

## **Presidents Report**

**Vince Cabbage**

Thank you for joining and attending the Annual meeting of our remarkable organization.

The Greensboro Association is a talented and generous collection of like-minded people working together to better our Caspian Lake community.

We have had a very active and successful year thanks to all of you - our involved members and our very active, volunteer trustees.

I am sure we all agree it has been a remarkable few years. In spite of the many challenges, the Greensboro Association – which is an organization that is simply a reflection of all of you – has flourished.

Our mission is to advance and support village initiatives and organizations that enhance our Greensboro community and to protect Caspian Lake and its surrounding environment.

The two components of fulfilling that mission can be seen in the tremendous work that is being done to protect Caspian lake's ecology, and the significant financial support we have given to areas initiatives and organizations over the past many years. Stew and John are here to discuss the specifics on this work in detail at today's meeting.

The Association has also been busy working to update and upgrade its governance, policies, organizational documents, and operations over the past several years. Examples of that include:

- Updates to our governance and bylaws,
- Adoption of investment policies to oversee and professionally manage our funds,
- Reconstitution of the Association's various committees
- Many hours updating our membership data, contacts, records, and communications,
- Hiring of a professional investment manager and a third party bookkeeper for our financial accounts
- And our nominations committee recruiting a number of highly qualified new trustees to the board.

And, when the need arises, the Association's [500+] members have answered the call to address unexpected needs of the community. A great example of this support is the over \$65,000 that our members donated for the Association's COVID relief appeal. The money raised was distributed to front line local organizations that have been working tirelessly over the past two years for the betterment of our community.

And importantly, in a process that has been underway for several years, the Greensboro Association - with the receipt of significant donations large and small from many members – has successfully launched its Fund for Greensboro which was established to create a sustainable source of annual support for our lake and local community. Today, the FFG has total capital reserves of more than \$500,000 and growing.

All in all, it has been a terrific year for the Greensboro Association, and on behalf of all of the volunteers, trustees, and members, I want to thank you for your continuing support.

As usual, we will start our meeting with the business of the GA.

Today we will hear from four of our key committees:

Finance  
Nominations  
Lakes  
Fund for Greensboro  
Grants

Our agenda today includes several items requiring your input and vote including

- approval of the prior meeting minutes,
- approval of the trustees nominated to succeed the class of 2022,
- review and ratification of the financial reports and budget.

You can find more information and reports from many of our committees on our website or contacting any trustee or the chair of the relevant committee.

We invite you to consider playing a greater role in the association by considering joining a committee or perhaps learning more about becoming a trustee.

As we did last year, we will start with **Allison who will explain our Zoom format, polling and voting procedures.**

To begin our annual meeting, Cathy Irwin will present the minutes for approval.

Motion to approve?