

2020 SIPOA Election
Guidelines for Composing a Brief Biographical Statement and Position Statement

The Biographical Statement and the Position Statement are to be submitted at the time of the candidate interview. These will be published in the SIPOA *e-blast* and on *Tidelines* along with candidates' photographs after the slate of candidates has been approved and announced by the Board of Directors on November 18, 2019. The Biographical Statement and the Position Statement should be written succinctly as ***there is a combined total 500 word count for both topics.***

The Biographical Statement should include how long the potential candidate has owned property on Seabrook, and whether it's been a primary or secondary residence. Mention should be made as to whether the candidate's property is in a regime/villa/association or is a single family residence. It should mention experiences on Seabrook Island including participation in committees, community involvement and volunteer service, if applicable. Similar experience outside Seabrook Island may also be described. It may include why the candidate enjoys living on Seabrook Island and/or why he/she wants to be considered for a Board of Directors or Nominating Committee position. If the candidate has prior professional experience that is relevant to a Board Director or Nominating Committee position, that should be mentioned as well.

Each potential candidate has the option to submit a Position Statement. The Board of Directors and Nominating Committee are focused on the future of Seabrook Island. Therefore, Position Statements should focus on issues facing the Seabrook Island community in the future and the candidate's ideas on how these issues could be resolved. Issues should be within the purview of the SIPOA Board and its powers to resolve. (i.e. not the purview of the Town of Seabrook or the Seabrook Island Club). Issues should be discussed in a civil and diplomatic manner. When making assertions of fact, accuracy and supporting data are imperative.

Candidates may prepare separate documents for the Biographical and Position Statements or may choose to weave the two together, alternating between issues and biographical information that suggests special competency in being able to develop constructive solutions.

In accordance with SIPOA Bylaws §7.6, the Nominating Committee will assist all candidates with the development of final Biographical and Position Statements consistent with these guidelines, for the purpose of including them in election materials to be distributed to all property owners.

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