

**Board Statement on Member Proposal to Amend Bylaws § 5.02(a)  
Changing the Size of the LMOA Board of Directors**

In 2005, the Board of Directors proposed, and Members approved, a decrease in the number of directors from nine to seven. The Board at that time argued that:

1. Smaller boards operate more effectively and efficiently.
2. Fluvanna and Albemarle Counties have six person boards and Richmond has nine. The complexity of governing Lake Monticello does not compare with that of Richmond, Albemarle or Fluvanna. Lake Monticello is not a taxing authority, nor does it oversee government offices or schools.
3. In three of the prior five annual meetings, there were not sufficient candidates to fill available board positions.

This year's abundance of candidates is in contrast to previous years, when it was difficult to find enough members to run for the number of available director seats. The Board believes that to increase the number of directors to nine will require continued use of Board appointments to fill terms. The Board also believes that the change would result in a lack of competitive elections, since there is an increased likelihood of fewer candidates than vacant positions. Such a situation has not occurred since the number of directors was reduced to seven.

For the reasons above, the Board recommends that members vote against this Member Proposal.

Please note: Members voting for this member proposal are voting to change the number of directors from seven to nine and to change the Bylaws to require a member vote for any subsequent change in the number of directors.

The sponsor's statement in support of the Member Proposal includes the incorrect statement that with nine directors, the Steering Committee could include the President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. LMOA Bylaws § 5.16, Steering Committee, states "The Board of Directors may . . . designate no more than three of their officers, including in each case the President, as a Steering Committee." The Member Proposal does not include a proper proposal to amend that section of the Bylaws. The Member Proposal does not relate to the Steering Committee. Therefore, the members of the Steering Committee will remain unchanged if this proposal passes.

The Board has functioned well with seven directors since 2005. There is no compelling reason to change.

**The Board of Directors recommends that members vote against Proposal**