

The Value of Committee Experience for Prospective Board Members:

La Cresta Property Owners Association Many longtime observers of the La Cresta Property Owners Association have noted something consistent over the years:

Members who have served on committees often make stronger, more effective Board directors.

Committee experience gives people a practical grounding in how the Association actually works. They become familiar with the CC&Rs, the Rules and Regulations, the day-to-day interaction with management, and the requirements of the Davis-Stirling Act. That background proves especially valuable when someone later steps into a Board role and faces the volume of documents, decisions, and responsibilities that come with it. Having served on committees also helps directors navigate complicated issues that tend to surface repeatedly such as the difference between reserve studies and operational spending, the proper approach to road and culvert maintenance, and the realities of Association amenities and infrastructure.

Those who have already worked through these topics in a committee setting are better prepared to discuss them accurately and make informed decisions when they arise at the Board level. Even newer residents who take the time to serve on a committee gain the opportunity to form their own opinions based on facts and direct experience. They develop a broader view of the membership's perspective and tend to base decisions on practical understanding rather than on incomplete narratives circulating in the community. Committee service also helps them establish real working relationships that are productive and ultimately benefit the membership as a whole. Rather than starting from scratch, directors with committee experience tend to adapt more quickly. They already understand the practical side of Association operations and are better equipped for the ongoing learning that Board service requires.

In short, committee service is one of the most practical ways for members to prepare themselves for the responsibilities of Board leadership in the LCPOA.