

Mecklenburg County Bar (MCB)
Annual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 18, 2017 @ 12 p.m.

- I. Call to Order and Memorials-** President Lane Williamson welcomed all MCB members to the 105th MCB Annual Meeting. He thanked all members of the judiciary, distinguished guests, and elected officials and asked them to please stand. He then read the names of MCB members who passed away over the last year:

Charles W. Barkley, Hon. Claudia W. Belk, Paul B. Bell, Hon. Marilyn R. Bissell, Everett J. Bowman, Porter B. Byrum, Albert A. Foster, Reid G. Hinson, Joe C. Jauregui, Matthew D. Kilgus, Gary L. Loflin, Richard A. Lucey, Judith Ann McLeod, George J. Miller, James D. Monteith, Hon. Theofanis X. Nixon, Anthony J. Pijerov, H. Monroe Whitesides Jr., Reginald L. Yates, Terri L. Young

Following the reading, Mr. Williamson asked for a moment of silence.

- II. Presidential Remarks-** Mr. Williamson thanked the members of the MCB for giving him the honor to serve as president. He stated he was pleased to have Heather Culp as the 2017-18 MCB President.
- III. 2016 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval -** Secretary Chris Lam presented the minutes from the 2016 Annual Meeting. Mr. Lam explained that the draft minutes are posted at MeckBar.org and copies are available at the registration tables. Mr. Lam asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Following a proper motion and a second, the minutes were unanimously approved.

- IV. Treasurer's Report-** Judge Tracy Hewett presented the Treasurer's Report. Copies of the year-to-date financials and the draft Fiscal Year 2018 budget are available at the registration tables. The budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and the MCB Board of Directors. All Bar members are invited to attend the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at the Bar & Foundation Center to provide input on the draft budget.
- V. Nominating Committee Report-** Past-President and Nominating Committee Chair Cory Hohnbaum thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their service. Mr. Hohnbaum read the names of the Officers and Board nominees and asked the nominees to remain standing for the full vote:

Officers

One-year term

Timika Shafeek-Horton, *President-Elect*

Christopher C. Lam, *Vice President*

M. Heath Gilbert, *Treasurer*

Fred W. DeVore III, *Secretary*

Young Lawyers Division Chair

One-year term

Anthony B. Taylor

Board of Directors - Class of 2020

Three-year term

Christopher E. Bazzle

Cary B. Davis

Amanda A. Mingo

P. Barrett Morris

Rhonda L. Patterson

Kenneth R. Raynor

Mr. Hohnbaum asked for additional nominations from the floor. Receiving none, he then closed the nominations and asked for a motion to approve the nominated officers.

Following a proper motion and second, the officer nominees were unanimously approved.

Past President Cory Hohnbaum then asked for a motion to approve the Board nominees. Following a proper motion and second, the Board nominees were unanimously approved.

Mr. Hohnbaum thanked the elected officials for their willingness to serve and for the Nominating Committee's effort.

- VI. Oath of Office** - Hon. Al Diaz read the "Oath of Office for the President of the Mecklenburg County Bar" to President-Elect Heather Culp. Ms. Culp took the oath and was sworn into office as the 106th MCB Bar President, effective July 1, 2017.
- VII. Remarks**- Ms. Culp thanked Judge Diaz and Mr. Williamson and addressed the guests and members of the Bar. She emphasized the importance of committing to the opportunities the Bar provides to members, CLE, and supporting pro bono. She challenged all Bar members to recruit one inactive member to attend an MCB program or event this year.
- VIII. Presentation of President's Plaque**- On behalf of the Mecklenburg County Bar, Ms. Culp presented a plaque to Mr. Williamson, the outgoing 2016-2017 Bar President.
- IX. Door Prize Drawing**- Mr. Williamson thanked Ms. Culp for her kind remarks. Ms. Culp offered one additional chance for any attendees to turn in their tickets for the door prize drawing. She thanked all MCB/MBF Presidents and asked them to stand. Mr. Williamson and Ms. Culp handed out door prizes.
- X. Adjournment**- Mr. Williamson thanked MCB Staff for their hard work in 2016-17. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Lam, *Secretary*

Greg Hicks, *Executive Assistant*