

# COOCVE President's Report

By RON SANDLER, President COOCVE

As we enter COOCVE's 50th year of service to our Village, it has become clear that many current owners are not fully aware of COOCVE's role in supporting associations through shared services, coordination, and educational initiatives. I would first like to acknowledge and thank past President Macky Bachelor for her leadership and dedication. Her steady commitment helped guide COOCVE through an important period of transition and progress. We also extend our sincere appreciation to outgoing Sergeant-at-Arms Joe Cummings for his service and contributions to the organization. In addition, we pause to remember Harriet Drandoff, whose passing is deeply felt. Harriet's involvement and commitment to the Village will not be forgotten. On behalf of the new leadership team, we extend our sincere appreciation for the service and dedication of all who have contributed to COOCVE's continued success.

It is my honor to introduce the 2026 COOCVE Officers:

- **President:** Ron Sandler
- **Vice President:** Howard Silverstone
- **Treasurer:** Joe Copolla (new to COOCVE)
- **Secretary:** Judith Stagliano
- **Officer:** Mark Leibowitz (new to COOCVE)
- **Officer:** Domenic Piso (new to COOCVE)
- **Officer:** Richard Wiener

This team brings experience, new energy, and a shared commitment to strengthening association leadership and operational effectiveness throughout the Village.

Fifty years is more than a celebration of longevity, it is a moment to reflect, clarify our purpose, and build for the future.

COOCVE does not govern the individual condominium associations. Each association remains fully responsible for its own governance, decisions, and fiduciary duties. Our role is to support, educate, and provide resources that help associations govern themselves effectively.

In 2026, our focus will center on five major initiatives:

## 1. 50th Anniversary & Organizational Rebranding

As part of our anniversary year, we will undertake a thoughtful rebranding initiative to better communicate who we are, what we do, and how we assist associations while respecting their independent governance authority.

## **2. Strengthening the Standard Document Package (SDP) Initiative**

The SDP Project has demonstrated that associations can obtain significantly improved governing documents at a fraction of the cost of developing them independently. In 2026, we will build on this success, refining and expanding the program to further promote clarity, consistency, and stronger self-governance at the association level.

## **3. Developing a Formal Governance Education Curriculum**

Education remains central to COOCVE's mission. We will begin creating a structured curriculum to support board members and owners with practical governance training, reinforcing fiduciary responsibility, transparency, and best practices — while recognizing that governance decisions remain with each individual association board.

## **4. Piloting an Owner/Association Dispute Assistance Program**

To support associations facing internal conflicts, we will pilot a structured program designed to provide guidance and resources that encourage constructive resolution — without interfering in the independent authority of any association's board.

## **5. Strategic Collaboration with the CVE Reporter**

We will explore opportunities to share resources with **The CVE Reporter**, strengthening both organizations while respecting their distinct roles and responsibilities.

This anniversary year is not only about honoring our history, it is about ensuring that COOCVE remains relevant, visible, and effective for decades to come as a supporting and coordinating body for the Village's independently governed associations.

We look forward to working with association leaders and residents throughout the Village as we expand education, improve communication, and provide practical resources that assist associations in carrying out their own governance responsibilities.

Respectfully,  
Ron Sandler  
President, COOCVE