

**Orleans Finance Committee Membership and BIOs**  
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**Alisa Magnotta** (term expires 6/30/2025)

Alisa Magnotta has worked in nonprofit leadership for over twenty years. Currently, she serves as the CEO of Housing Assistance Corporation (HAC), the regional housing agency for Cape and Islands. Housing Assistance has a \$30m operating budget; \$17m in assets; and 115 employees. As a housing development agency, HAC consistently demonstrates capacity to fund projects with complex financing while also successfully administering significant contracts that require rigorous financial audits from state and federal agencies. Throughout her career she has been the lead executive responsible for ensuring the integrity of published financial reports are accurate, timely, and accessible to stakeholders and decision-makers. Additionally, Magnotta has considerable experience in fundraising, management, and program development. She holds a BA from California State Los Angeles and a MS from Simmons College. Alisa moved to Orleans in 2001 where she raised her three daughters – Francesca, Michela, and Eliana Galazzi.

**Chris Kanaga** (term expires 6/30/24)

BA, University of Denver 1976; Juris Doctor, University of Denver 1979.  
Post Doctorate degree in taxation, Boston University, 1980. Member of the Bar, Colorado, and Massachusetts.

My first law practice was in the tax department of a national law firm, working on mergers and acquisitions in the financial industry. After a decade of representing banks throughout the U.S. and serving on the board of directors of two Bank Holding companies, I transitioned to a local practice on the Cape. I continued a corporate practice and represented many tax-exempt charities.

I served two terms on the Orleans Finance Committee in the 1980's and have served six terms as the Orleans representative to the Barnstable County Assembly of delegates, working on the finance and human services committees.

I have traveled extensively, and worked in a professional capacity in South Africa, South Korea, and throughout Europe. I speak passable French and Italian (and a little English in a pinch). I have also served as owner's representative on over \$60 million of construction. I love theatre, art, music, young people, sunsets, most sports (especially deep powder ski runs), and pretty much all food.

My wife Susie and I have lived in Orleans since 1983. We have two children, both Nauset High graduates (and both Massachusetts attorneys), and six grandchildren, none yet attorneys. This is a good thing, because as an old family friend Don Kendall once said to me (and to my father who was a CPA), "There's three things the world has too many of: Accountants, Lawyers... and Kanagas."

**Constance Kremer** (term expires 6/30/23)

Constance Kremer is a Certified interior designer. She founded her design studio, Kremer & Daughters, in 2020 and operates it from 12 West Road in Orleans. Constance began her professional career in New York City, where she established herself as a senior business agent representing a roster of artists in both the international photography and fashion industries. She has traveled extensively around the globe, bridging the worlds of art and commerce.

Constance is a graduate of Boston University earning a Bachelor of Art + Science degree in 1994. She started her professional career at Martha Stewart Living OmniMedia, Inc. and then Condé Nast Publications where she assisted in re-establishing the editorial title, House & Garden magazine. Constance then had the opportunity to live and work in Paris, France over the course of two years where she ran the studio and archive of one of fashion photography's female icons. She then went on to represent some of the industry leaders in fashion photography over the next 15 years. Constance managed the day to day editorial print and advertising campaign shoots as a senior agent at what is now an affiliate of IMG World. She was tasked with writing, negotiating and implementing multi-million dollar contracts as well as extensive production budgets. She has a solid understanding of an organization's duty to shareholder interest and the strategic plans needed to ensure a company's financial health and longevity.

Having spent all her summers in Wellfleet and then Orleans, her family decided to move to Orleans full time in 1985. She spent her formative teen years here and is a graduate of Nauset Regional High School, where her eldest child, Isaiah, also graduated (in 2016). In 2008, she chose to come back to Cape Cod to raise her family and be closer to her mother. Her daughters, Sybil and Francesca, are in the elementary & regional middle school in Orleans, and her husband, Ralf, runs the IT Systems department for the Nauset Regional School District. Constance is committed to the community of Orleans and is invested in seeing more young families with children along with a robust workforce, live and thrive in town.

**Edmund V. Mahoney** (term expires 6/30/2025)

Mr. Mahoney spent his career in the finance and investment departments of international insurance companies and as the chief compliance officer of an investment advisor. He concluded his career as the chief investment officer of a life insurance company and is currently the lead director of a publicly traded business development company. He has experience in real estate finance, international corporate finance, portfolio management, hedging, performance measurement and valuation of investments, as well as in-depth knowledge of investment advisor compliance.

**Elaine Baird** (term expires 6/30/2024)

After college and graduate school, Elaine Baird moved to the lower Cape in the early 70's and began working at Three's Place, a retail store in Orleans which she subsequently purchased with her husband. In their 35yrs as Orleans business owners, they travelled extensively and imported merchandise from many different countries along the way (Europe, Asia, Africa, Russia). They added an art gallery in the mid '80's and became very involved with the regional and national arts community.

Elaine volunteered for many years as Treasurer of the Orleans Chamber of Commerce and the Orleans Improvement Association, and with multiple other Orleans economic and planning initiatives.

As an aside, Elaine has been an avid dog agility enthusiast, and has competed nationally, including at the Westminster Dog Show.

