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Fishermen's trustees name Malafy

**Replaces Jakobson
on hospital's
governing board**

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Marathon attorney Richard Malafy was appointed Monday to replace Peeter Jakobson on the Fishermen's Hospital board of trustees.

Jakobson, a radiologist on a three-year contract at Fishermen's, left both the

hospital and the board when he was not renewed by hospital management in March.

Malafy is a commercial litigation attorney who's involved in several community organizations. He also provides numerous pro bono services and won the 2007 pro bono award from the Dade County Bar Association.

"We welcome Rich to the board. He brings valuable experience as an attorney and has a history of service to the Florida

Keys community," board Chairman Michael Cunningham said in a statement.

The board is a nonprofit that owns the hospital. Its bylaws state it must have a minimum of seven members and as many as 14.

Jakobson was the second member to leave the board in less than a month. On Feb. 8, Sunshine Quality Roofing Inc. founder Jeff Coldren replaced former Chairman Clyde Burnett.

Burnett was voted off the board Jan. 24 amid continued allegations of harassment levied against him by Marathon City Clerk Diane Clavier.

The board is working with Tennessee-based Quorum Health Resources to replace HMA, which has leased Fishermen's for nearly 25 years. The board will assume financial responsibility for the hospital in July.

Malafy could not be reached for comment Friday.