



# ABC &-NEWS

*A weekly newsletter on North Carolina policy and political news relevant to the North Carolina's ABC Boards*

## Governor Signs HB73 Into Law

Governor Roy Cooper signed HB73 (Temporarily Waive ABC Permit Renewal Fees) on Monday and ABC permit holders will now have until October 1 to pay certain renewal fees active for the period of May 1, 2021, to April 30, 2022. The bill sets April 30, 2022, as the deadline for making permit payments.

NCAABCB supported the bipartisan bill as it would help many ABC Board customers during a hard economic period caused by COVID-19.

"We applaud the General Assembly and Governor Cooper for coming together to enact legislation that will help many small businesses across North Carolina," said NCAABCB President Nancy Gooch. "Bars and restaurants have been hurt by COVID-19 and we are pleased to see policymakers provide a semblance of relief to them."

HB73 covers 13 types of permits: on-premises malt beverage; on-premises unfortified wine; on-premises fortified wine; mixed beverages; culinary; mixed beverages catering; guest room cabinet; wine tasting; wine shop; malt beverage tasting; spirituous liquor tasting; antique spirituous liquor; and common area entertainment.

## NCAABCB Annual Meeting in Winston-Salem

The NC Association of ABC Boards held a successful Annual Meeting at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem on August 15-17.

ABC Boards from across the state were represented in the convention hall as members gathered to dispense of important Association business, hear updates from industry experts, receive legislative updates, and hold an open forum with LB&B executives on ordering and distribution problems.



Local boards also elected new members to the Board of Directors (top photo). The Board in turn elected new officers, and installed Nancy Gooch as President, Lucius Jones as Vice President, and Brantley Uzzell as Treasurer.

Miles Davis, who began the Annual Meeting on Sunday as President, handed

the gavel to Gooch on Tuesday afternoon during the Board of Directors meeting (right photo).

"It has been an honor to serve as the Association President for the last two years, arguably the most difficult years our industry has faced in modern times," Davis said. "I have full confidence that Nancy will lead this Association with excellence as we continue to face challenges and opportunities that are before us."

Gooch, who is a General Manager in Siler City, expressed her appreciation for the service of Davis and vowed to continue the work he started, especially in addressing the problems NC ABC Stores are facing with delivery.

"A thank you to Miles for his service to this Association over two years," said Gooch. "Our Association is in a better position in all facets of our important work, and I look forward to continuing to move our industry forward."

