

Mecklenburg County Bar (MCB)
Annual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 23, 2013
12pm

I. Call to Order and Memorials- President Rob Harrington welcomed the attendees to the 101st Annual Meeting of the Mecklenburg County Bar and thanked the First Presbyterian Church for accommodating the move inside due to inclement weather. Mr. Harrington thanked all members of the judiciary, distinguished guests, and elected officials and asked them to please stand. Mr. Harrington then read the names of those Bar members who have passed away during the year: William H. Ashendorf; Harold J. Bender; Lyn Bond, Jr.; William J. Chandler; Gene Porter Cole; Neil C. Cooksey; Nancy C. Green; Joseph A. Hayes, II; James B. Hinson; James D. Howell; William B. McGuire; Alton G. Murchinson, III; William Thomas Ray; Jeffery P. Trent; and Richard Beverly Webb. Following the reading, Mr. Harrington asked for a moment of silence.

II. Presidential Remarks-

III. 2012 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval and Bylaws Amendments Approval-

Secretary Lina James presented the minutes from the 2012 Annual Meeting. Ms. James explained that the draft minutes are posted on the Bar's website and copies are available at the registration tables. Ms. James asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented without reading.

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

Ms. James then presented the proposed Bylaws amendments and stated that the amendments have been posted on MeckBar.org along with an explanation of the amendments and process from President Harrington. Copies are available at the registration tables. Mr. Harrington then asked for a motion to approve the Bylaws amendments.

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

IV. Treasurer's Report- Lina James presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of John Nipp.

Copies of the Year-to-Date financials and the draft Fiscal Year 2014 budget are available at the registration tables. The budget has been reviewed by the Finance Committee, Executive Committee, and the Bar Board. All Bar members are invited to attend the Finance Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 19, 2013 at the Bar Center to provide input on the draft budget.

V. Nominating Committee Report- Past President Robert C. Dortch, Jr. thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their service. Mr. Dortch then read the names of the Officers and Board nominees and asked the nominees to remain standing for the full vote:

Officers- One-year term

Carla N. Archie, President Elect

Lina E. James, Vice President

Heather W. Culp, Secretary

Tracy H. Hewett, Treasurer

Board of Directors - Three-year term

Fred W. DeVore III

Faith A. Fickling

Cory Hohnbaum

Lauren V. Lewis

Claire J. Rauscher

R. Jeremy Sugg

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

A proper motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved. Mr. Harrington then asked for a motion to approve the Board nominees. A proper motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

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

VI. Oath of Office- The Honorable Richard D. Boner read the "Oath of Office for the President of the Mecklenburg County Bar" to President-Elect Tricia M. Derr. Ms. Derr took the oath and was sworn into office as the 102nd MCB Bar President, effective July 1, 2013. Ms. Derr's two children participated in the ceremony.

VII. Presentation of President's Plaque- On behalf of the Mecklenburg County Bar, Ms. Derr presented a plaque to Robert E. Harrington, the outgoing 2012-2013 Bar President. Ms. Derr recognized all past presidents of the MCB and MBF and thanked Mr. Harrington for his service to the Bar.

VIII. Remarks- Ms. Derr thanked Hon. Boner and addressed the guests and members of the Bar. She thanked Mr. Harrington for his incredible and tireless leadership, and expressed gratitude to her family, friends and co-workers who have supported and influenced her legal career.

IX. Door Prize Drawing- Mr. Harrington thanked Ms. Derr for her kind remarks. He offered one additional chance for any attendees to turn in their tickets for the door prize drawing. Ms. Derr thanked all MCB/MBF Presidents and asked them to stand. She also thanked the supporters of the Annual Meeting, Carolina Legal Staffing and Lincoln Derr, for their support of the event. Door prize drawings took place from PF Chang's China Bistro, Kennedy's Premium Bar & Grill, George's Brasserie, and Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House.

X. Adjournment- Mr. Harrington thanked MCB Staff for their hard work in 2012-13. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lina E. James, *Secretary*

Anndel Williams, *Assistant to Executive Director*