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ABA to Bankers: 'Go the Extra Mile'

SHORING up public confidence in the nation's banks is a goal of the American Bankers Association's recently announced program titled, "The Extra Mile: A Commitment to Soundness and Service in Banking." The "Extra Mile" program was announced by ABA President Donald T. Senterfitt, vice chairman, SunTrust Banks, Inc., Orlando, Fla., who said it emphasizes "what we will ask banks to do—make the extra effort. Go the extra mile to achieve excellence in all aspects of their operation."

"The Extra Mile" is the result of the ABA Commission on Safety and Soundness appointed by Mr. Senterfitt to determine how ABA could meet the important issue of public confidence, especially in view of the record number of failed banks in the past 24 months. The 14-member commission was drawn from large and small banks alike, holding companies and independent banks. It included Mr. Senterfitt, as well as ABA President-Elect Mark W. Olson, president, Security State Bank, Fergus Falls, Minn.; immediate past president James G. Cairns, Jr., chairman, president and ceo of First Interstate Bank of Oklahoma, N.A., and ABA Executive Vice President Donald G. Ogilvie.

Mr. Senterfitt said the Commission focused on "what banks can do for themselves as opposed to what

Congress or the regulators can do... While recognizing that the vast majority of banks are already prudently and ethically managed, these bankers felt that the ABA could help all banks to enhance their poli-



cies and procedures." Member banks are receiving a copy of the report which covers these eight areas:

1. Risk-related capital management—Bankers should assess the risk of their balance sheet and off-balance sheet components and then determine the level of capital required to absorb the potential losses that those risks represent.

2. Code of ethics—All banks should adopt or revise a written, formal code of ethics. Many have formal or informal codes, and employees have an understanding of the conduct expected of them, but a written, formal code can provide specific direction for action in a variety of situations that could affect the integrity or image of the bank.

3. Financial disclosure—Although all FDIC covered banks and those

regulated by SEC rules currently submit disclosure reports, bank customers, such as uninsured depositors, who have a desire and need to understand the financial condition of their banks, will benefit from having a package of clear, concise information that is readily available.

4. Outside audits—Outside, certified audits, while expensive, will promote public confidence and also benefit banks by providing an objective, third-part evaluation of management practices and by bringing to the bank the benefit of knowledge gained from the practices of other institutions. Directors also receive an independent assessment of the bank's management. All banks should voluntarily adopt certified audits within a few years.

5. Directors—The commission recommends banks place heightened emphasis on keeping their boards of directors informed, independent and active

6. Bank asset quality—There is no substitute for the traditional management practices of prudent lending and careful asset quality review. Vigilance also is required for all other asset activities, such as investments or off-balance-sheet financing. Management must give rigorous attention to asset quality.

7. Operating risks—Bankers must learn not only how to recognize operating risk activities and put into effect standards, policies and pro-



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grams to control them, but also how to detect emerging risk.

8. Consumer disclosure—As an advocate of continued deregulation. the banking industry should voluntarily help consumers by clearly, concisely and consistently providing significant product information, such as interest rates and fees.

To assist banks in achieving the aims of these recommendations, ABA has developed two new products. To address the "Operating risks" (#7) area, ABA has completed guidelines for bank practices when settling Fed Funds transactions. The Fed, FDIC and OCC have endorsed the guidelines (Weekly Newsletter July 28). For the second, addressing "Code of Ethics" (#2). ABA has developed a new publica-



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tion titled "Developing or Revising a Bank Code of Ethics." Either of the above may be obtained from Maren Finkel at ABA, 1120 Connecticut Ave., N.W., D.C. 20036.

Additionally, the ABA Operating Committee is working to develop products that will be helpful specifically for community banks that cannot, because of size, develop their own products or programs. Attention is being given to the "Outside audits" (#4) and "Directors" (#5) at this time.

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John Chrystal, president and CEO of Bankers Trust Company, Des Moines, was elected president of the Iowa Independent Bankers for 1986-87 during the IIB convention at Lake Okoboji July 26. He succeeds George Perry, chairman, City National Bank, Shenandoah. Elected vice president was Thomas H. Huston, president of Columbus Junction State Bank. David L. Miller, president, West Des Moines State Bank, continues another year as treasurer. Des Moines headquarters continues to be staffed by Richard W. Berglund as executive vice president and Diane Gibbs as executive director.

CHEROKEE: Lawrence C. French, 64, passed away on July 20. He was the vice president and a director of the Central Trust and Savings Bank.

DUBUQUE: At American Trust & Savings Bank, Patrick H. McGraw has been elected executive vice president and senior loan officer. His previous position was as vice president and commercial loan manager at First Bank of South Dakota. Sioux Falls. In addition, Daniel C. Willenbring was elected vice president and officer in charge of the bank's office in Dyersville. He previously served as vice president at Security State Bank in Guttenberg.

MUSCATINE: Jerald A. Eckerson has been elected vice president/commercial loans at First National Bank of Muscatine. For the past 10 years he served at Hawkeye Bank & Trust in Burlington, most recently as vice president/senior loan officer.

