



August 16, 2024

STAFF REPORT: Membership Applications for Appointment to the Tahoe Donner Association Giving Fund Committee

RECOMMENDATION:

By Motion,

The Board of Directors appoints Melissa Welch Barker and Mary Fahey to the Tahoe Donner Association Giving Fund Committee as members for a term that will expire on December 31, 2026.

BACKGROUND:

The Tahoe Donner Association Giving Fund Committee (GFC) application process is outlined in Resolution 2021-5 (Committee Policy).

The GFC charter states, “The GFC shall consist of no more than 12 voting members.” As of August 14, 2024, the GFC has nine members.

The committee received Melissa Welch Barker’s application on June 19, 2024, and she met eligibility requirements by attending two committee meetings.

The committee received Mary Fahey’s application on August 13, 2024, and she met eligibility requirements by attending two committee meetings.

APPLICANT STATEMENTS:

Melissa Welch Barker has owned property in Tahoe Donner since 2014 and became a full-time resident this year. As a current board member of the Development Committee of Collegiate Directions, Inc., she has worked to provide support and guidance to first-generation college students from low-income households. She also was a faculty advisor for 10 years with the UCSF Health Professions Program, which offers support and professional development for early career health professionals. As physician, she also provided philanthropic leadership with the American Heart Association for over 20 years as a fundraiser. She would be honored to work with the GFC in continuing support in helping more students realize their dreams.

Mary Fahey’s family has been enjoying Tahoe Donner since 1985 and she and her husband recently became full-time residents. During her 45-year career in education, she was a physical education teacher, director of community relations, and high school admissions associate. She is looking forward to bringing these skills to GFC to help students from high school to college.

COMMITTEE CHAIR PERSONNEL REPORT:

The charter looks for potential members who have a passionate interest in philanthropy in the Truckee community. Interested individuals who have strong organizational skills and/or possess



experience in such areas as non-profit management, fundraising, finance, data analysis, planning, education, and communications are given preference in appointment to the Committee.

OUTREACH:

The GFC vacancies have been listed on the Tahoe Donner website, TD News, and in various member emails.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

ALTERNATIVES:

The Board of Directors can approve or deny the application or request that the Committee continue to recruit additional applicants.

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