Elaine is passionate about Orleans – its economic and social health, and profoundly defends our stewardship of its lands and waters.

**Lynn Bruneau** (term expires 6/30/2023)

Lynn Bruneau is currently the Chairman Emerita of the Orleans Finance Committee, in her 7<sup>th</sup> year with the Committee, with 5.5 years as Chairman. She has lived in Orleans full-time since retiring in January 2009 but has been a property owner since 1985. Prior local commitments include serving on the Board of the Orleans Conservation Trust as Treasurer and on the Board of the Cape Cod Symphony, first as Chairman of the Finance Committee and then as Chairman of the Audit Committee.

Lynn graduated from MIT with a BS in Theoretical Math and pursued an MS in Geophysics while working full-time at Penn State University as a systems analyst. She subsequently joined Coopers & Lybrand in Philadelphia as a technology auditor and was promoted to partner in 1985 in C&L's New York office. She joined Goldman Sachs in 1993 as a Vice President in their Internal Audit organization, working with a group of senior partners responsible for instituting an effective internal control program within the firm to identify and minimize reputation, regulatory, financial and operational risk. Lynn was hired by Arthur Andersen in 1996 to transform a small, under-performing group of IT

auditors into a world-class Technology Risk Consulting practice. Within 6 years, the group had grown from fewer than 15 people, with one partner, to 120 people and 7 partners - many with leadership roles in the firm. When Andersen closed its doors in 2002, Lynn joined Protiviti, Inc., a new wholly owned subsidiary of Robert Half International, as a co-founding Managing Director of the new subsidiary, which provided independent internal audit and risk consulting services. Following her retirement, Lynn continued to work with executive-level management and Boards of Directors, helping to support their risk management initiatives.

**Nick Athanassiou** (term expires 6/30/2025)

Nick Athanassiou has been a resident of Orleans since 1995 where he and his wife Jeanne McNett have owned their home since 1985. He has served on the Finance Committee since 2019. Nick consults on strategic planning with businesses and non-profit organizations. He has served on the Board of Directors of the Friends of Pleasant Bay (2022 -), Payomet (2028 – 2021), and the Namequoit Sailing Association as Junior Sailing school committee Chair 2016 – 2019).

Nick joined the faculty of Northeastern University's D'Amore-McKim School of Business in 1995 upon completion of the Ph.D. in International Business and Strategic Management from the University of South Carolina. He served as the International Business and Strategy Department founding Chair from 2005 to 2014. He retired in 2017. His areas of teaching are in global management, implications of cultural differences on international strategy implementation, and strategic management. His research has focused on characteristics of top management teams viewed as social networks and their impact on the firm's strategy, on family business founder legacy and strategies, and on the social network view of the firm. His work has been published in the *Journal of International Business Studies*, the *Strategic Management Journal*, *Entrepreneurship: Theory and Practice*, *Management International Review*, and the *Journal of World Business*. He holds an MBA from University of Michigan, an MSEE from Georgia Institute of Technology, and a BS degree from the Naval Academy of Greece.

From 1974 to 1990 Nick held international business executive positions – initially in corporate finance – based in the United States (CT), Japan (Tokyo), and the UK (London) with PepsiCo, KFC International, and Heublein, Inc. He began his professional career as an officer in the Greek Navy.

**Peter O'Meara** (term expires 6/30/2024)

Peter and his wife have a history in Orleans since the 1960's first as vacation visitors, then seasonal renters, then as homeowners having built their first home in 1984 in South Orleans, before becoming full time residents in 2011. After his retirement he served on the Fourth of July Committee and as a volunteer. As the President of the Friends of the Fourth of July Inc. we raise funds solely to support the annual Fireworks and have seen the incredible generosity of the Orleans community.

He has served three terms on the Orleans Finance Committee which has given him the opportunity to have a better understanding of municipal finance as well as the workings, pressures and needs of Town government. His family has supported several Orleans organizations over the years that contribute to the uniqueness of Orleans including The Centers for Culture and History in Orleans, The Citizens Forum, The Firebirds, Orleans Fire and Police Relief Funds, Orleans Yacht Club, Orleans Republican Town Committee and Saint Joan of Arc Parish.

Peter has extensive experience in directing state agencies with emphasis on financial accountability, internal controls, strategic planning, and policy. He has managed complex projects, programs, and significant staff resources. Much of his experience is based in health and human services. Peter completed his undergraduate degree at Villanova and graduate degree at Boston College in addition to completing the Program for Senior Executives of the Commonwealth at the John F. Kennedy School of Government.

**Tim Counihan** (term expires 6/30/2023)

Growing up in Concord, MA and raising two boys with his wife Carol in Lexington, MA gave Tim a strong sense for Town governance and democracy.

Tim worked in the semiconductor industry, with large companies like Digital, Analog Devices, Hewlett Packard, and Raytheon, as well as smaller startups. He has run production operations, strategic planning, and business units. He loves technology and is always on the lookout for innovative applications.

Tim graduated from Middlebury with degrees in Math and Economics. He also has an MBA from the University of Chicago and an MSEE from Northeastern.

Tim lives a carbon-neutral life and enjoys kayaking, tennis, skiing, investing, travel, and projects around the house. He is an active member of Lifetime Learning at Snow Library.