

2022 KICA BOARD CANDIDATE

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MY KIAWAH OWNERSHIP STORY

Every year since 1986, from Asheville, I started vacationing on Kiawah with friends and their families. After 3 years, we decided to stretch and buy a lot (thanks Brad M.) expecting to build our dream home in 20 years.

Things sped up when my wife got Leukemia (we were just 35, our daughters were 6 and 8). I designed our home for something to look forward to while sitting with her in the hospital. Prices came in where we hoped. We wheeled her into the ARB review before her bone marrow transplant and got unanimous approval (thanks Mark P.). She died during the construction, but my daughters and I completed the home we love.

I married Elizabeth Arrington (MSW from UNC) 4 years later at the little Holy Spirit chapel and had the reception at our home. We (quickly!) had another daughter and a son. Our first daughter was married on the beach with reception at the Sandcastle.

Just before COVID, we made Kiawah our primary residence. (We spend some time in our downtown Asheville condo). Our home is in a Family Trust for our kids as they frequently return with their kids from CA and NYC.

So what's my point?! Over the past 32 years our family has grown to LOVE Kiawah Island. I plan on helping to care for Kiawah, the same way it has taken care of my family for the next generation.

MY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

My first experience on a board was as a 22 Year old Architect on the Board of Adjustment in Steamboat Springs, CO. It was 1977 and Steamboat was booming!

I am currently the Vice Chair of the Residential HOA (54 high end Condominiums) and a member of the Master HOA (includes the Kimpton Hotel). This is the 20 story building in the center of downtown Asheville. 2021 was the first year of the Arras. We didn't just deal with budgets, but bylaws, building punch lists, and living with COVID (above a 152-room hotel). With our protocols, budgets, and bylaws being set this first year, I believe the heavy lifting has been done.

MY FOCUS

I am running for the KICA Board because I bring my history and experience as an Architect to the table. I feel what the Board lacks most is critical thinking. That is, when an idea or plan is submitted to the Board, it needs to be evaluated from a perspective of what the future ramifications will be to ALL of the Kiawah Property Owners. I would share my opinions and observations with my fellow Board Members, but, I'm well aware that I only get to cast one vote.

I have known Kiawah as a visitor with kids, a rentee, a renter, a vacation home Owner and now, a primary residence. I promise to consider ALL of your different POV's while making decisions on the KICA Board.

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