



POATRI

BOARD OF DIRECTOR APPLICATION



This Application Consists of Three Sections

- ✓ Candidate Information
- ✓ Experience and Skills
- ✓ Candidate Views

The information you provide will help Terlingua Ranch property owners be able to make an informed decision when voting.

Instructions for Completing the Application

The application is an Adobe Acrobat form. Please click in the white boxes next to each question to enter your responses. Once you are satisfied with your responses, save the form to your computer with a unique name.

Submitting Your Application

Please email your application by attaching the application to your email and send it to manager@terlinguaranch.com.

Your completed application must be received by **5pm the Friday before the October board meeting**.

Tell us your name.

Alan Byboth

*Are you an Incumbent Candidate or
New Candidate?*

New Candidate

*Where is your home turf?
[Home Address, Telephone, Email
and Tract #]*

I currently live where I work, with my wife at the Pineywoods Environmental Research Station at 1866 Fish Hatchery Rd., Huntsville, TX 77320-7034.
Cell phone: (903) 574-4039
abyboth@shsu.edu
We own tract# 741 - 20 acres near the main gate to
Christman

*Share with us a little about your
educational background.*

B.S & M.S. in Biology from UT Tyler.

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

I had six years of experience as the Executive Director of the Camp Tyler Foundation. Camp Tyler is one of America's oldest outdoor learning centers. For 17 years I was the lead Camp Ranger of Camp Tyler, responsible for a working farm, a forest, 40 buildings, and the health and safety of thousands of campers year round. For the last 10 years I have managed the biological field station at Sam Houston State University's, Pineywoods Environmental Research Lab.

What skills do you bring to the POATRI board?

Extensive background in strategic planning, property management, and many blue collar skills.

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 have been working with the Texas State University System on the development of the Christmas Mountains Field Station. I have a passion of protection of this wonderful piece of wilderness and it's utilization as an educational asset for all academic and outreach possibilities.

I am also in love with the whole social realm of Terlingua Ranch. It has a unique civic structure, with many features that should be preserved and highlighted for the rest of society.

I feel that any undertaking of this magnitude would benefit from a professionally facilitated strategic planning retreat.

Goals and Objectives of the strategic plan clearly delineate financial priorities, and strategies for funding. There should always be an annual budget, that is given to the Ranch Manager to fund his execution of the Board's annual plan. Efficacy of the budget should be reviewed by the Board monthly. Financial statements should be audited annually.

I feel that management of the roads, lodge, and other assets are the job of the Ranch Manager. The strategic plan prepared by the Board defines the expectations.

Personally I think there are too many roads on the ranch. I think that some should be paved thoroughfares. (Paved to reduce the maintenance load.) I feel that roads that serve only one property are really driveways and should be the responsibility of the property owner.

I think we need to have a community wide vote on whether the lodge is a perk for landowners and their guests or if POATRI is to be in the tourism business. Then plan according to the outcome.

As far as communications go, you can lead a horse to water but you can't make it drink. POATRI makes all info available on line. I'm certain that if anyone wants a hard copy of anything, it would be mailed to them upon request.

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

A Board member must make a commitment to stay informed. They must take the time to do the reading and research. They must be available to the constituents for comment and criticism. They must be open and transparent in all matters related to Terlingua Ranch. They must be ready and willing to contribute the time necessary to do the job.

Each Board member has a responsibility to make certain that the organization is operated in a financially sound fashion.

Board members are responsible for the promulgation of policies and procedures to protect the financial security of POATRI, the staff and themselves.

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

As with the rest of the earth, Terlingua Ranch is facing all kinds of changes; political, economic, demographic, climatic, and environmental. We will all need to participate and work together to sustain our community. We must figure out how to embrace the changes and steer them to our benefit. There is a lot to learn and to share with each other about this unique piece of America. I'm here to help.

Thank you,
Alan Byboth