

The 2019 POA Board of Director Candidates - Peter Cotton, Mark Pagano, and Alicia Reilly



Peter Cotton is Professor of Medicine in the Digestive Disease Center at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC, USA.

He was born in 1939 in England, where his father was a rural family physician. He graduated in 1963 from Cambridge University and St. Thomas Hospital Medical School (London). He developed the Endoscopy Laboratory at St. Thomas' Hospital whilst still officially in training and brought ERCP back from Japan in 1971. In 1973 he was appointed to the faculty of the Middlesex Hospital and Medical School (London) as Director of Gastroenterology, where he developed a new department integrating medical and surgical gastroenterology, with an emphasis on endoscopic therapy and teaching. His group pioneered many diagnostic and therapeutic endoscopy procedures, particularly ERCP (sphincterotomy and stenting) and was very active in teaching. He attracted postgraduates from many countries, held numerous teaching courses, and pioneered live CCTV workshops.

Dr. Cotton left England in 1986 to become Professor of Medicine and Chief of Endoscopy at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, USA. He developed a state-of-the-art endoscopy center. He maintained his interests in teaching (mainly through live video courses), new techniques, and careful outcome evaluation. He moved to Charleston, South Carolina in 1994 to initiate the Digestive Disease Center.

The mission of the Digestive Disease Center is to provide a multidisciplinary environment in which to provide patient-friendly, cost-effective care, and to pursue the research and teaching necessary to enhance it. It has seen huge growth in many areas and has been recognized repeatedly as one of the top 50 Digestive programs in USA. Dr Cotton stepped down as Director in 2007 but remained on the faculty focusing on patients with known or suspected pancreatic and biliary diseases. He retired from active clinical practice in May 2011, but remains at MUSC doing research, funded by NIH grants, and teaching. He is involved in endoscopy innovation, and in the quality agenda, promoting personal report cards and benchmarking.

Dr. Cotton has been active in many National and International organizations and has given invited lectures and demonstrations in over 50 countries. He helped form the British Society for Digestive Endoscopy and served the British Society of Gastroenterology as its vice president and treasurer. He was secretary of the European Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy, and president of the Pancreatic Society of Great Britain. He was elected Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians (London) in 1978, Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons (Glasgow) in 1997, and Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons (London) in 2002. He is an honorary member of the British Society of Gastroenterology, the Hong Kong Society for Digestive Endoscopy, and the South African Gastroenterology Society. Dr Cotton was awarded the Rudolph Schindler award of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy in 2004.

His bibliography includes more than 900 publications, including more than 330 original contributions in peer-reviewed journals, and 14 books. "Practical Gastrointestinal Endoscopy" (co-authored by Christopher Williams) is the standard teaching text, currently in its 7th Edition, and has been translated into 8 languages. He has been on the editorial boards of 12 gastroenterology journals and was the first international editor of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy. He also recently published his "endoscopic memoirs" called "The tunnel at the end of the light", and a children's series of books starting with "When Fred the Snake got Squished and Mended", available at Amazon.com, and www.petercottontales.com.

Peter and Marion Cotton live happily on Dewees Island, South Carolina. Between them they have 4 grown children in Atlanta, GA, Goldsboro, NC, Oxford and Bury St. Edmunds, UK, eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They enjoy family, friends, travel, wildlife and golf.

Community and Volunteer Experience

Social Committee, Chair
DUC – 2 years
POA Board – 3 years

Other relevant experience (other boards or committees on which you've served)

Leadership positions at MUSC and national GI organizations.

Why do you want to be a member of the POA Board of Directors?

To continue to serve and maintain this awesome Community.

