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State Board of CPA Examiners Elects New Officers

RALEIGH -- The North Carolina State Board of Certified Public Accountant (CPA) Examiners elected new leadership at its March 22, 2017, meeting. Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA, was elected President of the Board; Cynthia B. Brown, CPA, as Vice President; and Jeffrey J. Truitt, Esq., as Secretary-Treasurer.

Cook, who was appointed to the Board in 2016, served as Vice President 2016-2017. He served as President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer during his previous terms (2009-2012 and 2013-2016) on the Board. Licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1983, Cook is a retired Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP, partner.

Licensed as a North Carolina CPA in 1992, Brown was appointed to the Board in 2015. A Certified Employee Benefit Specialist (CEBS), she is self-employed as an employee benefits consultant. Brown was previously employed by Grant Thornton, LLP, as Director in Compensation and Benefits Consulting.

Truitt, a member of the Board since January 2014, is one of two public members of the Board. He served as Secretary-Treasurer 2016-2017 and 2015-2016. Truitt is an attorney with Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell, & Jernigan, LLP.

About the Board

Established by Chapter 93 of the North Carolina General Statutes, the State Board of CPA Examiners is an occupational licensing board that grants certificates of qualification as CPAs to those individuals who meet the statutory requirements. The Board also adopts and enforces the rules of professional ethics and conduct to be observed by CPAs in North Carolina. An independent State agency, the Board is composed of seven members appointed by the Governor. Five members must be holders of valid and unrevoked NC CPA certificates as issued by the Board in accordance with the NC General Statutes. The remaining two members, who are not CPAs, represent the interests of the public-at-large. North Carolina has more than 21,200 CPAs with active licenses.

**Wm. Hunter Cook, CPA
Charlotte, NC**

Certification Date: July 11, 1983

Board Appointment Date: September 21, 2009

Board Appointment Date: December 13, 2013

Board Appointment Date: July 19, 2016

Professional History: Dixon Hughes Goodman, LLP
Partner, Retired

Education: Newberry College
B.S., Accounting

Honors and Activities: Board of CPA Examiners
President
Vice President
Secretary-Treasurer
Executive Committee
Professional Standards Committee, Chair
Audit Committee, Chair
Personnel Committee
Professional Education & Applications Committee
Communications Committee
American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)
Member
Member, Auditing Standards Board
American Institute of CPAs Council (AICPA)
Past Member
NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA)
Member
Former Chair
Former Treasurer
Past President, Charlotte
Raymond Rains Chapter Outstanding Service Award
SC Association of CPAs (SCACPA)
Member
National Association of Accountants
Former National Director
Former President, Greenville, SC, Chapter
Wake Forest University
Former Executive-in-Residence
Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond
Member, Board of Trustees
Former Chair, Finance & Audit Committee
United Way of Central Carolinas
Community Planning Board
Former Chair
Uptown Men's Shelter
Former Chair

Cynthia B. Brown, CPA, CEBS
Johns Island, SC

Certification Date: August 24, 1992

Board Appointment Date: July 1, 2015

Firm Cynthia B. Brown, CPA, CEBS
Owner

Professional History Grant Thornton LLP
Capital Administrators, LLC
Aon Consulting
MBG Investment Corporation
Bishopric, Inc.

Education: Miami University
A.B., Political Science
MBA, Finance

Honors and Activities: Board of CPA Examiners
Vice President
Member
Professional Standards Committee
NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA)
Member
Past Chair
Past Treasurer
Director
Nominating Committee
Member Connection Committee
Membership Value Providers
Investment Committee
Chapter Advisory Group
Employee Benefit Plans Task Force
Chapter Relations Committee
CPA Ambassador
Audit Committee
Financial Literacy Volunteer
Financial Literacy Task Force
International Committee
Investment Task Force
Healthcare Industry Committee
Members in Business & Industry
Charlotte Chapter
Past President
Triangle Chapter
American Institute of CPAs (AICPA)
Member
American Institute of CPAs (AICPA) Council
Member
Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS)

Jeffrey J. Truitt, Esq.
Raleigh, NC

Board Appointment Date: January 30, 2014

Board Appointment Date: July 19, 2016

Firm: Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, L.L.P.
Partner

Professional History: Sidley Austin LLP (Chicago)
Attorney, U.S. Navy Judge Advocate General Corps
Nuclear Submarine Officer, U.S. Navy

Education: University of Chicago Law School, 2001
Juris Doctor, with Honors
University of Maryland (College Park), 1994
Master in Arts, School of Government & Politics
United States Naval Academy, 1993
Bachelor of Science, with Honors & Distinction

Honors and Activities: Board of CPA Examiners
Public Member
Secretary-Treasurer
Professional Education & Applications Committee
National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA)
ALD/CPAVerify Committee
Member
Stop Hunger Now, Inc.
Board of Directors, Chair
Executive Committee, Chair
Personnel Committee, Chair
International Development Committee
Chair
Former Vice-Chair
Past Secretary
Johnston County Board of Elections
Secretary
U.S. Navy Reserve
Rank of Commander, Judge Advocate General
Captain
U.S. Naval War College
Adjunct Faculty, International Law Department
North Carolina Bar Association
Member
Wake County Bar Association
Member
Naval Academy Alumni Association – NC Triangle Chapter
Member
Former President
Military Awards
Meritorious Service Medal
Commendation Medal (three awards)
Navy Achievement Medal (two awards)