

## **BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY COUNTY CONVENTION 2019**

**Presiding Officer:** Chair Janis Simmons, then Tom Sapp (Chair Elect)

**Parliamentarian:** Chair Janis Simmons

After welcoming delegates and observers, Chair Janis Simmons called the Convention to order.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Cameron Parker led the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a Moment of Silence.

Chair Janis Simmons then read a message from Senator Terry Van Dyne.

Chairman of the House Caucus, NC Representative Graig Meyer, addressed the Convention, speaking eloquently about moving forward towards 2020 and beyond, by starting at the grassroots level and reaching out to those in our communities.

Following Representative Meyer's inspirational speech, Chair Janis Simmons explained the Rules of Participation for the Convention.

The first election to take place was that of Party Chair. Two candidates were nominated for the position: Tom Sapp was nominated by Janine Flexner and seconded by Tom Simmons. Tom Sapp then briefly addressed participants. Chris Stevenson then offered himself as a candidate; his nomination was seconded by Brenda MacMillan. After Chris had addressed the delegates, there was a motion to close the nominations by Charlie Miller and was seconded.

Paper ballots were distributed by 1<sup>st</sup> Chair Linda Rudick and Secretary Kristen Colleran. The Election Committee (comprised of 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Linda Rudick, Secretary Kristen Colleran, Alice Beane, Paula Clarity, Alice Lohr and Dale Todd) then collected and tabulated votes.

Five resolutions were presented and accepted for presentation to the District Convention while ballots were being tabulated.

Once Resolutions had been addressed, the Convention recessed for refreshments.

Once there had been ample time for refreshments, Chair Janis Simmons called the Convention back to order. Secretary Kristen Colleran then announced that Tom Sapp had won the election for Party Chair. Tom assumed his duties immediately and took over as Presiding Officer of the Convention, with Janis Simmons remaining as Parliamentarian.

Chair Tom Sapp directed the election of the other party officers. For each officer position, there was one candidate; all officers were elected by acclamation:

1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Lisa Mosca

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Rob Priddy

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair Cameron Parker

Secretary Denise Mirandola

Treasurer Dwight Willis

Six active Democrats were elected as members of State Executive Committee:

Elect Delegates to District Convention

Two active Democrats were elected as members to the Congressional District Executive Committee:

Other business related to the County Party

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Women's Regional Meeting, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 10am at BCDP HQ
- District Convention, April 27, time/location TBD
- Senior Democrats State Convention, May 3-4, at the Warwick Center, UNCW, Wilmington
- Unity Dinner, Raleigh, June 8
- Summer SEC Meeting, Raleigh, June 8

Submitted respectfully by Secretary Kristen Colleran and Secretary-Elect Denise Mirandola