PRAIRIE CITY: The First National Bank was closed July 24 by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency. It reopened July 25 as a branch of Security Savings Bank of Marshalltown. SSB Bancshares Inc. of Marshalltown, the new owners of the bank, paid the FDIC a premium of \$102,000 for the failed bank. Bankers Trust Co. of Des Moines had owned the bank, which had deposits of \$18.3 million in 4,900 accounts. Bad farm loans made by previous owners were blamed for the failure.

Nebraska News

The Nebraska Bankers Association will sponsor its 1986 Ag Credit Conference on September 4 and 5 at the Cornhusker Hotel in Lincoln. On Sept. 4 the conference begins with registration and continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m., followed by programs running from 9:00 to noon, a "Big Red Luncheon" at noon, programs from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., a 4:30 reception and 5:30 barbeque. Bus transportation will be available to the Alabama concert at 6:30. On Sept. 5 breakfast is at 8:30 a.m., programs run from 9:00 to

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noon, and at 12:00 awards will be presented at the Ag Recognition Luncheon. Registration is \$125 for bankers and \$35 for spouses, with Alabama tickets \$15 each. To register, contact the NBA office.

GENEVA: The FDIC has approved the assumption of the deposit liabilities of Fillmore County Bank, Geneva, by York State Bank and Trust Company, York. The failed bank's office reopened on July 18 as a branch of York State Bank and Trust Company. Fillmore County Bank was closed July 17 and the FDIC named receiver. York State Bank will assume about \$11.5 million in 2,300 deposit accounts for a purchase premium of \$512,075. It also will purchase certain of the failed bank's loans and other assets for \$7.8 million. The FDIC will provide a note receivable of about \$3.3 million, payable in one year and bearing an interest rate of 7%. The assuming bank may elect to receive cash payments on the note during the term in increments of \$1 million.

Minnesota News

The Independent Bankers of Minnesota 1986 Annual Convention will be held Aug. 21-23 at Breezy Point Resort. Exhibits open at 4:30 p.m. on the 21st, with a hospitality reception at 5:30 and the Welcome Nite Dinner at 6:30. On the 22nd, registration/continental breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m., and the business session starts at 8:30. Following the noon buffet lunch, the afternoon will feature golf and tennis tournaments. Business sessions on the 23rd are from 8:30 a.m. till noon. Afternoon events include a fishing workshop. For more information or to register, contact the Independent Bankers of Minnesota.

MINNEAPOLIS: Kim W. Dorland

has been named president of First Bank Lake. He succeeds Newton R. Fuller, who will become vice chairman at First Bank Lake and is assuming new responsibilities within the metropolitan division of the First Banks. Mr. Dorland most recently served as senior vice president and manager, credit administration and commercial banking at First Bank Lake. He will continue as head of commercial banking.

MINNEAPOLIS: Marcia A. Hanson has been appointed vice president of retail banking for the three downtown locations of Marquette Bank Minneapolis. She worked for the First Bank System since 1979, most recently as vice president and commercial lending for First Bank St. Paul.

Illinois News

CHICAGO: First Colonial Bankshares Corporation has completed its purchase of the \$243 million asset Avenue Group Bank. According to C. Paul Johnson, chairman and CEO of First Colonial, the acquisition involved a cash transaction of approximately \$30 million, which was funded by private sales of debt and equity securities, \$15 million of which was subscribed to by European investors.

GALESBURG: Marvin H. Dahlberg has been named senior vice president of lending at First Galesburg National Bank and Trust Company. Previously, he has served as bank consultant, assistant professor of business at Sauk Valley College, and as credit manager for Borg Warner and Montgomery Ward.

Wyoming News

The Wyoming Bankers Association is sponsoring a Consumer Credit Conference on Sept. 4-5 at the Laramie Inn in Laramie. Registration is at 11:00 a.m. on Sept. 4, with programs from 1:00 to 4:30. On the 5th, morning sessions are from 8:30 to 11:45, and afternoon sessions from 1:00 to 4:15. Both days feature a 6:00 hospitality hour and 7:00 dinner. Prior to Aug. 15, fee is \$150, with a \$25 additional charge to registrants after that date. Fee includes a 170 page course manual for the Sept. 5 program, a course entitled "Understanding Consumer Credit Regulation." Fee for spouses, including the spouses tour, is \$35. Also available are tickets for the University of Wyoming vs. Baylor football game on Sept. 6 at 1:00 p.m., at a reduced cost of \$7.50. Register through the WBA office.

SHERIDAN: The FDIC has approved the assumption of the deposit liabilities of the First National Bank of Sheridan, a \$65.9 million asset bank which was closed July 17, by First Wyoming Bank-Sheridan. The failed bank's office reopened July 21 as First Wyoming Bank-Sheridan. First Wyoming will assume about \$59.8 million in 11,300 deposit accounts for a purchase premium of \$185,000. It also will purchase certain of the failed bank's loans and other assets for \$37.6 million. The FDIC will provide a note receivable of about \$22 million, payable in one year and bearing an interest rate of 7%. The assuming bank may elect to receive cash payments on the note during the term in increments of \$1 million.

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