**Nominating, Proxy and Elections Process**

We have three positions available on the Board of Directors for the term 2024 – 2026. If you are willing to volunteer your time or know of someone that is willing to serve, please email us at board@lanierlakes.org.

Please note the following 2021 change to the By-Laws:

 *“The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a board of Directors. Except as provided herein or in Section (A)(2) of this Article, the Directors must reside in the Community and shall be members or spouses or such members; provided, however, no Person and his or her spouse may serve on the Board at the same time. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a maximum of one (1) Director may be a non-resident, provided that said director is a member or a spouse of a member, and resides in Madison County, Alabama. Any non-resident director as described herein is eligible for any officer position described in Article IV, except for the position of President.”*

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the annual meeting.  The three candidates receiving the most votes overall will be named as Directors. There are no run-offs.

The proxy form allows you to designate the person(s) to formally cast your vote as you have directed. By default, that is the acting President of the Board or you may instead name another individual who will be in attendance.  While it is a subtle distinction and the words have been used interchangeably, proxies themselves are not votes. They are simply a binding written instruction by you to a designee as to how you want your vote to be cast during the election which takes place at the meeting. You may vote for any of the nominees or you may nominate someone for the position(s). There are two open positions so you may cast two votes.

**ALL proxies must be signed and mailed to us at 110 Crystal Pond Court, Madison, AL 35757 or signed, scanned and emailed to board@lanierlakes.org.** Please ensure you mail it in time to reach us no later than September 30th. Proxies received after 3pm on September 30, 2024, regardless of postmark, will not be counted.

 This is an essential event in the operation of our community association.  Nonetheless, we certainly understand and respect people's decisions about whether to attend or not.  **In order for the election to be held, we must have a quorum, so it is very important to have your vote cast by proxy if you are unable to attend and vote in person**.