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Part II

1. Profession and Education

My career was in business, beginning with financial roles and ending with several leadership positions including president for the 15 years before retiring. After roles as a commercial banker, management consultant, and chief financial officer of a manufacturing company I joined Inmar, Inc. in Winston-Salem, N.C., where I spent 20 years as VP-Finance, VP-Operations, VP-Marketing, and then president of a division with 2,500 employees in two countries.

I have a bachelor of science degree in business from Wake Forest University, an MBA in finance from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and I am a licensed certified public accountant in North Carolina.

2. What is your history with Bald Head Island that has brought you to ownership and now a candidate for BHA?

My wife and I were starting to consider a beach property in 2006 and visited the island. We loved the combination of environments, the small size, the lack of crowds and the relaxed pace. After two trips to the island we never looked anywhere else. We purchased our first house on the dune ridge in 2007, and our current one on the creek in 2011. The experience of owning houses in different environments gives me a broad perspective on different issues facing property owners.

3. What professional skills and life experiences do you feel would be most valued as a member of the BHA Board?

My background in financial and general management will be valuable as a member of the Board. I have experience on several non-profit boards and understand the importance of the board members focusing on the specific mission of the organization. I recently completed two three year terms on the Bald Head Island Club Board of Governors, and served as treasurer all six years. Through that experience I learned a great deal about the unique issues and logistics of running an island organization and serving the majority of island property owners.

4. As a BHI property owner, what aspect of the Island life is most important to you as a key to BHI's future and, if elected, how would you help craft that future?

I value the character of the island, and the variety of environments (beach, marsh, forest, harbor) that coexist in close proximity and make the island unique. I also appreciate the pace of life with the transportation by golf cart and bike, and the sense of community represented by all the volunteer activity. I believe most owners would prefer the island retain its basic character and that future growth be carefully planned and coordinated across the Association, the Village, and for some remaining time, the developer. I support the growth of business services in the existing commercial areas, but I do not think there should be changes in the nature of the residential and rental properties on the island.