

OANA General Meeting Minutes 05-20-2021

Around 35 people turned out for the General Meeting to elect our new Board. We gathered outdoors under shelter at the back side of the Aycock Barn, in very breezy conditions. The meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m., after all attendees had checked in to verify their eligibility to vote.

Outgoing President Barry Lemoine made a few introductory remarks, including being thrilled to see a member couple, one of whom recently had a frightening fall into the river & was fortunately helped to safety by his spouse. He then announced that this meeting's election marked the transition to a new Board, which will serve for a two year term. All four Officers ran unopposed, so were congratulated. There were seven candidates for five Board positions, and all the nominees were asked to introduce themselves and say a few words about why they wished to serve. Comments ranged from how the candidates wanted to be more involved in the community and how much they've enjoyed serving in the past, to reminders about locking cars to deter theft.

Ballots were marked and collected, to be counted by the two retiring Board Members. Meanwhile, plants were swapped and members were asked to sign up for shifts at Thursday's Sippin' in the Sunset.

Voting results were returned, and the Board now consists of:

- Alison Barrios, President
- Troy Barrios, Vice President
- Linda Van Aman, Secretary
- Marie Cossé, Treasurer
- Clay Cossé
- Sal Cusimano
- Shelli Gifford
- Susan Green
- Ray Lauga

The newly elected Board was welcomed, and members were thanked for taking part in this election.

Finally, it was announced that the sport of Pickle Ball has become quite popular among some members, and there may soon be games happening in Old Arabi — stay tuned! Members who brought plants were thanked for participating. The door prize, a beautiful bouquet from neighborhood White Rabbit Flowers ([on Facebook here](#)) was awarded, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

The next meeting will be in July, and will be held at the new Community Center building (ex Family Dollar), with a tour of the facility.