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Wilmington Chamber Announces Officers and New Members for 2015 Board of Directors

Wilmington, N.C. — The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected Chris Boney (LS3P & Associates LTD) as chairman of the board for 2015. Boney will succeed 2014 Chairman Rickey Godwin (McGladrey LLP), who will continue to serve as immediate past chairman.

Boney joined LS3P in 1994 after receiving his undergraduate degree in Architecture from the College of Design at North Carolina State University. He received his Master of Architecture degree with honors from the University of Virginia in 1997. His work has been recognized in recent years with both AIA NC Design Awards and Lower Cape Fear Stewardship Awards, given for exceptional design and commitment to sustainable building practices. He currently serves as the LS3P Wilmington Office Leader.

Boney is a former chairman of the Wilmington Planning Commission, and assisted in the rewriting of the Central Business District zoning ordinance. He has overseen Historic District growth as an appointee to the Historic Preservation Commission. He has completed terms as President of the Wilmington Section of AIA North Carolina, the Board of Directors for AIA North Carolina, and National Advisor to the AIA Young Architects Forum. He has been a member of the UNCW Board of Visitors, the Wilmington Children's Museum Board, the Thalian Hall Board, and the Lower Cape Fear Hospice Endowment Board. He currently serves as a member of the Wells Fargo Advisory Board and as a member of the Executive Committee for Cape Fear Future.

Boney will be joined on the Chamber leadership team by First Vice Chairman Mitch Lamm (First Citizens Bank), Second Vice Chairman Charlie Mattox (BB&T), and Treasurer John Gizdic (NHRMC). Other new members elected to the Wilmington Chamber board of directors for 2015 include: Michele Holbrook (Corning); Faison Sutton (Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC); Ted Shipley (Smith Moore Leatherwood LLP); and Kim Avery (Verizon Wireless). Brian Eckel (Cape Fear Commercial) and Hal Wells (Harold Wells Insurance) will serve as the Chairman's Appointments.

A photograph of new Chamber Chairman Chris Boney is attached.

About the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is the largest membership-based business association in Southeastern North Carolina. The Chamber's mission is to ensure economic prosperity throughout our region. This is accomplished by: creating a diverse, inclusive organization that serves as a strong voice for businesses in the Greater Wilmington area; offering unique membership benefits, services and education; and challenging government officials to address long term community and business interests.

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