

**ROSS VALLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT  
STAFF REPORT**

For the meeting of January 14, 2026

To: Board of Directors

From: Dan Mahoney, Fire Chief

Subject: Appoint President and Vice President to the Ross Valley Fire Department Board of Directors for 2026.

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the Fire Board appoint a President and Vice President to the Ross Valley Fire Department Board of Directors for 2026.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Fire Board (Board) adopted a policy in Resolution 00-11, which established the offices of President and Vice President. New officers are appointed in January of each year, serving a one-year term. The practice has been to alternate the presidency and vice presidency between the member agencies.

**DISCUSSION:**

In January of 2025, The Board appointed Director Steve Burdo (San Anselmo) as President and Director Elizabeth Robbins (Town of Ross) as Vice President. Julie McMillan (Town of Ross) replaced Director Robbins as of the May 14, 2025 meeting and was appointed Vice President.

In line with established practice, a member from Ross should be elected President, and a member from Fairfax should be elected Vice President. Typically, the Vice President is appointed President.

See the table below for past President and Vice President appointments by member agencies.

Year	President	Vice President
June 2025	Steve Burdo (San Anselmo)	Julie McMillan (Ross)
Jan 2025	Steve Burdo (San Anselmo)	Elizabeth Robbins (Ross)
Jan 2024	Thomas Finn (Sleepy Hollow)	Steve Burdo (San Anselmo)
Jan 2023	Stephanie Hellman (Fairfax)	Thomas Finn (Sleepy Hollow)

Jan 2022	Beach Kuhl (Ross)	Renee Goddard (Fairfax)
Jan 2021	Ford Greene (San Anselmo)	Beach Kuhl (Ross)
Jan 2020	Richard Shortall (Sleepy Hollow)	Ford Greene (San Anselmo)
Jan 2019	Peter Lacques (Fairfax)	Richard Shortall (Sleepy Hollow)
Jan 2018	Elizabeth Brekhus (Ross)	Peter Lacques (Fairfax)
Feb 2017	Tom McInerney (San Anselmo)	Elizabeth Brekhus (Ross)
Jan 2016	Richard Shortall (Sleepy Hollow)	Tom McInerney (San Anselmo)

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There are no fiscal impacts to this report.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None