

**Mecklenburg County Bar (MCB)
Annual Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 19, 2016 @ 12 p.m.**

- I. Call to Order and Memorials-** President Cory Hohnbaum welcomed all MCB members to the 104th 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: Following the reading, Mr. Hohnbaum asked for a moment of silence.
- II. Presidential Remarks-** Mr. Hohnbaum thanked the members of the MCB for giving him the honor to serve as president. He stated he was pleased to have Lane Williamson as the 2016-17 MCB President.
- III. 2015 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval and Bylaws Amendments Approval-** Vice President Heather Culp presented the minutes from the 2015 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.

Ms. Culp also invited MCB members to join the new Labor & Employment Section in the upcoming year.

- IV. Treasurer's Report-** Tracy Hewett presented the Treasurer's Report. Copies of the year-to-date financials and the draft Fiscal Year 2017 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 15, 2016 at the Bar & Foundation Center to provide input on the draft budget.
- V. Nominating Committee Report-** Past-President and Nominating Committee Chair Judge Carla Archie thanked the members of the Nominating Committee for their service. Judge Archie read the names of the Officers and Board nominees and asked the nominees to remain standing for the full vote:

Officers

One-year term

Heather W. Culp, *President-Elect*
Timika Shafeek-Horton, *Vice President*
Christopher C. Lam, *Secretary*
Tracy H. Hewett, *Treasurer*

Board of Directors - Class of 2019

Three-year term

Katherine T. Armstrong
T. Russell Ferguson, III
M. Heath Gilbert
Hilary L. Hayes
Christian H. Staples
Erin K. Taylor

Board of Directors - Class of 2017

One-year term

Amanda A. Mingo

Young Lawyers Division Chair

One-year term

R. Jeremy Sugg

ABA Delegate

Two-year term

Clark C. Walton

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.

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. Bob Bell read the "Oath of Office for the President of the Mecklenburg County Bar" to President-Elect Lane Williamson. Mr. Williamson took the oath and was sworn into office as the 105th MCB Bar President, effective July 1, 2016.
- VII. Remarks**- Mr. Williamson thanked Mr. Hohnbaum and addressed the guests and members of the Bar. He thanked Mr. Hohnbaum for his leadership and expressed gratitude for guiding the MCB through difficult times. Mr. Williamson thanked the pro bono organizations for their service to the community. He stated he hopes to take the year and evaluate the MCB's programs and member involvement. He encouraged members to engage with the MCB and make the most of their dues.
- VIII. Presentation of President's Plaque**- On behalf of the Mecklenburg County Bar, Mr. Williamson presented a plaque to Mr. Hohnbaum, the outgoing 2015-2016 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**- Mr. Hohnbaum thanked Mr. Williamson for his kind remarks. He offered one additional chance for any attendees to turn in their tickets for the door prize drawing. Mr. Hohnbaum thanked all MCB/MBF Presidents and asked them to stand. Mr. Williamson and Mr. Hohnbaum handed out door prizes from Dressler's Restaurant, Dogwood, Jim 'N Nicks BBQ, and Cinnebarre.
- X. Adjournment**- Mr. Hohnbaum thanked MCB Staff for their hard work in 2015-16. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather W. Culp, *Vice President*

Greg Hicks, *Executive Assistant*