

2023 MCA BOARD CANDIDATES

The Board of Directors of The Meadows Community Association, Inc. per its governing documents is comprised of nine seats. The terms of office are three years and are staggered so that three seats become vacant each year. Per these provisions, there are three Board seats open for election at the March 2023 Annual Meeting. A Board member may serve two consecutive three year terms. One year or more after serving two consecutive terms, a former Board member may run for a Board seat again.

Candidates for the Board of Directors generally self-apply. Prior to this year, the number of candidates was limited to five with the Assembly narrowing the number if there were more than five applicants. Beginning this year with a change in the Assembly duties and related parameters, all applicants who meet property ownership requirements became candidates. There were six applicants for the Board and with one subsequent withdrawal, there are five candidates for this election.



DR. MICHELLE JOHNSTON

After retiring from a deanship and starting an LLC in Michigan, Dr. Michelle Johnston moved to The Meadows because of the environment, lifestyle, and home values. The Meadows residents reported in the 2022 Meadows Community Association (MCA) that those three qualities were important.

Michelle also worked in South America, Asia, and Europe, including having a luncheon meeting of barley soup with a Scotland Yard administrator at the Scottish training facility. In the United States, she gave presentations in nine states.

Additionally, she served on five community-based philanthropic boards through which she learned the importance of fiscal management, strategic planning, communication, survey research, collaboration, and trying innovative ideas.

Michelle, a member of The Meadows Community Country Club, believes in community engagement, which she evidences through participating on the Meadows Homeowners Association Board (MHOA) as former Membership Chair, current President, and MHOA columnist for *The Meadoword*. She volunteered for the MCA Assembly, Survey Committee, and Emergency Preparedness Committee, participated in auditing the MCA annual voting, and planted aquatic plants.

As an MCA Board member, Michelle would use her professional and volunteer leadership experience to monitor finances and policies, implement plans, evaluate projects, and promote progress towards a positive future for The Meadows.



KEN LUDWIG

A former boss said, "To know what to do – Put your ear to the ground!" So, before talking about me, I'll mention what Meadows residents are telling me: "Increases in fees must stop!" Other issues: debt, and lack of long-term plans. As a Board member I'll ensure these issues are addressed.

Leadership, planning, budgeting, and expense management skills come from education and experience. A B.S. in Business Administration from The University of Tennessee and the University of Utah's Management Development Program provided foundation. My professional background includes Production Planning (pharmaceutical giant Schering-Plough), Management of five offshore drilling rigs (Tenneco subsidiary), and Vice President with the largest environmental company in NA (Clean Harbors).

Location and green spaces drew me to The Meadows six years ago. I'm a former HOA Board VP in Tennessee, presently President of Muirfield Heath HOA and on Standards, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Committees. These activities provide a better understanding of community management, needs and people.

Volunteering has been a large part of my life; the entire list is available to you but too numerous to mention here.

Lastly, if you see a beautiful, petite, Asian lady walking on our safe paths – say hello to Jinshu, my fiancé!



JOE C. MOORE

My wife and I were married 53 years ago and have raised three children while living in Missouri, Ohio, and Indiana.

I earned a master's degree in engineering and spent 25 years working in design, marketing, project management, operations management, and plant management. Companies include General Motors, BFGoodrich, and RCA. My final 17 years of employment were with the Indiana University School of Business teaching Operations Management and Negotiations.

Volunteering has been a way of life for me, serving on multiple boards and doing home building repairs for people in need through referrals from several church administrators who knew me.

We were attracted to The Meadows because we found a perfect house for us and we liked the large green spaces, lakes, and positive comments from friends.

I have thoroughly studied all of our governing documents and I want to join the MCA board because I think I can help manage the major financial issues facing our board. I want to see a 5 year plan implemented that reduces our growing debt while also reducing our assessments.

If you would like to learn more, I am available by phone (812-332-5419), email (jgmor1@hotmail.com), or the website (www.sarasotameadows.com) that I created.



CHRISTOPHER PERONE

Four years ago, on an extended holiday visit, I saw The Meadows for the first time. I was in awe of the lush greenery, scenic bike trails, tennis and pickleball courts, as well as The Club. It was easy to imagine my next phase of life taking place in The Meadows – amongst blue skies and the warm Floridian sunshine.

Even after I returned to New York, my life-long home, The Meadows continued to speak to me. I knew, deep down, that The Meadows was to be the setting for my next chapter – my new home.

As of today, I serve as Vice President of The Meadows Home Owners Association (MHOA) and work to connect with homeowners in innovative, communal ways that are meaningful. I also serve on the Standards Committee; assuring that The Meadows never loses that special allure (the same allure that attracted me). Being that The Meadows is an oasis of calm and tranquility, my hope is to continue that legacy on behalf of each and every resident. I want to ensure that near-tangible sense of belonging for every community member because that is what makes The Meadows unlike any other place in the world.



DR. MARK PIENKOS

“The Meadows is a premier community on Florida’s Suncoast,” said Mark Pienkos, who is running for a second term on the MCA Board. “Let’s work together to continue its vitality!”

Ann and Mark have made The Meadows their home for five years. Previously, they owned a Spring Lake villa while snow birding from Wisconsin where they raised their family and had work careers. Mark says, “The Meadows is a great place to meet people, develop friendships, and enjoy the many activities The Meadows and Sarasota offers.”

Elected three years ago, Mark continues, “My efforts are dedicated to helping The Meadows continue its efforts to expand lifestyle activities and improve communication, while paying attention to our budget and expenses – especially during inflationary times. My educational career – including 25 years as a school administrator – provides me tools to examine budgets, evaluate programs, and value teambuilding.”

Serving on the Maintenance and Water & Wildlife committees, Mark sees firsthand the work of many volunteers who make The Meadows a great place. In 2019, he started the Hot Stove League sports discussion group that has 20+ members.

“I appreciate your support and promise to do my best for every homeowner and resident. Thank you!”