

# PIKSCO Happenings

By Ches Garner



New PIKSCO Nominating Committee chairperson Fiona Baxter—Photo courtesy of Ms. Baxter

**PIKSCO Nominations chairperson.** We are pleased to announce that Fiona Baxter has agreed to become our new Nominations chairperson. Ms. Baxter will chair the committee responsible for nominating candidates for election to the PIKSCO Board of Directors. A little bit about her:

She is employed by NC State University as the Associate Executive Director for NC State Industry Expansion Solutions (IES) and Senior Director of Evaluation and Measurement for the Office of Outreach and Engagement. At IES, Ms. Baxter leads the Strategic Knowledge Management and Resource Development unit, where she provides leadership in the development and establishment of an evaluation center with a long-term goal of conducting performance evaluation of both educational and workforce development programs to facilitate comprehensive education and workforce research, planning and assessment. She also directs and oversees activities

associated with planning, pursuing, securing and managing external grant awards to support and enhance established goals, and oversees the Professional Learning unit and is responsible for the university's non-credit registration system as well as the operations unit that manages space planning and provides IT support.

Before joining IES, Ms. Baxter held posts as the Director of Institutional Planning at East Carolina University; Assistant Vice President, College and

Community Relations at Valencia Community College in Orlando; and Director of Public Affairs for Access and Outreach at UNC—General Administration.

Ms. Baxter holds a bachelor's degree in anthropology from the University of North Carolina—Wilmington, earned an M.A. in anthropology from East Carolina University, and her Ph.D. is in public administration from NC State University.

Outside of her work, she enjoys being on the water in her home in Pine Knoll Shores and is an avid reader. She loves exploring the North Carolina coastline with her husband, Mark, and their schnauzers, Rocko and Lola.

**PIKSCO contact.** For questions, concerns, to express a willingness to volunteer or to provide feedback, contact Erica Reed at 247-4818, piksco@ec.rr.com, through the website at piksco.com or by mail at P.O. Box 366, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512.

*Pine Knoll Shores*

## VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Our *vision* is to provide a quality environment in which all residents and visitors are safe and secure, where individual talents flourish and everyone enjoys the natural resources of our area.

It is the *mission* of the town of Pine Knoll Shores to provide for the safety and well-being of all residents and visitors in an efficient and well-organized manner; develop and implement plans for the continuous improvement of the town, its services and its beach; and encourage the participation of residents in service to the town and community.

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