

Bank of Granite

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Bank of Granite Names Bowman Chair of Newton-Conover Advisory Board

Larry A. Bowman has been named chairman of Bank of Granite's Newton-Conover Board of Directors. In making the announcement, Charles M. Snipes, President and CEO of the bank said, "Larry is an outstanding business and civic leader. He has been a great board member and will be great as chairman. We're so glad he is taking a leading role on our Newton-Conover board."

Bowman is a native of Catawba County. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in industrial engineering from North Carolina State University and Master of Business Administration from the Babcock Graduate School of Management at Wake Forest University. Bowman's career includes positions with Superior Cable, CommScope, and more recently, president of Prodelin Corporation in Conover. He is currently chairman of the board of Cardinal Forest Products, a specialized wholesale lumber distributor in Statesville, N.C.

Active in the community and in civic organizations, Bowman has served on numerous boards of directors including Catawba Science Center, Catawba County Chamber of Commerce, United Way's Volunteer Center, Frye Regional Medical Center and CVCC Education Foundation. He is a former elected member of the Catawba County Board of Education and has also served on the CVCC Board of Trustees. He is a past Chairman of the Catawba County Industrial Development Commission. A former member of the Catawba Valley Rotary Club, Bowman was a charter member and past president, as well as, former district secretary. His current activities include Catawba County YMCA Board of Directors, Boy Scouts of America Piedmont Counsel Executive Board and Chairman of the Lakeland District (Catawba County), Board of Engineering Foundation at North Carolina State University and appointment by Governor Easley to the North Carolina Agency for Public Telecommunications.

Bowman and his wife, Beth, reside in Newton and are active members of St. Paul Lutheran Church, Startown. They have two adult sons, Aaron and Adam and four grandchildren.

Other members of the Bank of Granite Newton-Conover Board of Directors are George W. Clark, R. Gary Corne, Dr. J. Rick Davis, Jerry T. Hodge, Carolyn V. Isenhower, David B. Radke and C. Leon Robinson.

Bank of Granite Corporation is the parent company of Bank of Granite and Granite Mortgage, Inc. The bank operates 21 full service banking offices in Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Forsyth, Mecklenburg, Watauga and Wilkes Counties. Granite Mortgage, headquartered in Winston-Salem, originates home mortgages in these areas, as well as, in Hilton Head, S.C.

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