

Tell us your name.

My name is Larry Sunderland.

*Are you an Incumbent Candidate or
New Candidate?*

New Candidate

*Where is your home turf?
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*Share with us a little about your
educational background.*

I graduated from High School in 1968. I took some basic
classes in junior colleges in 1968 and 1989.

Give us an idea of your experiences and why they would make you great board member.

The main theme of my working career is woodworking /remodeling/custom furniture and fixture design. I did a 5 year stint as a caseworker and central area administrator for a Texas Youth Commission Therapeutic Camping Program. Also 18 years as manager and then owner of a fly fishing retail shop in downtown Austin, Texas. I have managed people, been managed, run an iconic business, done community engagement, worked within strict guidelines prescribed by the State and Feds to insure the safety of children, and I have designed and executed many custom wood working projects for my clients. All experiences that I can draw upon now.

What skills do you bring to the POATRI board?

Top of the list is the skill of problem solving. Everything I have done has required that skill. Everything I have done has been a collaboration and required being able to work as a team and accomplish a task focused on a problem.

In addition, I am curious, I like researching, I like to imagine things and create them. I like to learn new things and build new skills. I like working with people who care.

I have spent many years engaged in my community and been involved in many visioning projects and founded a neighborhood association so I am acutely aware how hard it is to build a community out of disparate individuals and how hard it is to get them to show up and stay through the process.

What does Terlingua Ranch mean to you? Include places you like adventure, how the ranch has influenced your life or include memories created at the ranch.

There are 4 major Terlingua Ranch areas of operations. Give us your thoughts on these areas of operation & how you feel we can continue to improve.

- *Financial strategies including assessment collection, budget planning and oversight*
- *Road rehabilitation programs*
- *Managing lodge facilities*
- *Property owner communications*

I inherited my property from my mother who purchased it in the early 70 ' s. She built her home out here and had some of the happiest years of her life with her friends. I have two generations coming behind me that cherish this place as much as I do. It is our sanctuary and will be as long as our ranch community can hold itself together. I am running for the board to fulfill what I think is my duty as a member of this community in the hopes that I can provide effort to manage our common resources

Financial strategies including assessment collection, budget planning and oversight. I have only respect for the staff, management, and the board. I don ' t think you could ask anymore from any of these folks. They are carrying the load for the rest of us. Financial stuff, planning, and oversight are in good hands. Assessments are assessments. They are an ongoing issue.

Roads are our responsibly. I think that is one of our strengths. We have skilled, long term, knowledgeable staff. Everyone that moves here puts more pressure on our capacity to perform operations quickly and on demand. Growth of our population and the demands it makes will be a given. My solution is be patient, be grateful, and wait your turn.

It is our headquarters and everyone else lodge. It serves as a hub for property owners needs and it also is a functioning lodging destination. I think it is underutilized as a place for community to happen. We are lucky to have Terlingua Ranch. I have many years in retail and hosting trips to fishing lodges around the world. I have a good grounding in destination hospitality and what it requires. It is a great resource and I have only seen it continue to improve.

I think this is one of the crucial components of community. Necessary to keeping people informed and engaged. We could do better. Reality is if we want anything more than just financials and a newsletter it is going to require a team of property owners that want to take that on. I like the Zoom Quarterly Meeting

What is your understanding of what your ethical and fiduciary responsibilities would be as a member of the POATRI Board of Directors?

I have downloaded all the documents in the library. I have read them all. I have questions. But I am clear on the fact that there is one class of member in POATRI and that is "property owner" and above all else, we as a board take an oath to keep the property owner's common interests foremost.

What else do you want to share with property owners to help them to get to know you?

I want this ranch to be around for my children and grandchildren. I cannot ensure that but I can get involved and lend a hand and to work keep this thing going. I run for the board because I think that is what is required to be a responsible citizen and member of a community. Sitting on the board is a big commitment but in return I gain knowledge. I will learn a lot about what are our constraints. I will begin to understand the operations side and what are our day to day hurdles. I can help build on what has already been done to ensure we meet our responsibilities to all. Each Board faces different challenges. Grateful for those that steered the ship before me, met the challenges, and forged ahead. I have a sense that water security and work force housing are issues that are rising to the top. I am up for those conversations and the possibilities. I think they are great things to focus on and engage the community.