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Homeowner Association Meetings of The Mindful

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Community associations are required to hold an annual owners meetings. The main reason for the annual meeting is to elect directors to the board. This time, however, provides a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the community and build rapport between the owners. Here are some ways to make your annual meeting a "don't wanna miss it" event:

- Have ample copies of agendas, budgets, ballots, proxies, etc. on hand since some will forget to bring their mailed copies.
- Have these at a sign-in table at the door which should be manned to greet attendees.
- Serve refreshments and food or hold a potluck to allow owners to share their culinary skills.
- Offer door prizes to make the event more fun.
- Formally welcome and introduce new owners.
- Have committee reports to discuss planned projects and social activities. It's a great time to get volunteers.
- Give a Year in Review Report to highlight the board's accomplishments.
- Discuss an Annual Planning Calendar including meeting dates, projects and other events.
- Recap the coming year's budget.
- Prearrange for volunteers to count election ballots. Since this process is often lengthy, continue with other agenda items during the count.
- Formally welcome and invite the newly elected directors to the directors' table to set the stage for a seamless transition.
- End the meeting on a positive note by thanking everyone for their attendance and support.

While community associations boast carefree living, carefree takes a lot of hard work by someone! Fortunately, there are responsible board volunteers that are willing to do it. The annual meeting is a valuable opportunity to celebrate their hard work, to recruit volunteers and harmonize your community. Don't overlook this chance to make a mindful contribution.

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