

**Oklahoma Bankers 2019 Hall of Fame  
Nomination for Membership Form**

Name of Nominee: Bobby Steve Burrage  
(First Name) (MI) (Last Name)

Current Title (if applicable) and Bank Affiliation (if any):

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Nominator's Name: Steven Mark Burrage  
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May 8, 2019

Steve Burrage  
Chairman, FirstBank  
Antlers, Oklahoma

Dear OBA Hall of Fame Nominating Committee:

Steve Burrage has been enormously influential to the banking industry and civic organizations in Antlers, Oklahoma City and the State of Oklahoma. His dedication spans more than 40 years. He has served as President, CEO and Chairman of the Board of FirstBank. Steve's leadership has helped dictate policy, driven political change and provided oversight on both the state and national level. Steve has been active in both the American Bankers Association and the Oklahoma Bankers Association. He served as Chairman of the OBA and as Chairman of the Oklahoma Government Relations Council. At the ABA level Steve served as Chairman of the ABA State Membership board and he served on the ABA National Accounting Committee and Government Relations Committee. Steve served as a board member of the Oklahoma City Branch of the Kansas City Federal Reserve and numerous other bank related boards.

Community service has always been important to Steve, which is well documented by the interest he takes in the Southeast Oklahoma area. He has been a member of the Board of Trustees for the Town of Antlers, past member of the Board of Education for Antlers Schools, past President of the Antlers Lions Club and past President of the Pushmataha County Chamber of Commerce. His contribution to the State of Oklahoma is also equally impressive. Steve has served as Chairman of the Finance and Audit Committee for the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and as a board member of OSEEGIB serving on multiple committees. Finally, Steve was called by Governor Henry to lead the State Auditor's Office. His work at the state level changed when Governor Fallin appointed him as a Tax Commissioner, eventually naming him Chairman of the OTC. Today, Steve still serves as a tax commissioner. Steve is also a member of the Oklahoma Society of Public Accountants and the American Institute of CPA's.

In short, Steve's service to the banking industry and the economic interests of the State have been legendary. With great honor and pride I, along with Mike and Bradley Burrage nominate Steve Burrage for induction into the Oklahoma Bankers Hall of Fame.

Mark Burrage  
CEO  
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Douglas Tippens  
Executive Vice President

June 27, 2019

To The Selection Committee:

This letter is written on behalf of Mr. Steve Burrage, who I've had the opportunity to know and work with for almost 40 years. Steve and I first met when the OBA Young Executives started meeting with a focus on developing bank leadership. It's been fun to watch Steve develop his bank while also defending the public sector, in the State Auditor's Office as well as the Oklahoma Tax Commission. His personality, wisdom and desire to make his community and this State a better place to live in is without question his strong suit.

He has served with distinction as Chairman of the Oklahoma Banker Association and the Oklahoma City Branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. Every facet of business, board or family he has left in much better shape than when he started. It is without reservations that I recommend Steve for the Oklahoma Banker Association Hall of Fame.

Respectfully,

Douglas E. Tippens