

## **AWAC President's Comments to Community April 2024**

Once again, we will address the misinformation that is circulating on the internet websites that tout themselves as information sources:

- 1) Neither the Code of Corporations nor Roberts Rules of Order address the rescission of Board member resignations. The facts: On October 18, 2023, I resigned from AWAC and rescinded the resignation a few days later. AWAC's legal counsel has reviewed the matter and provided a letter stating that in his opinion my rescission of the resignation was impliedly accepted by the then sitting board.
  
- 2) An organization's bylaws, including AWAC's Bylaws, are crafted to address the **Governance** of the organization, not the day-to-day administrative and managerial operations of the organization. As such, the AWAC Bylaws do not speak to the hiring or management of AWAC personnel. Therefore, it is a misperception for anyone or any local website to question why the AWAC board did not "deliberate" on the hiring of office staff or classification of an employee's tax status. We understand that many people, including those posting on local websites, do not understand or are unable to discern between governance and day-to-day operations. We hope this information is helpful to them.

However, for those who are confused by the local websites and their erroneous claims, we will share this: The current AWAC staff was introduced to AWAC by the former Executive Director, who supported her hiring. The current staff was vetted properly, and although not a requirement per the AWAC bylaws, the hiring process included an interview in September 2023 with three board members, who unanimously agreed to the hiring. And as the AWAC Bylaws do not address personnel matters, the red herring being waved on these local

websites regarding 1099s vs W2s is also not a Board matter that required deliberation.

Erroneous information has also been circulating on these misinformation sites about inspector compensation. Misstatements claim that inspections were paid at a rate of "\$500.48 for each inspection." The facts: According to the inspection records, in fiscal year 2021/2022, 378 inspections were conducted, and compensation was \$40 to \$80 per inspection.

3) Recent misinformation websites claim that AWAC is responsible for insurance companies not renewing homeowners insurance for 242 properties in Lake Arrowhead. The misinformation sites fail to mention that California as a whole is experiencing this non renewal crisis. In fact, the news article cited includes the number of non renewals in the following communities:

1,626 in Pacific Palisades

1,301 in Brentwood

1,090 in Calabasas

542 in Tarzana

409 in Thousand Oaks

The crisis some Arrowhead Woods Property owners are currently facing is not a byproduct of Arrowhead Woods CRRs or AWAC. This is a statewide crisis. As the AWAC board considers revisions to Property Modifications and Guidelines, we will consult with experts in forest management.

4) Local misinformation websites have stated that there will be "no in person public appearances," which we read to mean in person meetings. Once again, these websites are peddling inaccurate information. We have been very upfront about future AWAC meetings being held at Fire Station

91 in Lake Arrowhead, beginning next month, May 2024. This location will be able to accommodate the public more safely and comfortably than our small meeting room at the AWAC offices, and we thank San Bernardino County Fire for their graciousness in hosting our meetings and attendees.

- 5) The recent statement on a misinformation site also casts doubt as to whether AWAC “is answering the phones.” Our phones are answered Monday through Thursday from 10 am to 4 pm. If the phone lines are busy, calls are returned within 24 business hours, but most typically within minutes. We also have the capability to answer phones remotely if the weather prevents the phones from being answered in the office during regular business hours.
- 6) Misinformation was also posted stating that AWAC was “not prepared” for the March 7 AWAC meeting. AWAC had received only 3 RSVPs for the March 7 meeting but was prepared to accommodate 10 attendees. The misinformation website correctly asked its readers to RSVP for the meeting, then, the authors of that website and more than 20 others showed up without an RSVP. To ensure that in person and Zoom attendees are accommodated at our meetings, we have consistently asked for an RSVP via our email at [infor@awac.biz](mailto:infor@awac.biz). The misinformation sites are now advising Zoom attendees to RSVP by calling the office. We can and do accommodate these calls, but the easiest way to RSVP is via email at [info@awac.biz](mailto:info@awac.biz).
- 7) # 7) Today misinformation was also posted that claimed that “Mr. Richard Scott has stated that AWAC, Inc. has made the decision not to give an agenda for this meeting because their Bylaws don't require them to do so.”

Here is what actually occurred:

On Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, I sent the meeting notice for tonight's meeting to an individual.

That person responded by stating that "AWAC, Inc. continues to violate its own Bylaws and the California Corporation's Code which covers public benefit nonprofit corporations. The agenda pdf you forwarded to me has the meeting time but has no agenda items listed."

I responded by stating that "As I read the AWAC bylaws, we are required to provide the agenda of our regular meetings to the "members of the committee." The meeting notice we are providing is a courtesy."

The facts are that there is an agenda for tonight's meeting, and it was posted on the AWAC website at approximately 12:00 PM today. Moving forward, we will post the meeting agenda on our website by 12:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

*Rich Scott*

President

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