

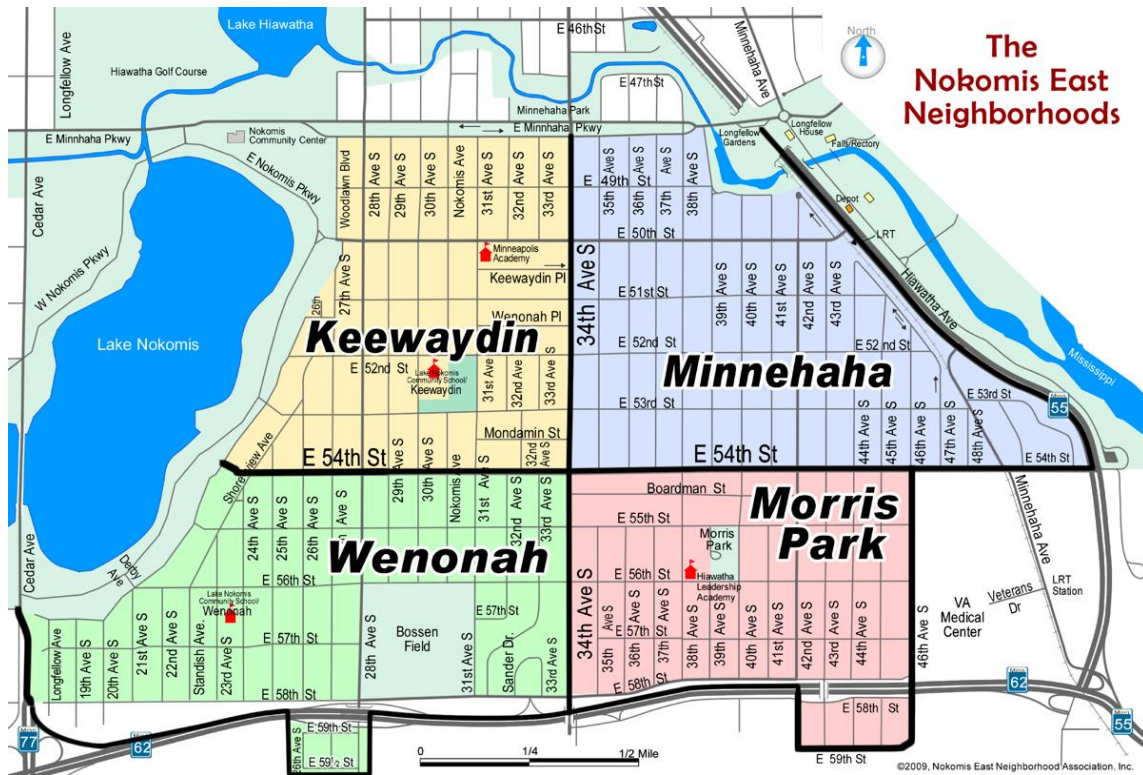
## Nomination Form – Part 2 Biographical Information

(Posted on the NENA Website)

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**Nominee Name:** Jack Dickinson

**Currently Serving on the NENA Board**



### Board Seat Nomination (Check all that apply):

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| <p><input type="checkbox"/> Keewaydin Neighborhood Resident</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Minnehaha Neighborhood Resident</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Morris Park Neighborhood Resident</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Wenonah Neighborhood Resident</p> | <p style="text-align: center;"><u>And/Or</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Owner (Only eligible for At-Large Seat)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Business Employee (Only eligible for At-Large Seat)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Non-resident Property Owner (Only eligible for At-Large Seat)</p> |
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### 1. Tell us about yourself and your experience in your neighborhood and in Nokomis East?

My first experience in the Twin Cities was as a student at Macalester College in St. Paul, and in total I've lived in the cities for 10 of the last 17 years. That time includes stints in Shanghai, Wayne, NE, Ft. Collins and San Antonio. I've been a part of my family business, which has offices in Minnesota, Nebraska, and Texas for the last 11 years and held the position of CEO since 2013. My last (and final!) move back was in 2014 to attend the Executive MBA program at the University of Minnesota and I absolutely love my neighborhood and my city. We couldn't be happier to be raising our two daughters, 1 and 4 years old, in this vibrant, evolving and diverse neighborhood in our favorite city and I can't wait to put my time in to help make sure it reaches its potential. I'll be attending the Masters of Public Affairs program at the U of M in the fall, and my hobbies are triathlons, campaign volunteering and, most of all, time with my kids.

**2. Why are you interested in serving on the NENA Board of Directors? Describe your interests, skills, experience, hobbies, volunteer work or community involvement that will help your service on the Board?**

I have always envisioned myself as someone who works to have a positive influence on those around me, but last year's election forced me to look in the mirror and ask if I'm doing all I can. My leadership in our family business of 80 employees, my willingness to organize and outreach for campaigns, and my shared experience raising children give me some valuable tools to reach my goal of improving the lives of others. In response, I have become involved with NENA's Housing and Streetscape Committee, Green Initiatives Committee and have attended many meetings sponsored by NENA regarding our neighborhood issues. I want deepen my commitment to making the neighborhood a place where all feel empowered and included, with a vibrant small business community, and where we all feel connected across generational, racial and economic differences. I believe my board membership in the neighborhood business association, NEBA, can help create significant and effective ties between two non-profits that are both working to make our neighborhood the best it can be.

**3. What hopes, goals and concerns do you have for your neighborhood and Nokomis East?**

I believe technology and the pace of modern day life have had the unintended consequence of weakening the personal ties we have in our lives, especially within our immediate community. Our neighborhood association can and should be a place that brings folks together across racial, economic and generational divides. My hope is that our continued work meets the goals of connectedness, a more vibrant small business community, and creates a supportive environment for the overall improvement of our neighborhood.

**4. What hopes, goals and concerns do you have for NENA?**

I know that NENA can become a leader in our city neighborhood associations in being supportive of its residents and proactive in creating real, tangible improvement in our environment, our streetscapes, and the organizations that exist here. I have had multiple meetings with Becky and Lauren regarding a new committee that will be responsible for outreach within our neighborhood to keep residents abreast on what NENA is working to accomplish, a photographic documentation of our neighborhood, and establish a signature annual event for the organization. One of my concerns is the continued full funding of NENA. We know city funding is not guaranteed after 2019. I look forward to doing the hard work of building a fundraising strategy for the organization to diversify our funding sources and ensure the viability of the organization years into the future.

**5. How will you reach out to the community during your Board term?**

Through our new community outreach committee we will be establish a fundraising event as well as a signature annual event that celebrates our community. As someone who enjoys volunteering for political campaigns, I look forward to door knocking and letting people know what we're up to, as well as finding out what priorities they have for the neighborhood. I hope to lead an effort on the board to double down on our outreach and make NENA a great example of inclusivity in our city.

**6. What additional organizations, programs and events are you involved with?**

I currently am on the board of NEBA, our neighborhood business association, and my daughter's school board for Sunny Hollow Montessori. I am the Ward 12 captain for a mayoral race and volunteer on a city council campaign in Ward 11. I am involved with the trade association for our family business, the Timber Frame Guild.

**Signature of Agreement**

I affirm that I meet the requirements of serving on the NENA Board of Directors and the information given in this Nomination Form is factual and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that should the nominee become an elected Board Member, any false statements, omissions or other misrepresentations could result in immediate dismissal.

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Signature

Date

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Name (Printed)