

District 3 Candidate



Jim Chesley

James C. Chesley grew up in Frederick, Md., and Arlington, Va.. He graduated from O'Connell High School in Arlington and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Virginia Tech in 1967.

After graduating, Chesley worked for the U.S. Navy. His career included work at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Carderock, Md.

Chesley was first elected to the NOVEC Board of Directors in 2001 to represent district 3, which included the Town of Clifton and parts of Fairfax County. It now also includes the western part of the City of Manassas Park. As a director, Chesley has served on the Government Relations Committee, Policy/Bylaws Committee, and the Facilities/Land Committee. He became vice chairman in 2012.

Chesley served as mayor of Clifton from 1992 to 2006. He is an active member of the Clifton Masons, Clifton Lions Club, and the Dominion Cruisers Car Club. He and his clubs have worked with NOVEC HELPS to collect toys in December for the Marine Corps' Toys for Tots drive.

Chesley and his wife, Jennifer, live in Clifton. The Chesleys have two adult daughters.

District 6 Candidate



Michael Ragan

Michael E. Ragan, received a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland. After graduating, he received several honorable recognitions while serving in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Ragan used his electrical engineering skills for Pepco in the electric utility's substation and generation design department. He helped to develop engineering standards for rural utilities at the USDA Rural Utilities Service. He worked as an electrical and project engineer for the U.S. Department of Justice. For the General Services Administration, he designed high-performance sustainable green buildings and wrote, reviewed, and developed electrical and renewable-energy specifications for buildings. Ragan currently designs U.S. embassies for the Department of State.

In 1989, the NOVEC Board of Directors appointed Ragan to the board to represent district 6, which includes southern Prince William County and part of the City of Manassas Park. Since then, he has served on several committees and on the NOVEC Energy Solutions and NOVEC Solutions boards.

Ragan has volunteered with the Knights of Columbus, Neighborhood Watch, and his homeowners' association. He also has served as a soccer and basketball game referee.

Ragan and his wife, Ida, live in Independent Hill. They have four adult children and nine grandchildren.

District 7 Candidates



C.W. (Skip) Albrite Jr.

Skip Albrite was elected to serve on the NOVEC Board of Directors in 2013. He represents many members living in Southern Prince William, Stafford and Fauquier Counties. Albrite currently serves on the Power Supply, Audit/Budget, and Facilities committees.

Albrite grew up in Nokesville and attended Brentsville District High School. After graduating, he became an entrepreneur in Manassas. He founded Skippy's Trucking Inc. in 1973, Stone Center with his son Cleil in 1999, and Patriot Development Corporation with two partners in 2003. Albrite currently manages his commercial and residential real estate developments as well as various investments.

Outside of work, Albrite has raised and raced thoroughbred horses for the past 35 years in Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania.

Albrite and his wife, Tridy, of 48 years, live in Nokesville. They have four adult children and eight grandchildren.



Edwin D. Payne

Edwin D. Payne, a veteran retired U.S. Army colonel, served 46 years in uniform and as a Department of Defense senior civilian.

During his career as a federal and defense community leader, he gained expertise in budget management, cross-functional team leadership, strategic communications, information technology, publication management, governance, and policy. Payne managed a \$7 billion information technology budget, which spanned all Army IT portfolios.

During Payne's federal government career, he held leadership, command, and staff positions for the U.S. Army and Air Force. He served as commander, director, chief of Governance, deputy inspector general, program analyst, strategic planner for integration, and assistant professor of military science. He was the lead strategic planner to draft and publish Headquarters Department of the Army Chief Information Officer/G6 "Army Network Long Range Strategy 2025 and Beyond."

Payne graduated from the United States Army War College with a master's degree in strategic studies. He also holds a Master of Arts degree in computer resources and information management, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in sociology/social studies.

Payne is a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Prince Hall Masons. He has been married to his wife, Myra Regena, for 44 years. They have two sons and daughters-in-law, and two granddaughters.