

P.O.A.T.R.I. Board Director Application & Resume

This application and resume consist of three sections:

- Section 1: Basic Candidate Information
- Section 2: Skills and experience
- Section 3: Candidate Positions on Ranch Operations and Director Responsibilities

The purpose of these questions is to provide enough information for the Membership to make an informed decision when voting to fill the 2012 vacancies. This is a Microsoft Word document. Please type in your answers after each question. When completed please email this document to President@Poatri.org . If you are not able to email this document you may mail a printed copy to Director Application, POATRI, and P.O. Box 638, Terlingua, TX 79852. **Your completed application must be received at the POATRI office no later than 5 pm, Friday, October 28, 2011.**

Section 1: Candidate Information: Question #1 is *required* information.)

1. Name: **Donald W. Mahan**

- **Phone Number: 713 854 3169**
- **Email Address: dwmahan@sbcglobal.net**
- **Address: 12800 Briar Forest #10**
- **City, State, Zip Code: Houston, TX 77077**
- **Tract No: 6353, 6354, C246, C247, 1170 9 (Ronald Mahan is co owner)**

2. How long have you been a Terlingua Ranch owner?

Since January 25, 1988. My family has owned Terlingua tracts since 1970.

3. To what degree have you been involved with Terlingua Ranch & POATRI?

- **Promoted the use of water catchment systems (guzzlers) by publishing photographs(132) of systems, published design building tips(42) and founded an organization (MTHC) to promote construction of systems. Thus far, 138 water catchment systems have been constructed/photographed on Terlingua ranch which greatly benefit wildlife and property owners.**
- **Was elected in 2003 to serve as a POATRI director.**
- **Founded the Terlingua Ranch Reform Party (TRRP) to promote property owner rights. Supported property owners running for the board by mailing letters/ information to members in good standing.**
- **Participated in a proxy drive which obtained 303 proxy votes, approved by POATRI, to promote property owner rights. Board did not allow proxy to be voted.**
- **Participated in a lawsuit with 142 property owners to obtain POATRI property owner rights.**
- **Served on a committee to rewrite the POATRI Bylaws in year 2010. Work is ongoing.**
- **Constructed and erected three (3) billboards at Terlingua Ranch to promote property owner rights and to support director candidates.**
- **Mailed out letters in support of numerous property owners running for the board who favor reform and a bill of rights protecting the property owners.**

4. Education Level/Degrees: **Bachelor of Science**
 - Major Subject/Course: **Chemical Engineering**
 - Name of School Attended: **Lamar State University**
5. Current or Last Employer or brief resume describing yourself.

Currently retired. Previous employer was Halliburton/Brown & Root for 28 years. Served as Manager of Paper Machine Process Engineering. Also worked for Champion Papers for 14 years and served as Assistant Paper Mill Manager.
6. Are you related to, or have a business or professional association with, any current board member? (yes or no): **No**
 - If Yes, please explain:
7. Have you read the POATRI Expectations and do you feel you can fulfill these? (yes or no):
Yes
8. Will you be willing to sign the POATRI Director Code of Ethics and Standards of Conduct? (yes or no): **Yes**

Section 2: Candidate Skills, Contributions and Experience – Use the sub-questions to provide answers to the following questions: (Please limit your answers to 100 words or less.)

1. Mission:
 - What is your specific interest in serving on the Board of POATRI?
 - **Help rewrite POATRI Bylaws and TRMA. The revised Bylaws should contain a Bill of Rights for Property owners which can only be changed by a vote of the property owners.**
 - **Increase the number of paying property owners. Currently only 54 % of owners (required to pay) are paying fees. Only 44 % of property owners of record are paying maintenance fees.**
 - **Reestablish a fair fee structure with acreage fees. Currently only 24 % of tracts are subject to paying maintenance fees.**
 - **Reform voting procedures so that poll observers are allowed to monitor elections and that voter privacy is protected.**
 - Do you have particular ranch committees in which you are interested or particular areas of concern relating to ranch operations? **See above**
2. Experience:
 - What skills or expertise can you offer to the Board of POATRI?
High degree of managerial skills from previous work experiences.
 - What specific experience do you have with reading and interpreting financial statements? The budgeting process?

I am familiar with current POATRI financial systems such as Tripod and QuickBooks. While working for Brown & Root and Champion Papers, I prepared detailed financial budgets and financial reports.

3. Board Member Role

- What previous/current board service, leadership or volunteer experience do you have?

See previous section 1.3

Section 3: Candidate Positions on POATRI Ranch Operations and Director Responsibility

1. Please discuss your suggestions/goals relating to the 4 major areas of ranch operation shown below? (200 word limit for entire answer)
 - a. Financial strategies such as assessment collection and budget planning and oversight.
 - **Expand current amnesty program to include delinquent property owners. Property owners in good standing, that already own tracts, do not benefit POATRI with additional revenues when they use the current system.**
 - **Re-establish a fair fee structure with acreage fees. Only 24 % of tracts currently pay fees.**
 - b. Road Rehabilitation programs.
 - **Crown the dirt roads. Many roads are now great drainage ditches.**
 - c. Use of the Lodge facilities.
 - **Maintain current usage of our facilities, but require that users of the facilities pay the full cost of operating the systems. Property owners not using the facilities should not be expected to subsidize those using the facilities.**
 - d. Property Owner Communications and other communications.
 - **Use emails to communicate with property owners to increase communications.**
 - **Provide the property owners with a recording of all the board meetings via the POATRI web site. The meetings are already being recorded.**
 - **Provide the property owners with a departmental breakdown of income and expenses.**
2. What is your understanding of your ethical and fiduciary responsibilities if a member of the POATRI Board of Directors? (100 word limit)

I support the current POATRI Bylaws in regard to ethical and fiduciary responsibilities of POATRI directors.

Donald W. Mahan _____

Date: October 22, 2011