

# Meet Your 2020 ASPPPO Board Candidate:

## *David Ellis*



**Candidate Name:** David Ellis

**Running For:** ASPPPO Board

**Candidate Category:** Candidate by ASPPPO Nominating Committee

### **Candidate Biography:**

After graduation from the University of Notre Dame and the University of Chicago Law School I returned to my hometown of Vicksburg, Mississippi where I began my legal career.

As a "country lawyer" I was deeply involved in the entire community, serving as President of the local Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations and serving as an officer and/or director of various businesses including a National Bank.

My wife, Barbie, and I purchased our present home in Sea Pines in 2000. We have four (4) daughters and seven (7) grandchildren and celebrated our 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year.

I have been deeply involved in the Sea Pines community serving the past 3½ years as President of Sea Pines Country Club where we have completed substantial renovations and created a happy environment for our members.

### **Why I Wish to Serve the Sea Pines Community:**

A great part of my life has been devoted to community service. I believe I have an obligation to return something to society for the benefits that I had received.

Sea Pines is at a cross road in its history. I believe that my experiences and skill sets will be useful to join with others to help secure the future of Sea Pines as the best place to live on this Island.

The issues that Sea Pines has, while unique to Sea Pines, are similar to the issues I dealt with in my legal, business and civic careers.

My recent service as president of Sea Pines Country Club has encouraged me to be even more deeply involved in our Sea Pines community hopefully by service on this board.

**Questions from the Community:**

I will respond in narrative form.

My wife and I have been full time residents of Sea Pines since 2007 and a part time resident for many years before then.

We have no commercial interest in Sea Pines. We came to Sea Pines to enjoy an active vibrant happy life style.

Sea Pines has the ability to have the charm of a small town such as where we lived for many years in Mississippi. We have access to so many necessities of life either inside or within a very short distance of the plantation. We are small enough that many of us know and interact with so many others within Sea Pines in our daily lives.

I come to ASPPPO without any agenda or set idea for any specific thing.

I do have a general over-all goal which is to find a way forward to maintain and enhance value of our community which we, the residents, can enjoy and others will want to come to live.

When I start a job (and I regard this as a job), I begin with creating a vision for the future and then follow up with the method of achieving that vision.

For those of you who are members of Sea Pines Country Club, you witnessed that exact process the past four (4) years. Well, 3 ½ years since I have a few more months left on my term as president.

I can only promise you that I will use my best efforts to work for you and in your best interests in an honest and open manner. I will support good communication. My decisions will be based on reasoned thought after due enquiry of all the available information. My process may lead me to a different conclusion than others but there will be a legitimate reason for my conclusion.

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