Raye Resigns to Join State Board; Two Reappointed to SPCC Board of Trustees

Lynn Raye

Lynn Raye, a member of the South Piedmont Community College Board of Trustees since the college's formation in 1999, resigned during Monday's meeting because he has accepted an appointment to the State Board of Community Colleges.

Also, Chairman Tom Crooke and Secretary Cynthia Little both began new terms after being reappointed to the board and took new oaths of office. Student Government Association President Lynn Hodge, an ex officio member, also took her oath, all administered by Vice Chairman Jarvis Woodburn. Crooke was appointed by the Union County Board of Education and Little was appointed by the Anson County Board of Education.

Raye will begin a two-year term on the state board after he is sworn in at the board's August 19 meeting. "I'm just excited about it," Raye said. "I think it's quite an honor to serve on a state board."

Raye has been a member of SPCC's Board of Trustees, including eight years as chairman, since the college was founded in 1999. Before that, he had served on the Anson Community College Board of Trustees since 1996. He was chairman of the Anson board when that college was folded into SPCC.

SPCC Board of Trustees Vice Chairman Jarvis Woodburn, left, administers the oath of office to, from left, Tom Crooke, Lynn Hodge and Cynthia Little, during Monday night's trustee meeting.

Raye said that State Sen. Tommy Tucker, R-Union, approached him about the board last spring. "He said there was a seat that was going to be coming open this year and wanted to know if I would be interested in filling the seat," Raye said. "He thought I would do a good job with the corporate background, plus working with Anson Community College and South Piedmont Community College all these years." Tucker told Raye that if he was interested, he would pursue it and begin the nomination process. The Senate approved Raye's nomination in late July.

Raye is the president of Commercial Piping and Fabricating in Wingate.

Crooke has served eight years on the Board of Trustees and has previously served as vice chairman and secretary. Crooke and his wife, Fran, have lived in Wingate since 1963, except for seven years he lived out of state because of work. He retired from Teledyne in 1999. He has two sons, Tom Jr. and John, and four grandchildren with a fifth one due in December.

Little has served four years on the board. She is the owner of H.W. Little & Company Hardware and The Malsgate restaurant in Wadesboro and is the mother of two adult daughters - Carly, who manages the family business, and Holly, who is in graduate school at the University of Michigan.

Hodge, a Wadesboro resident, is majoring in Medical Office Administration.

Hospital Adds New Doctor to Hospitalist Program

Anson Community Hospital is pleased to announce that Rafael Sanchez-Yriarte, MD has joined the ACH Hospitalist Program. He is board eligible in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, and specializes in caring for hospitalized patients.

Dr. Sanchez-Yriarte

After receiving his Doctor of Medicine Degree from the Duke University School of Medicine, Dr. Sanchez-Yriarte completed his internal medicine and pediatric residency at Baystate Medical Center in June 2011. Prior to completing his residency, he earned a Research Training Fellowship for Medical Students at Howard Hughes Medical Institute in 2006, and participated in a Minority Medical Education Program at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in 2002.

Dr. Sanchez-Yriarte received the Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2008 from Tufts University, and earned the third place Honor Research Award from UNC Charlotte in 2003. He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Physicians.

Dr. Fred Thompson, President of ACH said, "Having a hospitalist at our facility greatly impacts our ability to respond quickly to patients. We are fortunate to be able to provide this service to our community, and are pleased to have a hospitalist of Dr. Sanchez-Yriarte's quality join our team."

Hospitalists are physicians who specialize in caring for hospital patients. They ensure continuity of care as they consult with specialists, discuss diagnostic test results and answer questions about patient care. This added level of care, uninterrupted by office demands, allows the physicians to follow patients more closely and react to any changes in their condition or new information received from tests or procedures.

For more information on the Hospitalist Program at Anson Community Hospital, please contact the Hospitalist Practice Coordinator, Sara Smith, at 704-695-3432.

Parks and Rec Fall Sports Registration

Anson County Parks and Recreation fall registrations will run through August 31. They are offering: Fall Football (3rd-6th grade) • Cheerleader (3rd-6th grade) • Girls Fast Pitch Softball (ages 4-18) • Coach Pitch Baseball (ages 7-10) • Tee Ball (ages 4-6) • Micro Soccer (ages 3-4) • Youth Soccer (K-12th grade) • Flag Football (2nd-4th grade) is being considered if there is enough interest in the community

You may register at Little Park Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The deadline to register is Wednesday, August 31. The cost for all programs is $25, except for Youth Football which costs $30 and Cheerleader which costs $18.

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