

Kenneth L. (Ken) McKelvey

Biography

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Mr. Ken McKelvey is the former Chairman and CEO of Defender Resorts, Inc. Mr. McKelvey presently consults in the timeshare industry and as such, he now serves the Vacation Club of the successor company, Capital Vacations, LLC as Consultant to the Trustee, having sold his company to Capital in 2016.

Mr. McKelvey is a CPA (Emeritus) and is a Registered Resort Professional (RRP). He is a licensed builder in South Carolina and a Real Estate Broker in both North and South Carolina. He is the former Chairman of the American Resort Developers Association (ARDA) Resort Owners Coalition Board of Directors. He also serves as a member of the ARDA Board of Directors and a former member of its Executive Committee. Mr. McKelvey is also a Trustee of ARDA. He is a former member of the Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors and currently serves the Chamber as a member of its Finance Review Committee. He has been a featured presenter at many industry conferences.

Mr. McKelvey and his wife Rachel live in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. where he is an ordained Deacon. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. They have 4 wonderful grown children, 5 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren.