



**Name:** Christopher Smith

**Position:** Treasurer

**Candidate Bio**

Possessing more than 30 years of success across the vacation rental industry, I leverage extensive experience in organizational culture and leadership development and have been a valuable advisor for individuals or organizations seeking to improve their efficiencies. I seek the position of treasurer so that I can use my broad areas of expertise including financial software implementation, auditing and financial investigative experience with emphasis on fraud and fraud-related activities in addition to ensuring compliance with applicable laws

and regulations, as well as forensic accounting to be of service to our alumni association. I received my B.B.A/Accounting in 1985 from our beloved alma mater, North Carolina Central University where I attended on a Chancellor's Scholarship and also earned a General Mills Scholarship while there. I was later inducted into the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. After graduation, I was employed by the Internal Revenue Service as a Revenue Agent and later as a Special Agent - Criminal Investigations. After leaving the employ of the IRS, I have specialized in forensic accounting and financial fraud examination - a specialty that enabled me to conduct compliance audits, performance audits, fraud investigations, perform periodic reconciliation of trust bank accounts, conduct operational reviews to include an analysis of internal controls and make recommendations to strengthen accountability. I am a current board member and Secretary/Treasurer of the Triangle Educational Advancement Foundation (TEAF, a 501(c)(3) organization that was established in 1994 to oversee the John Wall Holiday Invitational Basketball Tournament and to provide scholarships to Triangle area high school students.

**What does Truth & Service mean to you?**

“A definition of truth is “what actually happened”. My entire professional career has been devoted to seeking and documenting what actually happened. As treasurer, that is my primary responsibility - seeking the truth. When I think of

service, I am reminded of a song my mother used to sing - "If I can help somebody as I travel along; If I can help somebody with a word or a song; If I can help somebody from doing wrong; my living shall not be in vain", That is my personal mission statement - to help somebody as I travel along.

**What are three goals you have for the position you are seeking?**

My three goals are simple:

1. Always seek and provide truth in all aspects of our accounting
2. Provide timely reporting of that truth
3. Ensure that all spending falls within budgetary constraints.

**Please list your involvement with the association locally /regionally/nationally.**

I serve on our local chapter membership committee and as a consultant to our chapter treasurer.