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### **OBA installs new officers, honors bankers at convention**

OKLAHOMA CITY — David Cook, president and CEO of the Bank of Laverne in Laverne, was inducted as chairman of the Oklahoma Bankers Association at the OBA's 116<sup>th</sup> Leadership Forum and Annual Convention, held May 16 and 17 at the Marriott Hotel in Oklahoma City.

Cook joined Bank of Laverne in 1978 after graduating from the University of Oklahoma. He was elected president and CEO in 2000. Cook accepted the OBA chairman's gavel from the 2012-2013 chairman, Brad Swickey, during the Annual Business Meeting on May 16.

Mike Wynn, president of CrossFirst Bank in Oklahoma City, became OBA vice chairman and will be chairman in 2014. Paul Cornell, president at Citizens Bancshares in Okemah and deputy CEO at SpiritBank in Tulsa, became OBA first vice chairman and will be chairman in 2015.

In other convention business, the OBA membership elected bankers to six seats on the association's board of directors. The new directors, who will serve three-year board terms, are:

- Eddie Dabney Jr., executive vice president, Bank of the Wichitas, Cache
- John Bryant, chairman and president, Bank of Cushing, Cushing
- Heath Hartley, CEO, Oklahoma State Bank, Vinita
- Don Sherman, chairman, McClain Bank, Purcell
- Jill Castilla, executive vice president and CLO, Citizens Bank of Edmond, Edmond
- Frank X. Henke IV, president and CEO, American Bank & Trust, Tulsa

Nine board directors completing their terms were recognized for their years of service. Honored were:

- Aaron Bastian – Oklahoma Fidelity Bank, Oklahoma City (2012-2013)
- Hal Brown – Bank of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City (2012-2013)

- James “Jimmy” Eppler – Citizens Bank of Ada, Ada (2010-2013)
- Jacque Fiegel – Prosperity Bank, Oklahoma City (2012-2013)
- Jane Haskin – First Bethany Bank, Bethany (2009-2013)
- Kirk Pittman – The First National Bank of Seiling, Seiling (2010-2013)
- Ronny Ridling – Southwest State Bank, Sentinel (2010-2013)
- W. David “Dave” Roberts – Community Bank, Bristow (2010-2013)
- Dominic “Dee” Sokolosky – First Bank of Owasso, Owasso (2010-2013)

The OBA honored banks and bankers who have committed their time and effort to the state’s banking industry during the Chairman’s Brunch held at the convention. Those recognized are listed below.

### **50-Year-Club**

Eighteen longtime bankers were inducted into the OBA’s 50-Year-Club. These individuals have devoted 50 years or more of their lives to their banking careers. Inductees include:

- John A. Bryant, Bank of Cushing, Cushing
- Steve Carmack, Legacy Bank, Hinton
- Harry Deupree, Jr., Equias Alliance, Mustang
- Scott Graham, First National Bank of Broken Arrow, Broken Arrow
- D.B. Green, BancFirst, Marlow
- Lois Gritz, BancFirst, Del City
- Joyce Hancock, Chase Bank, Oklahoma City
- Elaine Henderson, Bank of Cherokee County, Park Hill
- James “Jim” Kienholz, The Bankers Bank, Oklahoma City
- Ron Leavell, BancFirst, Blackwell
- John Boyd McMahan, First National Bank in Altus, Altus
- Wilma Jene Oakes, First American Bank, Taloga
- Benton M. O’Neal, First United Bank and Trust Company, Ada
- Karen Russell, Security National Bank of Enid, Enid
- Virgil Tague, FNB Community Bank, Midwest City
- Ben Walkingstick, BancFirst, Chandler
- M. Tom Workman, Oklahoma State Bank, Vinita

- Riley E. Young, Citizens Bank of Ada, Ada

### **School Board Chairs**

Five bankers were honored for their service as chairpersons of various OBA school boards. Honored were:

- Jamie Allison, Great Plains National Bank, Oklahoma City – Basic Banking & Intermediate Schools
- Matthew “Matt” Clouse, Valliance Bank, Norman – Consumer Lending School
- Richard “Rick” Lindsey, The Bankers Bank, Oklahoma City – Commercial Lending School
- Tammy Reece, First United Bank and Trust Company, Durant – Operations School
- Joan Stephenson, First Enterprise Bank, Oklahoma City – Compliance School

### **Committee Chairs**

Six bankers were honored for their service as chairpersons of the committees and boards that drive the OBA’s programs. These individuals have devoted considerable time and effort to ensure a quality trade association. Honored were:

- Steve Burrage, FirstBank, Antlers – Oklahoma Association of State Banks
- David Cook, Bank of Laverne, Laverne – Government Relations Council
- Larry DeWitt, Farmers Exchange Bank, Cherokee – Agriculture Committee
- Vicki Patton, Vision Bank, N.A., Ada – Women in Banking
- Martin Tucker, First Bank, Antlers – Bank Fraud and Security Council

The OBA conducts more than 70 educational programs and seminars each year, which reach more than 5,000 bankers across the state. The Association represents approximately 230 banks across the state and serves as the primary advocate for the banking industry. It’s also heavily involved in fraud training and prevention as well as legal and compliance services and communications for its member banks.

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