



ROGER JONES, CHARLESTON, SC (BOARD MEMBER SINCE 2019)

Why are you serving on the HNF Board?

During a 2005 routine colonoscopy, my gastroenterologist discovered my primary neuroendocrine tumor in my small intestine. An MRI confirmed liver metastasis, and I received a diagnosis of carcinoid syndrome. Resection removed the primary tumor and a dozen affected lymph nodes, but the hepatic tumors were too many and too large to remove. I had tumors in all four liver lobes with the largest at 7.5cm, about the size of a small grapefruit. My oncologist recommended a watch-and-see approach, but the tumors started to grow rapidly. When my oncologist advised me to put my affairs in order, my wife Teresa and I refused to listen and began to research options.

We chose PRRT treatments in Bad Berka, Germany, and my liver tumors decreased by about 20%, but they again began to grow. After numerous Gallium 68 scans, it was confirmed that all my tumors were in the liver. With this knowledge, I opted to have the liver-targeted Sirs-Spheres treatment with similar results as PRRT. My interventional radiologist recommended chemoembolization. I had the 1st chemoembolization treatment in December 2012. The MRI scan a month later showed the tumors had been destroyed. I had further chemoembolization treatments in January and February. Subsequent scans have confirmed no evidence of active liver tumors.

Since my diagnosis and treatment, I have spoken to more than a hundred NET patients from all over the world. The Healing NET Foundation has been a critical source of crucial information to both patients and physicians. I serve on the Healing NET Foundation Board of Directors to support this vital educational effort. I hope to make a difference in the lives of my fellow NET patients not only to obtain excellent medical advice but to also become their own educated advocate.

About Roger Jones

Roger Jones is the founder and CEO of Companion Associates, Inc. He has provided oversight of the development of more than 2000 multifamily units located in South Carolina. Companion Associates has received extensive recognition including a "Fastest Growing South Carolina Company" and a "Roaring Twenty Firm" in Charleston. A graduate of Carson Newman University in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

Mr. Jones has served on numerous non-profit boards including the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce, Charleston Philanthropic Partners, and South Carolina Writers Association, and is the

founding director of Reading Partners of Charleston. In 2010 he and his wife Teresa Jones founded a private foundation, The Companion Foundation which supports various local and national charitable organizations.