

## **Running for the Board—Do you Have What it Takes?**

Board Elections are right around the corner and we always need new Community Volunteers. If you're considering running for the board, take a few moments to ask yourself the following three questions:

**Do I have the time?** As a board member, you will need to devote at least several hours of your time each month to association business. In addition to regular monthly board meetings, you will need to be active in email discussions and occasional special meetings. During special projects, you may need to spend a little extra time on association business. Some board members may also spend a little more time than others if they choose to serve as a Board Liaison on a committee.

**Can I make tough decisions when it's required?** The primary role of the board is to conduct the business of the association. This doesn't just mean approving the budget, but also developing and enforcing policies. Board members are required to step outside their immediate circle of family and neighbors and make decisions based on the greater good of the community.

**Can I do all this and have fun, too?** It isn't all about policies and tough decisions. Our community is only as good as we make it, and establishing and maintaining a sense of community is a part of a board member's responsibility. Planning and attending functions such as our "Fiesta Days" and being a presence in the community are as important as any policy decisions you may make.

Being a board member can be frustrating at times, but it may also be one of the most rewarding ways you'll find to volunteer your time. If you're interested in running for the board or would like more details about board's responsibilities, please feel free to call me at 951-244-6841, Ext 210 or contact me anytime at [cwarrell@canyonlakepoa.com](mailto:cwarrell@canyonlakepoa.com)