

CAPT Donald R. Cuddington, Jr., USN (Ret.)

Donald was elected to the Board of Directors in 2019.

First Term Committee assignments (2020-2021): Scholarship (Chair), Awards, Nominating (Secretary), Membership Task Force.

Second Term Committee assignments (2022-2023): Scholarship (Chair), Budget and Financial Oversight, Nominating (Secretary).

Donald was commissioned through the UNC NROTC program with the Class of 1986, served on active duty for 30 years, and as a Naval Helicopter pilot, flew the SH-60B and UH-1N.

His significant leadership assignments included Commanding Officer, HSL-48; Navigator, USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), Division Director, Navy International Programs Office; Commander, PHIBRON FIVE; and Professor of Naval Science for The Ohio State University NROTC Unit (and simultaneously, the temporary PNS for the Miami University NROTC Unit for 17 months).

Following retirement from the Navy, Donald worked as a Buyer for CarMax Auto Superstores in Columbus, Ohio. Although he enjoyed the people he worked with and the excitement of “being in the lane” on auction days, after two and a half years he decided to resign and focus more on family. He now occasionally pursues producing audiobooks as a freelance voice-over talent and is a substitute bus driver for the Fairbanks Local School District in Union County, Ohio.

Donald and his wife, Laurie, have been married for 36 years and currently reside in central Ohio. They have four adult children and eight grandchildren.

