

ILA Membership Update: Lawsuit Costs and Your Association Funds

Dear ILA Members,

The lawsuit brought by Sandra “Sandy” White has carried a substantial financial cost for ILA. The reported litigation expense is \$23,314.70—approximately \$106.95 for each of our 218 homes, subject to final reconciliation. This is Association money, not a separate assessment.

Bank statements confirm \$18,288 paid to Nacol Law Firm between January and May 2026. Invoice and retainer reconciliation is needed to confirm the full lawsuit expense. Money consumed by litigation reduces funds available for maintenance, improvements, and reserves.

The lawsuit concerned board governance, including White’s removal and a requested special membership meeting. The court granted interim relief requiring that meeting.

The March 5 meeting did not achieve quorum: too few eligible members were represented both in person and by proxy to conduct business. Submitted ballots remained sealed until opened at the meeting in front of the membership to promote transparency. No director removal action was taken.

Sandra White subsequently withdrew her lawsuit.

We caution members against treating commentary on the unofficial Facebook page as established fact. Opinions and accusations should be checked against supporting documents. The ILA’s bank statements have been publicly posted at www.lakevilbig.com. Court filings and rulings are also available as public records.

Financial challenges predate this lawsuit. The factual minutes from the previous Board of Directors reported operating deficits for 2018 through 2021 and through October 2022, covered through reserve withdrawals. Previous boards also used special assessments to replenish reserves and address funding needs. With the current Board the ILA has operated without an operating deficit during its tenure.

The Board also reports that, with membership approval, it changed the governing documents to require membership approval of special assessments. This places an important spending decision in residents’ hands and limits the Board’s ability to impose additional charges independently.

We believe everyone should have a voice in how Association money is spent. Our responsibility is to provide accurate information, respect membership decisions, and protect the resources entrusted to ILA.

Steve Martin is the current ILA President. His contact information is listed on the website.

We wish everyone safety and happiness through the upcoming holidays!

Irving Lake Association Board of Directors