

**Mecklenburg County Bar (MCB)**  
**Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, May 21, 2015 @ 12 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order and Memorials-** President Hon. Carla Archie welcomed all MCB members to the 103<sup>rd</sup> MCB Annual Meeting. She thanked all members of the judiciary, distinguished guests, and elected officials and asked them to please stand. She then read the names of MCB members who passed away over the last year: Cade L. Austin, Joseph L. Barrier, Mark R. Bernstein, Harry R. Bivens, Cecil M. Curtis, Edd W. DeArmon Jr., J. Carlton Fleming, C. Frank Griffin, Alton M. Haynes Jr., Henry N. Pharr II, John O. Pollard, Christy Eve Reid, Keith M. Stroud, C. Sydnor Thompson, Joseph VonKallist, Catherine A. Zanga, and Laura K. Zhao. Following the reading, Ms. Archie asked for a moment of silence.
- II. Presidential Remarks-** Hon. Archie thanked Ms. Derr for nominating her to serve as President and Nancy Roberson and the MCB staff for their work for the MCB during the past year. She stated she was honored to serve and pleased to have Cory Hohnbaum as the 2015-16 MCB President.
- III. 2014 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval and Bylaws Amendments Approval-** Secretary Heather Culp presented the minutes from the 2014 Annual Meeting. Ms. Culp explained that the draft minutes are posted at MeckBar.org and copies are available at the registration tables. Ms. Culp 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-** Tracy Hewett presented the Treasurer's Report. Copies of the year-to-date financials and the draft Fiscal Year 2016 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 17, 2015 at the Bar & Foundation Center to provide input on the draft budget.
- V. Nominating Committee Report-** Past-President and Nominating Committee Chair Tricia Derr thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their service. Ms. Derr read the names of the Officers and Board nominees and asked the nominees to remain standing for the full vote:

**Officers**

*One-year term*

F. Lane Williamson, *President-Elect*

Heather W. Culp, *Vice President*

Christopher C. Lam, *Secretary*

Tracy H. Hewett, *Treasurer*

**Board of Directors - Class of 2018**

*Three-year term*

Andrew G. Lopez – YLD Representative

Reggie E. McKnight

Shalanna L. Pirtle

Anthony B. Taylor – YLD Representative

Hon. Louis A. Trosch

Jameson P. Wells

**Board of Directors - Class of 2016**

*One-year interim appointment*

T. Russell Ferguson III

**Young Lawyers Division Chair**

*One-year Board term (2016)*

Christian H. Staples

Ms. Derr asked for additional nominations from the floor. Receiving none, she 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.**

**Ms. Derr then asked for a motion to approve the Board nominees. Following a proper motion and second, the Board nominees were unanimously approved.**

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

- VI. Oath of Office-** Hon. Archie read the "Oath of Office for the President of the Mecklenburg County Bar" to President-Elect Cory Hohnbaum. Mr. Hohnbaum took the oath and was sworn into office as the 104<sup>th</sup> MCB Bar President, effective July 1, 2015.
- VII. Remarks-** Mr. Hohnbaum thanked Hon. Archie and addressed the guests and members of the Bar. He thanked Hon. Archie for her leadership and expressed gratitude for guiding the MCB through difficult times. Mr. Hohnbaum addressed the MCB members and emphasized the importance of supporting the community and legal aid organizations.
- VIII. Presentation of President's Plaque-** On behalf of the Mecklenburg County Bar, Mr. Hohnbaum presented a plaque to Hon. Carla N. Archie, the outgoing 2014-2015 Bar President. Mr. Hohnbaum recognized all past presidents of the MCB and MBF and thanked Hon. Archie for her service to the Bar.
- IX. Door Prize Drawing-** Hon. Archie thanked Mr. Hohnbaum for his kind remarks. She offered one additional chance for any attendees to turn in their tickets for the door prize drawing. Hon. Archie thanked all MCB/MBF Presidents and asked them to stand. She also thanked MyCase and Carolina Legal Staffing for their support of the Annual Meeting. Hon. Archie and Ms. Roberson handed out door prizes from Brixx Restaurant, Dressler's Restaurant, Dogwood, Jim 'N Nicks BBQ, Amazon, and Del Frisco's Double Eagle Steak House.
- X. Adjournment-** Hon. Archie thanked MCB Staff for their hard work in 2014-15. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather W. Culp, *Secretary*

Greg Hicks, *Executive Assistant*