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**NCBIO Elects Officers and Executive Committee Members**

(Research Triangle Park, NC) Mike McBrierty of Biogen will serve as the new Chairman of NCBIO. The organization elected its Officers and Executive Committee at the November 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. McBrierty succeeds Tom Staab, Senior Vice President and CFO of BioCryst Pharmaceuticals. “NCBIO has a strong record of advocating for and serving the growing life science industry in the State,” stated McBrierty. “I am pleased to have the opportunity to work with NCBIO’s staff and membership to develop a strong policy agenda to present to the 2019 session of the North Carolina General Assembly and the 116<sup>th</sup> session of the U.S. Congress.”

McBrierty is Associate Director, State Public Policy & Government Affairs for Biogen, a global biotechnology company with pioneering work in neuroscience. He is responsible for promoting Biogen’s state-level policy interests in the southern region of the United States and works closely with industry, patient community and state government groups across his territory to advance policies that support the research, development, and delivery of innovative biopharmaceutical products. Before joining Biogen’s Government Affairs team in 2013, McBrierty was the Public Affairs Lead at Biogen’s Research Triangle Park (RTP), North Carolina site and served as North Carolina Director of the Biogen Foundation and member of the company’s RTP Leadership Team.

“We are fortunate to have Mike serving as Chairman. He has a deep knowledge of the industry and a strong background in government relations,” stated NCBIO President Sam Taylor. “We believe he can provide some new insights into the way we do our work and help us strengthen our advocacy efforts.”

Elected Officers of the organization are Sam Taylor as President, Tom Fagley of Hughes Pittman & Gupton as Treasurer and Casey Nelson of NCBIO as Secretary. Those members elected to serve on the Executive Committee are Chris Capel (Smith Anderson), Jay Dixon (PPD), Maeve Gardner (GlaxoSmithKline), Christof Jensen (UCB), Scott Kohne (BASF), Scott Sewell (Cook Medical), Tom Staab (BioCryst), Susan Thomason (IQVIA), Rich West (Baebies), and Tim Willis (MED1 Ventures).

NCBIO is the trade association for North Carolina's bioscience industry. The organization has more than 170 members doing business in human and animal therapeutics, clinical research organizations, biomanufacturing, diagnostics, medical devices, and agricultural and industrial biotechnology. For more information about NCBIO visit [ncbioscience.net](http://ncbioscience.net)

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