



Joe Closs

Briefly introduce yourself. Include your background (business, volunteer or other experience), the number of years you've been a Stonebridge Ranch resident, etc.

I am a retired US Navy officer. I met the wonderful person who became my wife while we served together on the staff of Admiral Rickover. My Navy assignments dealt with the design, building, repair and recycling of nuclear-powered submarines. Following 25 years in the Navy, I spent almost two decades as a contractor as a Department of Defense Level III Program Manager and Certified Information System Security Professional. My volunteer efforts throughout my life include tutoring grade and high school students in math and science, member of Friends of the Library in various states, serving on the City of McKinney Library Advisory Board, and home owner association (HOA) board member/officer in Washington, Virginia and Texas. The one in Texas was Stonebridge Ranch Community Association. My native Texan wife and I moved to Stonebridge Ranch in 2011, so resident homeowners for a bit over thirteen years.

To which areas do you feel you could make the greatest contribution? Why? (i.e. finance landscape and grounds, communications amenities, social modifications, etc.)

I believe my fiscal responsibilities with annual budgets of hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars during three distinct US Navy tours, as well as being the treasurer of the HOA in Virginia for eight years, would prove useful as liaison to the Finance Committee. I also have experience with SRCA Social and Amenities Committees. Whatever assignment best serves my neighbors.

What are your reasons for wishing to volunteer your service on the SRCA board of directors?

As time permitted throughout my life, I have tried to make our community a better place. As a retiree, I have plenty of time.

What volunteer activities have you been involved with SRCA and/or not for profit or nonprofit associations?

As alluded to earlier, I served for over five years on the SRCA Board. Other not for profit organizations include HOAs in other states, various Friends of the Library, City of McKinney Advisory Board and tutoring grade/high school students in four states.

What challenges or opportunities do you believe SCRA is currently facing? What challenges or opportunities do you anticipate SRCA confronting in the future?

In my opinion, the biggest unknown is inflation. I believe inflation is coming back, hopefully not what we saw in the late 70s. As the SRCA Board of Directors is limited to the greater of a 5% or CPI-U increase in assessments without homeowner approval, I can see a future where services may need to be cut to balance the budget. Do we space out HOA fence replacement a few years? Decrease management company staffing levels? I made, and learned from, many such resource allocation decisions in the past.

Experiences and attributes for SRCA board success – in addition to answering the questions above please describe your work and background.

- a. Board or Committee Experience
 - i. 5 years on the SRCA Board of Directors
 - ii. 8 years on the Terra Grande HOA Board of Directors in VA
 - iii. 4 years on the City of McKinney Library Advisory Board
 - iv. Various qualification boards and inquiry boards in the Navy
 - v. Too many committees enumerate, both standing and ad hoc
- b. Executive/Leadership Experience
 - i. 25 years as commissioned US Navy officer
 - ii. Director, Quality Assurance Office at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard
 - iii. Los Angeles Class and Ohio Class submarine Project Officer at Electric Boat
 - iv. Ocean Engineering Project Officer at Mare Island Naval Shipyard
- c. Critical, strategic and innovative thinking
 - i. While serving on Commander, Submarine Force Pacific staff, developed a plan for the overhaul of USS OHIO, the first Trident submarine

- ii. Other projects as assigned
- d. Knowledge of/experience with
 - i. HOA
 - 1. 8 years with Terra Grande HOA in Springfield, VA
 - 2. 5 years with Stonebridge Ranch Community Association
 - ii. Organization of annual budgets greater than \$1M
 - 1. 3 years on Commander, Submarine Force Pacific staff
 - 2. 6 years on Supervisor of Shipbuilding, Groton staff
 - 3. 3 years as Ocean Engineering Project Officer
 - 4. 5 years on SRCA Board of Directors
 - iii. Not for profit organization, legal duties of a board, etc.
 - 1. Nothing significant other than previously mentioned
- e. Knowledge of SRCA and its governing documents
 - i. SRCA resident for over 13 years
 - ii. Received three violations early in those 13 years, which certainly made me pay attention to the governing documents. Violations promptly resolved without fines. Aside: One violation featured a white brick house in the photo showing the violation. Our home has red bricks. The CMA Management person did apologize for sending me the violation in error.
 - iii. 5 years on the SRCA Board of Directors