

## **Required Annual Meetings have always been in February or March**

We held the meeting in March so that we could close the books on the previous year and be done before the tax season in March/April incapacitated our bookkeeper. “Closing the books” meant that obligations of the past year would be settled or moved into the next year’s budget. We had to do that to know what the new budget had to contain. In the past, we usually had some board members that were not able to attend the Annual Meeting. Never a problem. All we needed was a quorum of 4 board members (4 out of 7) , and of the membership (89 out of 253), for the meeting to be valid. Without the membership quorum, we would schedule a followup meeting within the next <90 days for a recount of the ballots/proxies, but we continued the meeting as a “presentation” for those members who did show up. Even though we failed to have the required membership quorum of 89, we always had enough positive votes at the originally scheduled time, enough to pass the budget, pass the “internal” audit waiver, and to elect new board members... if only we’d had sufficient ballots/proxies. So we would canvass the neighborhood for more proxies and reschedule a meeting for the public counting of the ballot/proxies.

The idea that we need to schedule the annual meeting almost three months later in the year to accommodate the “snow birds” is silly. We already have an accepted process to allow the absent snow birds to send in proxies if they cannot attend the meeting. And it takes only 4 board members to make board quorum. So why did the Board move the date for the annual HOA meeting?