

Bios for Candidates for 2020 Board of Directors

Lamar Robinette – nominated by committee

Lamar received his undergraduate, Masters, and Doctorate degrees from Auburn University. Before joining Clemson in 1975, he worked as a biologist for the US Soil Conservation Service in Washington, DC. While at Clemson, he worked in Entomology, Forestry, Environmental Toxicology, and was Department head of Aquaculture, Fisheries, and Wildlife. He retired in 2009.

Lamar is a past president of the SC Wildlife Federation and member of the Aquatic Plant Society. He is presently a member of the Clemson Sertoma Club. He and Susan live at 1016 Keystone Lane with Max and Lily, their 2 Yorkshire Terriers. They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.

Pat Vernon – nominated by committee

Pat, a native of Louisiana, is the mother of two and grandmother to seven children. She attended LSU, married and was active in the community with her church and children's activities. Pat worked full time as a secretary while raising her family and surviving multiple hurricanes! She was a frequent visitor to Clemson Downs seeing friends and when the opportunity to move here occurred she was delighted to be able to call Clemson Downs her new home. She enjoys the community and looks forward to working with the POA to maintain the quality of life in the neighborhood. Pat's granddaughter, Heather an engineer, has moved to Clemson Downs to share a home together.

Dennis Walling – nominated by committee

Dennis Ross Walling is a native of the West Coast. He graduated from Lake Oswego High School in 1962 and Oregon State University, majoring in education. In 1967, he entered the United States Air Force and was commissioned later that year. Those events began a 26-year career in the Air Force that included travel to 20 foreign countries. Most of his duty time was spent supervising aircraft maintenance operations at multiple duty stations. While in the Air Force, he earned a Master of Arts Degree in Management and retired a lieutenant colonel on October 1, 1993, serving as assistant deputy commander for logistics at Rhein Main Air Base, Germany.

In 1994, he moved to Clemson and has worked for Prudential Insurance and later for Integrated Support Systems of Seneca, as an account executive. In that capacity, he sold services to United States and allied customers supporting U.S. Department of Defense and NATO programs.

Dennis is a member of the Rotary Club of Clemson and has served as its president and now serves as chairman of the board for the Rotary's Clemson Foundation.

Dennis is married to Carol Anne Hoffman. They have two daughters and two grandchildren living in Anderson.

Sandy Yates – nominated by committee

As a military "brat" Sandy grew up in many places. She ended up in Southern California where she attended nursing school. Upon graduation she became a United States Naval Officer as a Navy Nurse. Early in her career she was sent by the Navy to become a Family Nurse Practitioner. She was lucky to be stationed at Bethesda, Maryland; Naples, Italy; San Diego, California; Kaneohe, Hawaii; Long Beach, California; and Charleston, South Carolina. While in Charleston she met a nice fellow from Clemson, South Carolina. They married in October of 1993 and she retired from the Navy in November of 1993. Clemson/Seneca has been home for the past 25 years. She was employed by AnMed, Urgent Care in Clemson, and Redfern Student Health Center. In the past 25 years she has been involved with several community and civic organizations including Clemson University Woman's Club, Clemson Garden Club, and Clemson Child Development Center. She has held several board positions in all these organizations. She has served on the Clemson Downs POA Board this year (2019). Recently she and her husband, Bill, have purchased a home in Clemson Downs. She wants to strive to keep Clemson Downs a vital, attractive, and friendly place to live. She believes that being involved as a board member of CDPOA is a responsibility and a privilege, and with your support she would like to undertake the opportunity to serve.