

Welcome!



Happy March!
Good luck to all of you still alive in your March Madness basketball pools. I am still alive in mine, fighting with Donna DiMaggio

Berger and others for the top prize.

As you can see from the main column this month, Becker & Poliakoff has some very exciting news to make the election and voting process easier and more secure for you and your associations. See more information to the right on this innovative new product which is already creating a lot of buzz in our industry.

For those of you who were recently elected or recently held elections, remember to get your Board Member Certification in to the association secretary within ninety days of your election. This can be done either by having your directors submit an attendance certificate for a DBPR approved course (Becker & Poliakoff taught more than 100 of these last year throughout Florida) or by submitting the statutory certification form. Of course it is always preferable for board members to attend a course in person - you never know when you will pick up a thing or two!

Does your community have the typical rules in your documents regarding children? Check out this month's Did You Know column on the back page for some crucial information.

Well, they say March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb, so I am out for this month. Baaaaaaa. 'Til next time.

Howard J. Perl
Shareholder



BPBALLOT

SECURE E-VOTING SOLUTION

Has your association always had difficulties obtaining a quorum to amend the governing documents? Waive reserves? Have your overseas owners always had problems receiving, casting and returning their election ballots or other voting materials on time? Becker & Poliakoff is excited and proud to announce the launching of BPBALLOT, our custom-built, secure, online voting system for communities of all sizes and types. BPBALLOT complies with Florida's online voting laws as well as the Division rules. BPBALLOT can handle all association voting needs, to include elections, amendments, material alterations, waiver of reserves and other votes.

BPBALLOT THE ULTIMATE ELECTRONIC ASSOCIATION VOTING SOFTWARE
SECURE E-VOTING SOLUTION

HOW IT WORKS | VOTER REGISTRATION | CAST YOUR VOTE | VOTE RESULTS | CONTACT US

BPBALLOT - Florida's Secure Electronic Association Voting Program

BPBALLOT has been specifically designed to comply with Florida law to allow members in condominium, cooperative and homeowners' associations to cast their votes online. Online voting is a more effective, secure way for your association to conduct membership votes.

BPBALLOT The safest, smartest way to vote
Intuitive, User Friendly, Environmentally Friendly and Cost-Effective.

Once your Board adopts a Resolution which offers an online voting system for your members, members consenting to vote online may register and vote using **BPBALLOT**. Your association will be asked to provide a roster of eligible voters to **BPBALLOT**. PIN numbers will be provided to each eligible voter. Voters will then use those PIN numbers to register on **BPBALLOT**.

FAQs
Frequently Asked Questions
Other Resources

Becker & Poliakoff
The Community Association Practice Group
The Florida Community Association Law Blog
The Community Association Law Blog
The Community Association Leadership Lobby

BPBALLOT is secure, simple and stress-free. BPBALLOT will increase member participation in your election and voting process. With BPBALLOT your owners can vote securely online from anywhere in the world in a matter of minutes.

BPBALLOT will be available to all Becker & Poliakoff clients as well as non-clients, with firm clients receiving a discount of more than 50% on the pricing. Go to www.BPBALLOT.com for more information, or you can contact your Becker & Poliakoff attorney or me for additional information on this industry-changing product. Welcome to the 21st century of association voting!

Did You Know?

Don't forget the deadline for providing your members with access to the association's year-end financial report is approaching. Make sure your accountant gets this report to the association in a timely manner!

This Month's Tip...

All associations typically have rules and regulations. Many of these rules specifically target children—children must be accompanied in the pool; no running or playing in the hallways, no flotation devices in the pool, etc. However, these types of rules subject a board to a potential discrimination claim as families with children are a protected class under both federal and state law. The reality is that both young and elderly populations often are vulnerable to the same health and safety issues and both young and elderly populations can pose the same types of problems and concerns to their neighbors. Check out my partner Donna DiMaggio Berger's blog on the subject at <http://www.communityassociationlawblog.com/>

Upcoming Classes and Events

Lunch & Learn: Anatomy of a Water Leak	March 30, 2016	St. Augustine
2016 Legal Update	March 31, 2016	Ft. Lauderdale
Ask Your Lawyer: Housing for Older Persons - CLIENTS ONLY	April 5, 2016	West Palm Beach
Board Member Certification for HOAs ONLY	April 8, 2016	Ft. Walton Beach
Board Member Certification	April 14, 2016	West Palm Beach
Board Member Certification for Condos ONLY	April 22, 2016	Ft. Walton Beach
Everything You Wanted to Know about Being a Board Member... But Were Afraid to Ask!	May 3, 2016	Altamonte Springs

Classes may be subject to change.

Complete and updated information and registration for the above as well as all of our over 25 FREE courses can be found at <http://www.bplegal.com/events>.

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