



2015 Director Election

Candidate Profile: **KIMBER 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 5 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.

I have been given three questions to respond to that might help you decide on the right candidate to represent you.



What do I hope to accomplish through my national role?

ROC-NH (our technical assistance provider) has been very instrumental in providing Medvil Cooperative the necessary tools and support to build a community that is a sought-after place to live. My goal is to be in touch with other communities to see how it is working for them. How do we engage more people to be leaders and volunteers in our communities and therefore have every community become a model for others who would consider the ROC model? In my travels and meetings within the ROC community, I know there are struggles and those struggles have some commonalities, which if tackled together, could provide answers needed to break the barriers to success. I want to be a leader in fostering ideas that will work for every size community, so that the, "Can't be done here." turns to, "How do we make it possible here?"

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 treasurer and president for the past 7½ years. 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. Caring volunteers have been the key to our success. I now would like to focus my energies in helping the larger community, ROC USA. 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.

Thank you for your support.