

**TENNESSEE ASSOCIATION OF CONSTRUCTION COUNSEL**  
**MINUTES**  
**November 8, 2024**  
**Annual Meeting**

After determining that a quorum was present, the meeting of the Annual Meeting of Members of the Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel (“TACC”) was called to order by Director Emeritus David Garst.

David G. provided a history of the creation and progression of TACC. Only Tennessee lawyers are allowed to become members of TACC. The current membership is 124. The membership has ranged between 120 and 140 members for several years. A copy of the TACC membership was displayed for the members review.

The only item of business to be transacted at the annual meeting is the election of the 2024-2025 Officers and Directors. The slate offered for the membership vote was:

Vice President (who will ascend to the President role the next year): Harry W. LeBair, IV

Eastern Tennessee Director (3 year term): Barry L. Abbott

Secretary: Josh Jenkins

A motion was made to nominate the slate of officers/directors. Nominations from the floor were solicited. No nomination was made. The motion was seconded. A voice vote of the membership was taken. The slate was voted into office unanimously. Thereafter a discussion of the committee chairs was had and a TACC-wide invitation was made to anyone who would like to get more involved in TACC to serve as a committee chair. The current chairs were identified.

Vic McConnell– Legislative Committee;

Robert Noell– ADR committee;

Thomas Hall – Membership Committee;

Theresa Critchfield – Communications Committee; and

Ryan Lee – Education Committee.

The introduction of new members and new member attendees was conducted.

Don L. Smith Award – Richard Smith gave a presentation about his father and his impact on the construction bar through multiple generations. Director Emeritus David Garst presented the Don L. Smith Lifetime Achievement Award to James B. Summers. Harry LeBair presented James Summers’ background and career highlights.

A TACC-wide request to all members for photographs from previous meeting was made by David Garst. Members were provided the email address for Mary Beth Hagen to send the photos to: [marybeth@haganlaw.com](mailto:marybeth@haganlaw.com).

David Garst asked the general membership if there was any nostalgia for returning to the Hermitage Hotel. The members were asked to speak with Mary Beth Hagan about your preferences for the location of the Annual Meeting going forward.

An announcement was made about the need to complete the CLE form and submit it at the end of the meeting for credit. David Garst asked that each member provide an evaluation of the meeting as it will help drive the material covered in the future.

David Garst moved to adjourn the annual meeting. The motion was seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

SECRETARY:

/s/ Adam O. Knight