

## AGM President Report

This President's Report spans the period from the previous AGM 12 May 2021, to tonight, 11 May 2022. As is the usual procedure under the Societies Act, and as per the ECA bylaws, the Agenda of the AGM is set to specifically include what you have seen in the Inside Edgemont newsletter and here at this meeting. The requirements of the Bylaws must be fulfilled before the AGM can entertain any changes or additions. Thanks for your patience as we do this work for all the ECA Members.

The Board is currently composed of 14 Directors, 5 of whom form the ECA Executive. There is a maximum of 15 Directors allowed under our Bylaws and November 2021, Director Min Cao needed to step away from the Board due to an increase in her real job's workload. Being so close to this AGM, the Board felt that carrying on with 14 Directors was well within an acceptable operational standard. I would like to thank Min for her insight and participation while she served on the Board.

ECA Directors serve 2-year terms and it is fortunate that most of the Directors have one more year to serve, and only 4 Directors are coming to the end of their terms this year. With Min's vacancy there are a total of 5 Director positions to be filled, and all 4 of the Directors coming to the end of their terms wish to stand for re-election. Additionally, the Nominations Committee has received some interest from other Members to stand for election. As has been established in previous AGM's, the ECA Board supports nomination of Members from the floor. The chief reason for advance preparation by the Nominations Committee is to provide as much information to the Members as possible when it comes time for elections of Directors.

The ECA Board is grouped into several key Committees and periodically gathers into ad hoc Committees for specific tasks. Members will hear details from key Committee Chairs as well as the Committee Members. It is not the President's purview to steal the thunder of these important committees. Rather, the best course is to yield the stage to reports of the excellent work of the ECA Committees and state, for the record, how gratifying it is to sit on a Board of Directors with such committed volunteers.

The Staff at the ECC are equally as dedicated and we ECA Members are fortunate to have them. I would like to take a moment to recognize the staff members present tonight, and their colleagues.

The ECA Board and the ECC Staff create programs that serve the Edgemont Community, yet it is the huge body of volunteers who stretch their muscles and sinews to give life to each initiative.

Our venerable facility needs a face lift, but still operates, which is perhaps the best analogy for this Board one could imagine!

It only remains for the President's report to point out that the 2 and a half years of Pandemic response has seen this Board and the Staff rise to every challenge with innovation and dedication. Especially with these unique, persistent and very trying conditions in mind, please join me congratulating them on the work they do on the Edgemont Community's behalf.

Bill Kirk