

David R. Rathburn

Class of 1979



David Rathburn worked as an accountant at Price Waterhouse before joining Hopeman Brothers Marine Interiors (HBMI) division of AWH Corp. in Waynesboro, Va. as assistant to the president. Hopeman Brothers was a company that specialized in interior outfitting of marine vessels. It did extensive work for the U.S. Navy, as well as for commercial liners, oil rigs, casinos and cruise ships. At Hopeman Brothers, Rathburn subsequently served as director of marketing, vice president of sales and marketing and vice president of sales and administration. In 1991, he was named president. Rathburn saw tremendous company growth in his nearly two decades with HBMI. Rathburn left HBMI in 2002 to form Gatewick Enterprises with his wife, Jayne. The following year they purchased most of the operating assets of HBMI and formed US Joiner LLC. Rathburn served as president of US Joiner until its sale in June of 2011 to a firm led by John E. Lehman, former secretary of the Navy. Rathburn now serves as CEO and is on the board of directors.

The Rathburns also own and operate several other leisure industry investments including Glenmore Country Club.

Rathburn currently serves on the board of the Shipbuilders' Council of America as well as chairman of its Allied Partners Committee. He was previously president of the board of directors for local Junior Achievement and United Way boards. He is a past member of the Japan-Europe-Korea-United States International Shipbuilders Consortium and serves as a Seapower Ambassador. He is also a ruling elder at the First Presbyterian Church in Charlottesville, Va.

Rathburn was invited to join the Grove City College Board of Trustees in 1992 and was elected chair in 2003.