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Post and Courier publisher to lead state press association

P.J. Browning, president and publisher of *The Post and Courier* in Charleston, was elected president of the S.C. Press Association at the group's Annual Meeting Saturday at The Marriott in Columbia.

Other officers elected were: Sue Detar, publisher of the *Daniel Island News* as weekly newspaper vice president; Don Kausler Jr., regional editor of the *Morning News* in Florence, as daily newspaper vice president; and Charles Swenson, editor of the *Coastal Observer* in Pawleys Island as treasurer.

Elected to two-year terms on the SCPA Executive Committee were: Nathaniel Abraham Jr., publisher of *Carolina Panorama* in Columbia; Katie Goodman, general manager and advertising director for *Bluffton Today* and *Jasper County Sun Times* in Ridgeland; and Mike Mischner, group publisher for Camden Media Co.

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

"I'm thrilled to have the opportunity to work in this capacity with our state press organization," Browning said. "With the many changes we have seen in our industry, finding new ways to collaborate and work together will be important. Our state organization is one of the strongest in the nation and I'm looking forward to working with the staff."

In addition to serving as president and publisher of *The Post and Courier*, Browning is senior vice president of Evening Post Industries and president of Evening Post Industries Newspaper Division.

Browning has more than three decades of newspaper experience. Prior to Charleston, she served as the president and publisher of *The Sun News* in Myrtle Beach; *The Telegraph* in Macon, Georgia; and the *Centre Daily Times* in State College, Pennsylvania.

She is a graduate of Missouri State University.

Browning is currently president of the Southern Newspaper Publishers Association and serves on the United Way Board and Trident Technical College Board of Trustees.

She is married to Kerry Browning and they have three grown children, Casey, Kylie and Cody. They are also proud grandparents of four. Browning is a resident of Mt. Pleasant.

Browning succeeds Jane Pigg, publisher of *The Link* in Cheraw.

The election came as part of a two-day meeting attended by more than 300 newspaper journalists from across the state.

The press association was founded in 1852 and serves the state's 15 daily and 85 weekly newspapers.

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