

2026 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. Current member of Daniel Island Park Association Board

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 of the current versions of the DIPA By-Laws and Regulations. If reelected to the DIPA Board, my focus will be to continue to ensure that (i) DIPA has in place a comprehensive response and recovery plan for future natural disasters, (ii) the DIPA By-Laws and Regulations are properly and timely updated and consistently enforced and (iii) Daniel Island Park is a premier location for its residents.

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Frank Conway
Ferryman Lane

Frank Conway is the co-founder and CEO of 890 Capital, a private real estate debt fund in Mount Pleasant that raises capital from private investors and deploys it as secured loans on residential bridge and fix-and-flip projects across the Charleston market. He and his business partner built the firm from the ground up into a fund that operates under SEC Regulation D, answers to its investors, and runs on quarterly reporting and independent third-party oversight. His work is underwriting risk, holding vendors and contractors to their numbers, and defending a budget to people entitled to question every line of it. He is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame.

Frank and his wife Kayla have owned on Daniel Island since 2021 and are raising two daughters who attend school on the island. He is a member of the Daniel Island Rotary Club. The Bylaws ask this Board to handle the annual budget, assessments, reserve planning, vendor contracts, and quarterly financial reporting to owners, which is the work Frank does professionally. As DIPA moves through its second year of owner control, he wants to bring that discipline to reserve funding and contracting decisions, and to make the Board's budget and reporting genuinely legible to the owners paying for it. He has spent his career accountable for other people's capital, and would hold assessment dollars to the same standard.

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Dr. Mary Sudzina
Hidden Bottom Lane

Dr. Mary Sudzina has been a resident of Daniel Island Park for over 20 years. A lifelong educator, she has served as an English teacher, guidance counselor, school psychologist, and college professor. After receiving her Ph.D. in Educational Psychology from Temple University in 1988, Mary has won numerous awards for her leadership, scholarship, and teaching at the university, regional, and international levels.

Mary moved to Daniel Island Park 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 15-year-member of the Red Cross Tiffany Circle, and is active in the Daniel Island Club ladies' golf group. She has also served as an independent college consultant since 2006, helping scores of local high school students gain acceptance to their top college choices.

Mary has seen the Island grow from 8,000 to almost 18,000 residents and is committed to preserving the exceptional quality of life on Daniel Island.