



# 2017 Director Election

## Candidate Profile: **KIM CAPEN**

Greetings Community Leaders,

My name is Kim Capen and I am running for the ROC Association Director position for the New England Region. I have lived and raised my family in New Hampshire since 1973, originally born and raised in Maine. I also lived in Massachusetts for three years managing several restaurants. I am a husband, Dad to five and Papa to 12. ROC USA has provided us an opportunity to be represented on their Board of Directors. I am honored to be given this chance to seek your vote and would consider it a privilege to represent you should you elect me.

Two years ago, you elected me for my first term as your ROC Association representative to the ROC USA board, being your voice on the board. As an association we have started on a journey of discovery as to how we can best support all ROCs across the country with our voice on the board and our experience as peers to offer support directly to boards in our regions. ROC-NH (my community's technical assistance provider) has been very instrumental in providing Medvil Cooperative the necessary tools and support to build a community that is becoming a sought-after place to live. My hope is that I can use my experiences in my community to help with your community in any way needed. Improving quality of life and home values in all ROC communities is a passion I look forward to living out. I will always stand ready to be of assistance in any way I can.

In my travels and meetings within the ROC USA community, I see and know of the struggles you face daily and many of those struggles have common causes and solutions. I will work to foster an atmosphere that gets ROCs to exchange ideas that may work for every size community, so that the, "Can't be done here," turns to, "How do we make it possible here?" I am ready to support your efforts in eliminating the factors that may hinder your goals of seeking excellence in ROC governance. My wish is to have every community become a model for others who would consider the ROC model.

Why is this mission – making resident ownership viable and successful nationwide – important to me? We truly need to believe we are in this together. Not only neighbor helping neighbor, but community helping community. Because all our experiences add up to a wealth of knowledge that will help in making a way for everyone to enjoy the benefits of resident community ownership, to make it a pleasant and rewarding experience financially and socially. The security of having control of what is for many their largest investment is a big reason why this model needs to be national in scope.

What makes me stand out as a good choice for this role? I have presided over a community of 301 homes as a committee chair, treasurer and president for the 10 years as a ROC homeowner. We have been through the struggles and now look at a vibrant community with more than 120 volunteers working daily to make our community a sought-after place to live. Pride in community and a positive atmosphere have provided us with caring volunteers who have been the key to our successes.

I now would like to continue to focus my experiences and energies in helping the larger ROC USA community. I believe that my successful navigation of the challenges within this community and my many successes in growing several businesses will help to serve the greater ROC community well. I ask for your vote and I will commit to serving you well.



**Kim Capen**

Thank you in advance for your support