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OBA installs new officers, honors bankers at convention

TULSA, Okla. — Paul Cornell, president of Citizens Bankshares, Inc. in Okemah and president of Spirit BankCorp, Inc. in Tulsa, was inducted as chairman of the Oklahoma Bankers Association at the OBA's 117th Annual Convention and Trade Show, held May 15 and 16 at the Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Catoosa.

Cornell has been associated with Citizens Bankshares, Inc. and Spirit BankCorp, Inc. since 1998. He is a 1994 graduate of the Oklahoma State University School of Accounting. Cornell accepted the OBA chairman's gavel from the 2013-2014 chairman, David Cook, during the annual business meeting on May 16.

Curtis Davidson, president and CEO at First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore, became OBA vice chairman and will be chairman in 2016.

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:

- Hal Brown, senior vice president and institutional sales manager of BOSCO, Inc., BOK Financial Corporation, Oklahoma City
- Doug Fuller, president, CEO and member of the board of directors, Quail Creek Bank, Oklahoma City
- Kyle Hughbanks, president, CEO and director, BancCentral, Alva
- Kyle Powell, executive vice president and chief lending officer, The First National Bank & Trust Co., Okmulgee
- Mark Russell, CEO, Great Plains National Bank and Great Plains Bancshares, Inc., Elk City
- Guy Sims, president and chairman of the board of directors, Shamrock Bank, Coalgate

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

- Larry Briggs – First National Bank and Trust Company, Shawnee (2013-2014)
- Hal Brown – Bank of Oklahoma, Oklahoma City (2013-2014)
- Curtis Davidson – First National Bank and Trust Company of Ardmore, Ardmore (2011-2014)
- Jeff Dickey – Southwest National Bank, Weatherford (2013-2014)
- Jim Dilley – American Heritage Bank, Sapulpa (2011-2014)
- Bradley “Brad” Krieger – Arvest Bank, Oklahoma City (2011-2014)
- Loren Rieger – Farmers Exchange Bank, Cherokee (2011-2014)
- Brad Swickey – Valliance Bank (2010-2014)
- Sandra “Sandy” Werner – First National Bank & Trust, Elk City (2011-2014)

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

Sixteen 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:

- Wayne Cardwell, BancFirst, Oklahoma City
- Brenda Guest, BancFirst, Oklahoma City
- R. Bruce Hall, First National Bank & Trust Co., McAlester
- Frank X. Henke III, American Bank & Trust Co., Tulsa
- Charles Hollingsworth, Arvest Bank, Oklahoma City
- Tommy Hudgins, American Heritage Bank, Sapulpa
- Elmer Neel, American Heritage Bank, Sapulpa
- Bert Olah Jr., Quail Creek Bank, Oklahoma City
- Phyllis Orr, First State Bank of Tahlequah, Tahlequah
- Joe Sabatucci, Central National Bank of Poteau, Poteau
- Karen Sue Sallee, Armstrong Bank, Pawnee
- Bill Shewey, Central National Bank & Trust, Enid

- Kathryn Srader, First National Bank and Trust Company of Broken Arrow, Broken Arrow
- Russell E. Swarts, Prosperity Bank, Oklahoma City
- Charles H. “Chuck” Westerheide, Southwest Bancorp and Bank SNB, Stillwater
- Sharron Whitlock, Central National Bank of Poteau, Poteau

School Board Chairs

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

- Cory Moore, The Security National Bank of Enid, Enid – Basic Banking & Intermediate Schools
- Keith Ogle, All America Bank, Mustang – Commercial Lending School
- Tammy Reece, First United Bank and Trust Company, Durant – Operations School
- Jo Ann Stall, Bank of Oklahoma, Tulsa – Compliance School
- Tracy Stine, Great Plains National Bank, Woodward – Consumer Lending School

Committee Chairs

Five 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
- Kassandra “Kassie” Danker, Valliance Bank, Oklahoma City – Women in Banking
- Larry DeWitt, Farmers Exchange Bank, Cherokee – Agriculture Committee
- Martin Tucker, First Bank, Hugo – Bank Fraud and Security Council
- Mike Wynn, CrossFirst Bank, Oklahoma City – Government Relations 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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