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Personal – My wife, Pam, and I moved to Saddlebrooke from San Francisco in July 2017 when I retired. Here in Saddlebrooke we enjoy golf, travel, food/wine, and fitness. Pam also enjoys ceramics, painting, sewing, and other crafting. As such I think we have a broad exposure to our amenities…though certainly not all.

Education - Bachelor of Science Degree Electrical Engineering, cum laude (1976)
Power Engineering concentration - Bradley University, Peoria, IL
20 hours towards MBA - University of Minnesota Duluth (MN) and Toledo University (OH)
Registered Professional Engineer – State of Wisconsin

Work Experience – Schneider Electric for 41 years – retired in June 2017
Schneider Electric is the global leader in the electrical power/automation/energy management - $40B annual sales - +150,000 employees – over 100 countries. Headquartered in Paris, France
1976 – 1998 Sales Engineering, Sales management, Industry Marketing – managed sales teams in Duluth, MN, Toledo, OH, Milwaukee, WI, and San Francisco, CA.
1998 – 2017 Global Strategic Account Executive - Managed international teams that serviced our most critical global customers. Accounts were Kohler Power Systems, GE Wind power, and Apple.

HOA experience
Milwaukee, WI 2004-2009 I was the President of a condo board for a new 36-unit 4 story condominium. We had to create our Rules/Regs, hire a management company, create a reserve and operating budget, and establish dues.

Saddlebrooke HOA2 2021 I was on the Golf Committee.

Saddlebrooke HOA2 2022-2024 I was on the Board of Directors as both the Asst Treasurer and then the Treasurer.
During my time on the Board I/we:
-As treasurer I moved all our investments to Fidelity government money market accounts which significantly improved our investment income and simplified our funds management.
- As treasurer I created a 10-year budget forecast spreadsheet to be able to plan for needed operations, Reserve, and Capital spending.
-The Board created the first long-term strategic plan. This included performing an extensive resident survey. The board also the Facility Planning Committee.
- The Board paid off our MV golf course loan which freed up for investment the $3M being held by the bank as collateral
- The Board initiated the Common Area maintenance program
- The Board hired a golf management company (Troon) which has resulted in significant improvements in both the golf course conditions and financial results.
- The Board made our most significant decision to the HOA's success in hiring Darren Shaw as our Chief Operating Officer.

I am running for the Board for the same reason as in 2022. I have no specific hidden agenda or issues. I just want to contribute to the HOA and I feel I have both the time and the experience (both business and HOA) that would be beneficial.
Also I think having someone on the Board with knowledge of previous Board/HOA issues is also helpful. I know it helped when we could learn why previous decisions were made.