



**Annual Meeting of the Gualala Community Center  
and Election of Four Members to the GCC Board of  
Directors**

**JUNE 13, 2026, 1 PM, 38901 OCEAN DRIVE**

In order to comply with the existing GCC Bylaws, the Election of Directors will take place on June 13, 2026, at the Annual Meeting of the Membership.

The meeting will be held at the South Coast Life Support District Office, 38901 Ocean Drive, starting at 1 pm. After short reports on the year's activities, we will hold the Election.

There are two ways to vote in this election:

1. In person by paper ballot at the Annual Membership Meeting. OR
2. Electronically between 4 PM and 11:59 PM on June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026, (Available only to those who have an email address on file with GCC.)

**AGENDA**

Meeting called to order by President Janet Pierucci

- A. Reports
  - a) Year in Review- Janet Pierucci
  - b) Financial Report – Colby Bibb
  - c) Rebuild Project – Adrian Adams
- B. Election of Four Directors to the GCC Board of Directors
  - a) Introduce Election Inspectors
  - b) Present slate of Candidates – Nominating Committee
  - c) Entertain nominations from the floor
  - d) Invite candidates to make a three-minute statement
  - e) Distribute paper ballots to members who choose to vote at this time
  - f) Socializing, coffee and cookies and lemonade.
  - g) 3:30 End of voting by paper ballot
  - h) Around 4 p.m. electronic voting begins, 11:59 p.m. electronic voting ends.
  - i) When tallied, results will be emailed to members and posted at the annex and on the GCC website at: [gualalacommunitycenter.org](http://gualalacommunitycenter.org).

Seven members declared candidacy by the deadline of May 5, 2026:

Sheri Kirby, George Provencher, Janet Pierucci, Michael Combs  
Laverne Hancock, Shelley Priest, Nancy Howard

Attached are statements from four of the seven candidates. Additional may be nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

## CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

### **Candidate Statement for Member Of the Board of Directors of the Gualala Community Center**

I am George Provencher. I have been a full-time resident of Gualala for more than twenty-five years, and I have owned my home here since 1993. The last ten years of my working life were dedicated to healthcare as an Executive Director for a medical center in north Ukiah.

Prior to that I worked for twenty years on management and operating contracts with the U.S. Department of Energy with responsibilities for government prime contracts and logistics management and technical construction in national laboratories, research, and nuclear weapons stockpile facilities. I have thirty years of combined experience in management in the private sector, government, and healthcare. I am especially grateful for the experience in healthcare and working with Native American tribal organizations.

I am a veteran. I have a Master's Degree in Administrative Science and Economics from Johns Hopkins University, where I was an honors graduate. I have served on the Gualala Municipal Advisory Council (GMAC), Coast Life Support District, the RCMS Board and other non-profit and for-profit boards. As a volunteer at RCMS, I worked to successfully resolve environmental and zoning issues to convert our emergency medical landing site to a fully licensed heliport. I have a working knowledge of accounting systems and project management on a large scale. I appreciate the opportunity to serve this community, which I love.

Sincerely

George O. Provencher



Janet Pierucci

## Candidate Statement for the 2026–2028 GCC Board of Directors

### Leadership and Rebuilding Progress

I have had the honor of serving as President of the Gualala Community Center Board of Directors since July 2025. Our highest priority has been the rebuilding of the Gualala Community Center. We have made meaningful progress toward that goal.

- Build Local Construction Professionals have completed plans for the new 7,400-square-foot building at an estimated cost of \$4 million. This is significantly lower than the original \$9 million for the “first” building considered.
- Permits have been submitted to the Mendocino Building Department, and we expect building permit approval within the next several weeks.

### Strengthening GCC’s Foundation

Your Board has also focused on strengthening GCC’s corporate structure. Our bylaws are being restated by an attorney who specializes in nonprofit governance to align them with California nonprofit code regulations and protect our 501(c)(3) status.

### Communication and Community Engagement

We have also improved communication and community engagement by launching a new website and sharing monthly *Board Briefings* by email and on the website. These updates keep both members and the broader public informed about GCC’s work.

### Why I Am Asking for Your Vote

I want to continue serving on the GCC Board of Directors. I will work to complete the Community Center rebuilding and strengthen GCC’s philanthropic commitment to the Gualala community. I believe in consensus-building, thoughtful leadership, and listening carefully to the community I serve. Thank you for your consideration and your vote.

May 12, 2026

I'm Shelley Priest and would like your vote. Having lived in Anchor Bay part time since 2003 and full time since 2009, I have closely followed the Community Center's resilience since the 2023 fire. I would like to offer my professional expertise to ensure the successful completion of the BUILD LOCAL plan. The center has been sorely missed by everyone since its ill-fated demise. I very much want to be a part of getting the show back on the road.

I bring 35 years of specialized experience in banking, real estate, and escrow services. My background in managing trust accounts has instilled in me an understanding of fiduciary responsibility, financial transparency and the meticulous record-keeping required when handling community and grant funds. Additionally, my extensive experience in human resources as an Operations Supervisor for a National Bank and HR for an escrow firm has equipped me with the skills to navigate complex organizational structures, policy development, and collaborative team management.

I am a firm believer in the GCC's mission to provide an affordable, inclusive gathering space for the coast. I would welcome the opportunity to help secure the center's legacy for the next generation.

Thank you for considering me.

Shelley Priest



Nancy Howard

### **Candidate for the Gualala Community Center Board of Directors**

Usually I am a behind-the-scenes sort of person. Organizing, record-keeping, and logistics are my strengths and that's what I have done as a volunteer in the Pay 'N' Take Clothing Department for the past seven years. Lately I've become more involved with the Gualala Community Center organization; chairing the Steering Committee, setting up the Square system for electronic payment at Pay 'N' Take, implementing the software program for voting by email, and acting as Scribe for the GCC Board of Directors.

In March, I was appointed to the Board to fill the seat of a director who resigned and I am learning about the responsibilities and commitments that are required in order to be a productive board member.

In the next two years this community will build a new Community Center and the GCC Board will be responsible for overseeing the entire Build Local project. If I am elected, I will be present and informed and seek consensus on the many decisions that will be made. I will continue to help where I can to strengthen our organization so that we can better serve our community.