

2025 DIPA Board Candidates



Chris Bechhold
Creek Back Street

Professional Background – Yale University, BA 1977; Case Western Reserve University School of Law, JD 1980; Partner/Senior Counsel, Business Litigation, Thompson Hine LLP 1980 to present; Member of Daniel Island Neighborhood Association Transition Committee; Member/Officer Hotchkiss School Board of Governors 2006-2010; Best Lawyers in America 2008 to present and Federation of Defense and Corporate Counsel 2010 to present.

I have resided on Daniel Island since 2016, and as a member of the DIPA Transition Committee, I assisted in the review, discussion, and edits to the current versions of the DIPA By-Laws and Regulations. If elected to the DIPA Board, my focus will be to ensure that DIPA has in place a comprehensive response and recovery plan for future natural disasters, the DIPA By-Laws and Regulations are properly and timely updated and consistently enforced, and that Daniel Island Park continues to be a premier location for its residents.

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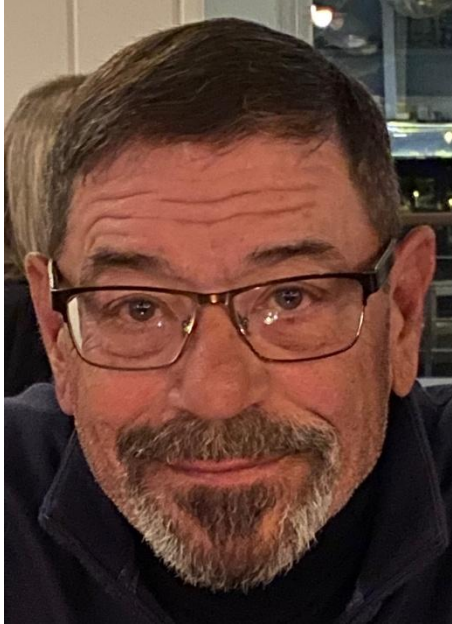
Dr. Mary Sudzina
Hidden Bottom Lane

Dr. Mary Sudzina has been a resident of Daniel Island Park for 19 years. She is a lifelong educator, serving as an English teacher, guidance counselor, school psychologist, and college professor. Receiving her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Temple University, Mary has won numerous awards for her leadership, scholarship, and teaching at the university, regional, and international levels.

Mary moved here in 2006 with her husband, Mike, and they both became very invested in Daniel Island and the Charleston community. Mike became president of the Daniel Island Rotary Club and co-founded the USS Yorktown Foundation. Mary taught as a teacher-leader mentor at the College of Charleston, is a member of the Red Cross Tiffany Circle, and is active in the Daniel Island Club ladies' golf group. She also has a college consulting business, helping students gain acceptance to their top college choices.

Mary has seen the Island grow from 8,000 to 15,000 residents and is committed to preserving the high quality of life on Daniel Island.

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Paul Bayer
Dagget Street

In 2015, Paul and his wife, Lori, returned from 11 years living overseas to retire on Daniel Island. He learned to appreciate different cultures and perspectives and is grateful to be of service to the community in the Lowcountry. Paul spends most of his days on the golf course, gardening, and as an active founding Board Member of the local charity - Swing for the Lowcountry.

As Senior Director of Emerging Markets, Paul designed strategies and initiatives to support business growth in emerging markets. With a combination of strong on-the-ground knowledge and international professional practices and industry expertise, Paul leveraged his extensive experience in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East to help organizations understand and optimize their trade flows.

Paul has 26 years of experience in UPS's International Markets and Technology Development groups, identifying strategic opportunities that enhanced the strengths of UPS's broad product portfolio, global transportation network, and significant human capital.

Prior to joining UPS, Paul received his bachelor's degree in accounting at Washington State University and spent 8 years in F&A and Project Management positions in the Silicon Valley area of California, USA.

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Pete Harper
Pagett Street

I have been a resident of Daniel Island since 2003 and living in Daniel Island Park since 2006. I am the current resident Board Member of DIPA. I moved to Daniel Island to work for a commercial real estate company building the Publix center. I am a Principal with Lee & Associates, a national commercial brokerage office. I am married to Lee Harper and have two children that grew up on Daniel Island and are now college graduates making a living on their own.

During my 23 years on Daniel Island, I have seen it grow from about 2,500 residents to its current size of +/-18,000. During that time, I have been an active member and past president of the Daniel Island Business Association and am a Director of the Daniel Island Community Fund and Foundation. As with my commercial real estate knowledge of the island, I am very familiar with the residential growth and the current issues facing our community. I would be proud to continue to serve Daniel Island in a capacity that benefits all residents and businesses.