

**North Carolina Association of Insurance Professionals  
74th Annual Convention  
Hampton Inn & Suites, Chapel Hill/Carrboro NC**

**First Business Session Minutes  
Friday, September 25, 2015**

The 74th annual meeting of the NC Association of Insurance Professionals was called to order at 4:40 p.m. The Chapel Hill Police and Fire Department Color Guard presented the colors. Beth Blackwell, Raleigh Association lead the Pledge of Allegiance, and Felicia Waugh sang the National Anthem. Beth Blackwell read the Collect.

Convention Chairs Cathy Bowling and Dana Richardson greeted the attendees. Lindsey Newton from the Hampton Inn & Suites thanked everyone for attending.

President Bennington introduced the NCAIP Board of Directors and special guests in attendance. Pam Grimes, Raleigh Association served as Parliamentarian for the convention. There were 9 past NCAIP Presidents and 4 past RVP's in attendance. President Bennington recognized the committee chairs and introduced the Pages and Tellers.

Region II RVP, Brenda Lawhorn could not attend the convention. Past NCAIP President Geraldine Plott shared the Region II RVP Report and also gave the IAIP Legacy Foundation Report.

Jacque Clark, Charlotte Association conducted the Confidence While Communicating Speak Off. There were two contestants: Judie Hancock, Piedmont Association and Kimmie Rogers (MAL).

Roberta Clodfelter, Piedmont Association gave the Credentials Report. There were 6 associations with delegates and 1 Member At Large in attendance.

Ann Suriani, Greensboro Association presented the 2014/15 Finance Report. The NCAIP Treasurer's books were found to be in order. The 2014 NCAIP Convention Fund books were found to be in order.

Paula Burgess, First Timer Chair introduced two first timers in attendance: Dawn Freundt and Wanda McDonald.

Angela McClure, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the nominating committee report.

President Elect: Norell Smith, Charlotte Association

Vice President: Todd Jones, Greensboro Association

Secretary: Wanda Manning, Raleigh Association

Treasurer: Bonnie Lea, Greensboro Association

Chairman of the 2016 NCAIP Nominating Committee: Jacque Clark, Charlotte Association

There were no nominations from the floor.

Guest Speaker Joe Novara, Author and Coach spoke on Intentional Networking.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:53 pm. The Tailgate/Welcome party was held at the Hickory Tavern adjacent to the hotel. Members dressed in their favorite sports team attire.