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South Carolina REALTORS® conference draws more than 400 Realtors® statewide

COLUMBIA, S.C. (September 14, 2017) -- South Carolina REALTORS® (SCR) 2017 annual conference and expo, Realtor® Revolution at the Hyatt Regency in Greenville, August 30th- September 1st drew more than 400 residential and commercial Realtors® from across the state.

Realtor® members enjoyed speakers and topics focusing on drones, home security systems, virtual reality tours, Realtor® safety and more. Attendees also enjoyed a 26-booth tradeshow.

The SCR board of directors met at the conference and approved the associations new strategic plan. The board also installed new leaders including **2017 Incoming SCR President, Laura Derrick**. Derrick is a Realtor® at Coldwell Banker United in Columbia, South Carolina.

Other incoming leaders include:

- Vice President, Region 1:** Jim Davis, Charleston Trident Association of REALTORS®
- Vice President, Region 2:** Michael Gonzalez, Hilton Head Area Association of REALTORS®
- Vice President, Region 3:** Marvin Heyd, Coastal Carolinas Association of REALTORS®
- Vice President, Region 4:** Deborah Griggs, Greater Pee Dee Association of REALTORS®
- Vice President, Region 5:** Julie Whitesell, Aiken Board of REALTORS®
- Vice President, Region 6:** Don Cleveland, Western Upstate Association of REALTORS®
- Vice President, Region 7:** Colleen Coesens, Piedmont Association of REALTORS®
- Parliamentarian:** Adair Senn, Greater Greenville Association of REALTORS®
- President Elect:** Drew Streett, Coastal Carolinas Association of REALTORS®
- Treasurer:** Owen Tyler, Charleston Trident Association of REALTORS®
- Secretary:** Morris Lyles, Central Carolina Association of REALTORS®
- Immediate Past President:** David Phillips, Western Upstate Association of REALTORS®

Special guest speakers at the conference included NAR Region 4 VP, Ann McDonald of Kentucky; Sherri Meadows, NAR Region 5 VP of Florida; NAR REALTOR® Party Fundraising Liaison, Kenny Parcell; and the Honorable Chip Huggins of House District 85 in Lexington County. Representative Huggins installed the 2018 officers and directors, including incoming 2018 SCR President Laura Derrick.

SCR also celebrated the following 2017 award winners at the conference:

- **2017 SC REALTOR® of the Year - David Kent, The Real Buyer's Agent, Charleston**
- **Distinguished Service Award - Marvin Heyd, Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, Myrtle Beach**
- **James R. Peters Association Executive Award of Excellence - Jean Beck, Hilton Head Area Association of REALTORS®**
- **Omega Tau Rho Award - William Sherrod, Lee & Associates, Charleston**

SCR's esteemed leadership program - LeadershipSCR, celebrated graduation during the awards ceremony. The graduation certificates were presented to the following Realtors® by LeadershipSCR Chair Mandy Chapman-Crain of Carolina Moon Realty, and Co-Chair Kim Matthews with Carolina Realty of the Lowcountry.

- **Keon Aldrich, Coldwell Banker McMillan**
- **Jennifer Bauman, ERA Wilder Realty**
- **Christina Cook, Carolina Realty of the Lowcountry**
- **Michelle Daniels, Pro Realty Services**
- **Logan Farrison, Carolina Realty of the Lowcountry**
- **Wilber Lane, Coldwell Banker**
- **Kimberly Lease, Century 21 Properties Plus**
- **Jay Linginfelter, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage**
- **Robert Mixon, Lake Life Realty**
- **Traci Richardson, RE/MAX Executive Realty**
- **Denise Wells, First Carolina Real Estate Group**

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