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NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCES ITS 2020-2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

RALEIGH, N.C. – The North Carolina Bankers Association (NCBA) has announced its board of directors for the 2020-2021 term. Leading its new board, effective following the NCBA's 124th Virtual Annual Convention on June 25, 2020, will be incoming chairman, Charles Frederick, market leader of North Carolina for TD Bank in Asheville. Jim Sills, president and CEO of M&F Bank in Durham, will serve as vice chairman.

Additionally, incoming board members include the following:

- Stephen Collie – region director of consumer banking and investments at Bank of America in Charlotte
- Gregg Strader – chief banking officer of American National Bank & Trust Company in Greensboro
- Jeff Whittington – president, CEO and director at First Federal Bank in Dunn

Frederick has been active in the NCBA for many years, including serving on the board of directors, serving as associate provost and provost for the North Carolina School of Banking, and is a longtime supporter of the association's advocacy efforts and Young Bankers division. Frederick is the second member of his family to serve as chairman. His great-grandfather, C.E. Brooks of Citizens National Bank in Hendersonville, served as chairman back in the 1920s. Frederick is an experienced and passionate banker, and was named market leader of North Carolina in 2011.

Wendell Begley, president and CEO of Black Mountain Savings Bank in Black Mountain, served as chairman of the 2019-2020 board of directors and will serve as past chairman for the 2020-2021 term.

We are excited to announce the incoming board of directors for the 2020-2021 term,” said Peter Gwaltney, president and CEO of the North Carolina Bankers Association. “Our new chairman, Charles Frederick, and this group of committed and innovative bankers will be strong advocates for the state’s banking industry during these unprecedented times. We are very grateful for the tremendous service of the 2019-2020 board of directors under the strong leadership of our past chairman, Wendell Begley.”

“I am humbled to be the incoming chairman of the North Carolina Bankers Association,” said Charles Frederick. “I want to continue with the outstanding efforts that Wendell Begley made during his time as chairman and am looking forward to visiting with my bank peers and working closely with them as we continue to move through the COVID-19 pandemic. Areas of focus for my tenure will be the continued development of the association’s Young Bankers division and to continue to make progress on diversity and inclusion initiatives in the banking industry. I am ready to begin working with Peter and the association during the upcoming year.”



Charles Frederick
Market Leader, North Carolina – TD Bank
NCBA Chairman



Jim Sills
President & CEO – M&F Bank NCBA
Incoming Chairman



Wendell Begley
President & CEO – Black Mountain Savings Bank NCBA
Past Chairman

ABOUT THE NORTH CAROLINA BANKERS ASSOCIATION:

The North Carolina Bankers Association brings together all categories of banking institutions that best represent the interests of our rapidly changing state. Proudly serving North Carolina's banking industry since 1897, the NCBA is the professional trade organization providing advocacy, leadership and support for its dynamic membership base. The Association has two subsidiaries, Centrant Community Capital and Community Bank Services (CBS). Centrant Community Capital provides permanent debt financing for workforce apartment communities and housing in a number of states. CBS offers insurance and employee benefit products, as well as other to the Association's members and publishes a quarterly magazine, *Carolina Banker*. For more information, visit at www.ncbankers.org.

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