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Davidson County Commissioner takes reins of county association

Davidson County Commissioner Fred McClure took the reins as President of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners on Aug. 13 and pledged to help counties continue to improve the state-county partnership.

“We will work together to help the legislature recognize that we are not 100 separate counties, but one unified group speaking with one voice,” President McClure said. “Working together as a unified body, we can be a force to be reckoned with.”

More than 340 county officials convened last week for the NCACC's 109th Annual Conference at the Benton Convention Center in Forsyth County. Associate Conductor of the North Carolina Symphony, David Glover, spoke with attendees during the Saturday morning general session. He drew parallels between the work of conductors and commissioners and how both must rely on collaboration and teamwork to experience success. Glover was accompanied by a live woodwind quintet that helped demonstrate how things can go right – and awry – at times.

The conference featured workshops on a variety of topics, including the state-county education funding partnership, mental health and social media for elected officials.

Kevin Austin of Yadkin County was elected Second Vice President. Durham County Commissioner Brenda Howerton became President Elect, Surry County Commissioner Larry Phillips became First Vice President and Pitt County Commissioner Glen Webb became Past President.

Cumberland County Commissioner Dr. Jeannette Council and Wilkes County Commissioner Gary D. Blevins were named co-winners of the 2016 Outstanding County Commissioner Award for their roles in serving as co-chairs of the NCACC's Legislative Goals Committee for the past two years.

Catawba County Commissioner Kitty Barnes, Cumberland County Commissioner Kenneth Edge and Robeson County Commissioner Noah Woods were inducted into the NCACC Hall of Fame. Each previously served as NCACC President (Woods in 2003-04, Barnes in 2005-06 and Edge in 2011-12).

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