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Gizdic Elected Wilmington Chamber Chair Officers and New Members of 2018 Board of Directors Announced

Wilmington, N.C. — The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors elected First Vice-Chair John Gizdic (NHRMC) to be chairman of the board for 2018. Gizdic will succeed 2017 Chairman Charlie Mattox (BB&T), who will continue to serve as immediate past chairman.

Gizdic joined New Hanover Regional Medical Center in 2005 as Vice President of Strategic Planning and Business Development. He assumed the title of Chief Operating Officer in 2013. He became NHRMC President in 2016 and officially became CEO in 2017. Before joining NHRMC, he worked 14 years in various roles within Carolinas HealthCare System, the last of which was Vice President of Operations at Carolinas HealthCare System - Blue Ridge in Morganton, N.C.

During his tenure, he led or directed several key initiatives, including creating the physician network that became NHRMC Physicians Group; leading Physician Quality Partners, the organization's Accountable Care Organization; facilitating numerous joint ventures in partnership with physicians, and spearheading an organization-wide effort to improve efficiencies - leading to an \$100 million operational improvement in four years.

Gizdic has been active in the community in various roles, including: member of the Cape Fear Future Board; Chairman of the N.C. Center for Affordable Health Care; member of the N.C. Hospital Association's Policy Development Committee; 2016 Honorary Chairman of Relay for Life of Wilmington, and chairman for the 2017 Cape Fear Heart Walk.

Chairman Gizdic will be joined on the Wilmington Chamber leadership team by First Vice-Chair John Elliott (Duke Energy), Second Vice Chair Tee Nunnelee (Coastal Beverage Company), Treasurer Michele Holbrook (Corning), and Executive Committee at-large members Kimberly Bankston (GE Hitachi), Mitch Lamm (First Citizens), and Stephanie Lanier (Lanier Property Group).

New members elected to the Wilmington Chamber board of directors for 2018 are Stella Black (Keller's, Inc.) and Euran Daniels (Daniels Tours LLC). A full list of the 2018 Board of Directors is shown below, and a photograph of new Chamber Chairman John Gizdic is attached.

2018 Wilmington Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

Officers

John Gizdic, Chairman (New Hanover Regional Medical Center)
John Elliott, 1st Vice Chair (Duke Energy)
Tee Nunnelee, 2nd Vice Chair (Coastal Beverage)
Michele Holbrook, Treasurer (Corning)
Charlie Mattox, Immediate Past Chair/Cape Fear Future (BB&T)
Natalie English, President & CEO (Wilmington Chamber)

Board Members

Sean Ahlum – Castle Branch/tekMountain
Neal Andrew – Andrew Consulting Engineers
Tom Babel – Ward & Smith
Kimberly Bankston - GE Hitachi
Stella Black – Keller’s, Inc.
Bruce Cameron, IV – Cameron Management
Jenna Curry – Port City Young Professionals/Jenna Curry Marketing
Euran Daniels – Daniels Tours
Brian Eckel - Cape Fear Commercial
Tom Fetzer – Fetzer Strategic Partners
Jim Hundley - Thomas Construction Group
Nicolas Montoya - Blockade Runner Resort (Tourism Development Authority)
Mitch Lamm – First Citizens Bank (Chamber Foundation)
Stephanie Lanier – Lanier Property Group
Dickson McLean - Wilmington Business Development
Will Purvis - Liberty Healthcare
J.C. Smith – Live Oak Bank
Faison Sutton - Murchison, Taylor & Gibson, PLLC
Jason Swinny - GE Aviation
Hal Wells - Harold Wells Insurance

Ex-Officio Board Members

Paul Cozza - North Carolina Ports Authority
Jim Flechtner - Cape Fear Public Utility Authority
Donna Girardot - Wilmington International Airport Authority
Jim Morton - Cape Fear Community College
Dr. Tim Markley - New Hanover County Schools
Mayor Bill Saffo - City of Wilmington
Chancellor Zito Sartarelli - UNCW
Colin Tarrant - Wilmington Downtown, Inc.
Woody White - New Hanover County Commissioners

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.