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## **Cheraw publisher to lead state press association**

Jane Pigg, publisher of *The Link* in Cheraw, was elected president of the S.C. Press Association at the group's Annual Meeting Saturday at The Marriott in Spartanburg.

Other officers elected were: P.J. Browning, publisher of *The Post and Courier* in Charleston, as daily newspaper vice president; Sue Detar, publisher of the *Daniel Island News* as weekly newspaper vice president; and Don Kausler Jr., regional editor of the *Morning News* in Florence, as treasurer.

Elected to two-year terms on the SCPA Executive Committee were: Katrice Hardy, executive editor of *The Greenville News*; Richard Whiting, executive editor of the *Index-Journal* in Greenwood; and Vince Johnson, publisher of *The Sumter Item*.

Re-elected to continuing terms on the SCPA Executive Committee were: Michael Harrison, editor of the *Fort Mill Times*; Elisabeth Kinney McNeil, publisher of the *Herald-Advocate* in Bennettsville; and Barry Moore, publisher of *The Press & Standard* in Walterboro.

"I'm honored to serve the newspapers of South Carolina," Pigg said. "I believe every community needs a strong local newspaper. In addition to responsible news, newspapers print the scrapbook of people's lives, the stories and pictures that are cut out and kept with family mementos."

Pigg is the president and CEO of Pee Dee Publishing LLC, and publisher of *The Link*, an award-winning weekly newspaper that serves the upper Pee Dee region of South Carolina. Pigg graduated from Chesterfield High School, where she was the editor of the school newspaper, *The Voice*. She earned her B.A. in journalism from the University of South Carolina and is a 2005 graduate of the NAB's Broadcast Leadership Training, a weekend-style MBA program.

She is a past president of the South Carolina Broadcasters Association and is in the organization's Hall of Fame.

Pigg succeeds Michael Smith, executive editor of the *Herald-Journal* in Spartanburg. The election came as part of a two-day meeting attended by about 350 newspaper journalists from across the state.

The press association is 166 years old and includes the state's 15 daily newspapers and 84 of its weekly newspapers.

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