

2021 KICA BOARD CANDIDATE

# David Dunn

Member Since 2019  
162 Marsh Island Drive  
Single-Family Home  
Part-Time Resident  
Primary Residence: Cornelius, NC  
No Governor's or KI Club Affiliation



## Candidate Overview

I first visited Kiawah Island in the late 1980s, playing in a tennis tournament with some friends and work colleagues, and subsequently, with very few exceptions, have been on the island every year since!

I was even married on the beach in front of The Sanctuary 10 years ago and last December we were fortunate enough to be able to purchase on Marsh

Island Drive. We are able to visit about nine times a year at this point, for a week at a time, while we maintain our family home in Cornelius, NC because of our jobs.

The greatest amount of our love for Kiawah - and, indeed, the list is long - is our walks (hikes, really) around the island. It is nothing for my wife and I to hike 10 miles or more on our daily adventures, trying to split time between beach walking and path walking and walking up to Freshfields. We have five grown children (who bring along four spouses and three grandchildren) and a day at the beach



when all are there is the best time of all. When I can sneak away for golf or tennis, I will surely make that attempt!

## Community Involvement

We live in the Lake Norman area of Charlotte (north) in a town called Cornelius, where I serve on the Town Zoning & Planning Boards and manage my real estate business and various other enterprises (I own the local car wash, etc.). We are very active in our community with senior citizens, local schools, and coaching youth soccer and golf.

As we are transitioning to Kiawah on a permanent basis in the next few years for retirement, it would be my special honor and privilege to be able to transfer my volunteerism and community service to what will be our new, permanent, and (God willing) long-term home!

## Professional Background

I am a graduate of the UNC Charlotte campus, where I was honored to be invited to serve as the Vice Chancellor of that fine institution for a bit of a second career following the sale of the insurance company I founded in 2001.

My career consists of basically three endeavors: I founded a workers compensation insurance company in the late 1980s and, following growth to a national level, sold it in 2001. After taking a couple of years off, I was invited to serve as the VC of UNC Charlotte for a 2-year period. Well, that turned into a

robust 10-year career because I was just loving being able to run the institution from where I had earned my own degree!

Retiring for a second time in 2013, I embarked on a real estate career to keep me busy and I have accumulated a portfolio of local businesses that keep me busy.

I have served on a multitude of boards over the years, including my own, and managed the UNC CLT Board of Trustees and have a very close knowledge of the role and insights and stewardship that come with being a board member. I would be delighted to bring those skills and reflections to Kiawah.

## Board Service Statement

Principally, I enjoy serving the communities in which I live, and, at this point, board service is one of the best ways I know how to do that. My life and career paths have been marked by absorbing information, adopting various points of view, incorporating my own experiences and dispositions, and rendering an opinion or thought on what is for the greatest good - not any one person or group. I hope to contribute that perspective to my long friend and new home, Kiawah!

*View David's video interview at [kica.us/vote](http://kica.us/vote).*