Mark Pagano

Candidate for Dewees POA Board



Why do I want to be a POA Board Member? My thoughts:

- Dewees is a special place that requires responsible owner participation to continue to shape the island evolution.
- All owners should participate in Island governance when able to offer time and effectively contribute. I'd like to make my contribution allowing others who have served to step down.
- The preservation of the Dewees natural environment is important. I would like to offer to the Board a voice of balance and reasonable-ness.
- The continued affordability and financial viability of Dewees is important to me and our family. I would like to participate with the POA Board during the preparation of budgets with discussion about mandatory and discretionary spending.
- As the existing island population ages, it is important the island have a reasonable buy-sale market providing an option to those who need to sell their properties. I would like to participate with the Board to set policies and actions consistent with by- laws that protect or enhance property values.
- I'd like to work with the board to support lot owner interest to build. We need lot owners to continue look forward to their paradise on Dewees, to build, and continue to pay annual fees.
- Recently, concerns have been raised about homeowners using their homes for short-term rental activity. This of interest to me as we do rent our home during the summer season. Working together, we should be able to develop additional common-sense policies which address the negative perceptions of rentals.
- I'd like to participate in the Board's development of longer-range plans on maintenance of existing island infrastructure and new investment. Development of a long-range plan as already suggested by the POA makes a lot of sense.

Work Experience

38+ years with Exxon Mobil Corp. (Retired January 2017)

Last 25 years numerous positions retail marketing 2003 – 2017

Community and Volunteer Experience

Numerous Youth Sport boards and team support



Alicia Reilly

I bought my house on Dewees in November of 2013, and in the past 5 years I have been lucky enough to call this barrier island home, one that became permanent for myself and my 2 young boys (Ian and Cole) in July 2017. I feel that I bring a different viewpoint to the island, as a young family living here, attending school on Sullivan's Island, being involved in not just the Dewees Island Community but being an active member of Isle of Palms and Sullivan's Island. I currently serve on the PTA board of the elementary school as well as volunteer my time in the art room and the library. I

am a child advocate at the Dee Norton Society, and spend a few hours a week at their new location in Mount Pleasant. My kids are active members of the Wild Dunes swim team and take part in various sports and scouting activities around town. Needless to say, we ride the ferry a lot and have made it work with bus schedules and play dates.

For the last 25 years I have worked within the financial community on Wall Street. I started my career on the floor of the American Stock Exchange, as 1 of only 10 women traders on the floor, and worked myself up to senior level management of Bloomberg Tradebook, a broker dealer division of Mike Bloomberg's company. I have sat on various financial committee's and worked with the SEC, FINRA and the CFTC on various market regulations. I have contributed to numerous white papers about the state of the industry and helped Washington D.C. understand the derivatives market. I continue to consult for the various exchanges and media companies, interviewing traders and writing papers that work through the various nuances of the industry.

Over the past 15 months I have been an active member of the social committee. I enjoy coming up with family friendly events (Halloween, game nights, ice cream parties) to get the children and grandchildren of the island together. My house was on the rental market for years and I have tried to extend a warm welcome to the renters who arrive each summer and help my children make friends with families who tend to come back year after year.

But what I have enjoyed the most over our full time lives here, is watching my children be hands on with nature. We walk most mornings from May through August looking for signs of mother loggerhead turtle tracks. Ian and Cole have been so excited to name the nests and be part of the junior turtle team, helping to spread their knowledge to their classrooms at school. We have gotten to take part in a leatherback turtle stranding, practiced our math by catching fiddler crabs for neighbors for .05 each, and continue to learn about the different birds that call Dewees home, whether its for a month or permanently. We know more about coyotes and alligators than we ever thought would have been possible in city life, and many days you will find us running the beach with our dog Becket or playing at the helicopter pad. We try to take advantage daily at what this island offers us.

I am very committed to the Dewees Mission Statement to live in harmony with nature and to educate people on how to best do this. I hope you will consider me when it's time to vote, and I would welcome the opportunity to join the board and apply my talents and time to our community.

Community and Volunteer Experience

Child Advocate at the Dee Norton Society

PTA Board Member at Sullivan's Island Elementary School (SIES)

Assistant in SIES Art Room

Library Assistant at SIES

Other relevant experience (other boards or committees on which you've served)

2010 – 2017 Members of Security Industry and Financial Markets Association

Represented Bloomberg on the Options Committee where I would regularly meet with the SEC, FINRA, and CFTC on market regulations and structure

Member of Securities Traders Association

Why do you want to be a member of the POA Board of Directors?

I believe I bring a unique perspective to the board as a full time property owner who is raising school age children out here.