

## President's Remarks at May 22 Board of Director's Meeting

Good afternoon. Lots of things are going on and we have a full agenda.

As you know, we have many new faces on the board this year and even the "old hands" have only one year of experience. All of our committee chairs are new and learning their responsibilities. I feel we have made great progress in a short amount of time, but it has taken a tremendous amount of effort on the part of your board members.

Last year staff in the executive office was available to take minutes at all the key committee meetings, send out agendas, make copies of materials and schedule rooms. This board year that level of support is not available. Committee chairs have stepped up by producing agendas, highlights and minutes but they need the same level of support that committees received last year.

You will see a proposal for board/committee support later in the meeting. We are confident that we will figure out a way to deliver on that support and still keep up high levels of service for our membership.

Now to the exciting news: The board, staff and CEO are pleased to announce a new web information site that is up and running where all members will be able to review committee documents in a timely fashion. And, at the same time we will be able to save money by doing away with an old, clumsy system that only served board members. We will constantly look for ways to be more efficient and cost effective.

Another piece of great news is that we have closed on the new property for pickleball! I signed the paperwork on Friday. And P&E will be bringing forward a proposal for the detailed engineering and architecture work necessary to keep the project moving. We are designing for a full 24 court complex so we can get all the county approvals up front. Our rollout schedule will be dependent on cost projections and the amount of funds raised by the pickleball club and the GVR Foundation, which is gearing up for an aggressive fundraising campaign.