environment on the Executive Committee, underpinned by an important quality that we all share, love for our Pines community.



Professional Experience: Since my first trip to the Pines 45 years ago, I have owned and renovated two homes on the Island, lived here full-time for over 4 years, and for a few years ran my own home repair business in the Pines that led to countless relationships with homeowners and long-term contractors in the Community. I am also recently retired, which affords me the time and availability to live on the Island full-time and give our Executive Committee the care and attention that it deserves.

I have a bachelor's degree in Psychology and a Master's in Public Administration, specializing in organizational development and human resources management. Before I was an activist for HIV/AIDS causes, I spent 15 years working for American Standard, Citibank, Towers-Watson Management Consulting group, and the City of Boulder, Colorado. Much of these years were spent in the design, development and administration of compensation, benefits, and Human Resources systems. I also helped negotiate contracts for the Boulder Municipal Employees Unions and the Police and Fire Department Unions, which instilled an appreciation for both local government and our First Responders.

HIV/AIDS Advocacy Experience: I am a long-term survivor, and many of you know that I've spent much of my life fighting to end the AIDS epidemic and improve the lives of everyone living with HIV. I am a founding member of the AIDS Protest group ACT UP; a co-founder of Housing Works, now one of the largest AIDS housing and health care provider in the U.S.; and a co-founder of Health GAP, an activist group that's brought particular attention to the need for HIV treatment in the developing world. In 2008, I was recruited by the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS, UNAIDS, to work as a liaison to nongovernmental organizations and to facilitate the involvement of the AIDS Community in UN HIV Programs at the New York UN Headquarters. I served as a senior member of UNAIDS' New York Office, and I am experienced managing large budgets. My experience advocating for and implementing programs for Public Health is an important part of who I am, and the lessons learned from those activities time has been useful in FIPPOA's activities related to contemporary Public Health challenges, such as the Covid-19 and Monkeypox outbreaks.

FIPPOA Experience: Beyond my public health advocacy, I am also a strong advocate specifically for our Pines community. As a member of FIPPOA's Board, I served as Chair of the Boardwalk Committee early in my Directorship, working to push the Town of Brookhaven to repair our crumbling walks. We've made great progress, getting the town to rebuild all of the board walks during the last 18 years, largely thanks to the terrific leadership of Ron Martin and Jay Pagano, who shared my concern for community safety. When a close friend drowned in a rip tide on September 26, 2004, I also began a quest to improve water safety for the community. The Fire Department and the Pines Care Center joined the effort, and the community purchased and installed life-saving ropes and buoys at all the beach access walks. For the last several years I have been the Chair of the Operations Committee of Whyte Hall. A frequent sponsor of the Pines Party, I've volunteered many years to help with the Party setup. I've also organized several fundraisers for community organizations, hosting several at my home.

Serving this community has brought me tremendous joy and fulfillment. I truly love being a part of this community, and I thank you for the opportunity to continue serving as the FIPPOA Treasurer.

- Eric Sawyer