

January 5, 2005

Dear fellow islanders,

Monday night we had the first Shaw Islanders, Inc. Board meeting of 2005.

Outgoing board members are Roman Miller, Doris Oliver and I.

Continuing board members are Willie Williams, Cy Field, Ron Woodard, Jane Baier-Nelson, Mary Reeve, Al Wilding, Allison Lengyel, Sandy Walker, Dorothy Powell, Vreni Borner and Chad Swanson.

New board members are Liz Stedman, Ruth Kennedy, Debra Taylor and Jerry Molitor.

We held elections at the meeting and adjourned with each member holding jobs and responsibilities for 2005. Shaw Inc has grown significantly this year and there is plenty of work to keep all 15 board members busy in the coming year.

We are so grateful that Willie Williams (aka Kathy Williams aka Willie MacLeod) agreed to be our new President. I have worked closely with Willie over the past year during which she diligently and meticulously worked as Shaw Inc's treasurer getting our finances and tax status in order. She will do an absolutely wonderful job as president. I have given her my Shaw email list, so you should expect future newsletters from her. williew@rockisland.com You might want to add her email address to your list of accepted senders so that Shaw news doesn't get quarantined with your spam mail. Her phone is 468-3742.

Jerry Molitor was elected as 1st VP in charge of programs and education. Plans for the coming year include Russian opera, Shakespeare on the lawn, The Island Sinfonia and Lopez singers. If you have ideas for educational and/or entertainment programs that you would like to see on Shaw, please contact him. jerlor@rockisland.com 468-2061

Al Wilding volunteered to be the 2nd VP in charge of maintaining our much-used Community Building. The first order of business will be the failing septic system! If you have suggestions or concerns about maintenance of the building, you may contact him at Wilding@rockisland.com or 468-2865.

Ron Woodard agreed to take on the job as our treasurer. A big and important responsibility for which we are very grateful. How does he manage to do all of this with his new brood of five children?!

Liz Stedman was elected as our new secretary. You will find copies of her board minutes on the website and posted at the kiosk. She will also keep a record of the year's activities and correspondence.

Thankfully, Cy Field was willing to take on the job of membership and data manager. This is a huge job as our island is growing and our membership has nearly doubled this year. If you have a change of information, have directory corrections or know of someone who has bought or sold property on the island, please don't hesitate to let him know. 468-2810 cyfield@rockisland.com Cy is also an invaluable asset to the board in helping keep our records and by-laws in order.

Dorothy Powell graciously agreed to continue as the corresponding secretary. Anyone who has seen her handwriting, knows how lucky we are to have her!

Allison Lengyel will retire as our secretary and take over the job of building scheduling from Andy Schmidt. Since she is busy at home with that darling new Elsa, this seemed the perfect job responsibility for her. If you wish to schedule an event at the Community Building, please contact her. allison@summerafternoon.com 468-3696 Monthly calendars will continue to be posted at the Community Building, at the kiosk and on the website. Allison will also continue to host the popular Blind Bay Sail/Paddle/Row and ice cream social.

Jane Baier-Nelson will handle set-up for Shaw Inc events and also over-see building use. If you can help with event set-up or refreshments or if you have questions about building use, fees and policies, you may contact her at 468-2867. She is a reluctant email user, but you may also reach her at timandjane@rockisland.com.

Deb Taylor, our newest island resident board member, is the purchasing agent for the Community Building. Contact her if you have suggestions for purchases or needed supplies. shawislanddeb@hotmail.com

YAY for Mary Reeve who agreed to be in charge of the 4th of July Festivities committee. She will need a lot of help over-seeing the barbecue, dance, parade, auction, raffle and baseball game. Please consider volunteering to be in charge of one of these events. You may contact her 468- 2135 diddymouse@msn.com Until she has a chairperson for the auction and the raffle, you may also contact her about items or services you might wish to donate.

*Sandy Walker will again do the island art show for the 4th of July. Please contact her about your year's creations. It is wonderful to see what our fellow islanders are doing! landswalker@earthlink.net
(206) 281-9325 468-2196*

Ruth Kennedy volunteered to be in charge of Shaw Inc's publicity. Contact her if you want something posted on the website or have questions or concerns about the kiosk. rrbps@rockisland.com 468-2944

Vreni Borner organized the wildly popular 4th of July dance last year and will again be involved in this year's festivities.

Chad Swanson is finding himself too busy to complete his commitment to the Shaw Inc Board. He is hoping to find a replacement. If you are interested in joining this wonderful group of board members, please contact him and/or the president.
chadswanson@hotmail.com

One added note. The 2004-2005 Shaw Island Directory and Index has gone to press. You should be receiving your copy soon. This index reflects significant effort by your board, and we hope that you and newcomers will find it to be a helpful tool to keep in touch with your neighbors and to be aware of island resources and services.

Thank you again for the honor of serving as your president. I have loved the job but am also looking forward to the increased leisure time. I will begin by leaving January 21st for TWO months in Central America!! I'll think of you all while Brud and I are camping on the beaches of Costa Rica and travelling the mountains of Guatemala.

Sincerely,

*Carole Davis
President, Shaw Islander's Inc. 2004*