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Profession and education: 34 years in the telecommunications industry in engineering, sales, marketing, finance and product management, retiring from Verizon Business in 2021 as Vice President of Global Product Management. B.S. Mechanical Engineering, Master of Engineering Administration (MEA) Industrial Engineering, both from Virginia Tech.

What is your history with Bald Head Island that has brought you to ownership and now a candidate for BHA? As guests of dear friends for several years before we purchased in 2014, our family has come to love the community, unique weather, beauty and continuous change this island offers. I have served on the board and officer of HOAs in Virginia and North Carolina. On BHI, I was a member of the BHA Long Range Planning Committee and am an enthusiastic supporter of the Conservancy. Motivated to action, I believe in creating solutions vs chatter, ensuring Association transparency and a member-first approach to decision-making, and stepping up to the legacy of island service others have modeled so selflessly.

What professional skills and life experiences do you feel would be most valued as a member of the BHA board? I am an experienced leader, change agent and innovative visionary who is adept at solving problems quickly, creating consensus, community and commitment by demonstrating integrity and sound judgment.

As a BHI property owner, what aspect of island life is most important to you as a key to BHI's future and, if elected, how would you help craft that future? Looking to contribute to the quality of island life with thoughtful intention to where my skills and talents can best be put to work, my interest in membership on the BHA Board comes from a desire to ensure we optimize our fiscal responsibilities while creating respectful environments where growth and change conversations happen constructively with all constituents. The BHA should operate in a lean and agile manner, with rapid turn-around on member architectural requests and an eye toward supporting changes required due to current building codes. Our members and their guests should feel that the BHA works FOR them in an expeditious manner toward productive solutions, without undo friction, to help maintain and grow property values.