



IN THE NEWS

Support Incumbents Ashworth and Gross for Federal Home Loan Bank Board

Ballots are out for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago Member Director election. CBAI encourages you to support incumbents **James T. Ashworth**, vice chairman, CNB Bank & Trust, N.A., Carlinville, and president and CEO, CNB Bank Shares, Inc., Carlinville; and **Michelle L. Gross**, executive vice president, chief operating officer and director of State Bank of Bement, for re-election this year. CBAI believes they effectively serve the interests of community-based financial institutions on the FHLB board. Signed ballots must be received by mail at the FHLB by November 3, 2020.

[Read More »](#)



Watch Jim and Michelle's joint message. These two incumbents are asking for your support in the upcoming Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago Member Director Election! Send in your ballot today!

VOTE ASHWORTH AND GROSS!

CBAI ACTION ALERT: CBAI Urges Congress to Support Automatic Forgiveness for SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loans

CBAI signed an ICBA and state affiliates letter urging members of Congress to support bipartisan and bicameral legislation that would create a presumption of compliance for obtaining forgiveness for PPP loans with an original balance of \$150,000 or less. Community banks and their small business borrowers should be focusing their efforts on dealing with and recovering from the pandemic, not unnecessary paperwork requirements.

Earlier this week CBAI joined the ICBA in asking community bankers to urge their members of Congress to enact key provisions in the update of the CARES Act including PPP loan forgiveness. Please respond to this Action Alert urging your Members of Congress to support commonsense reforms in the next stimulus package.

[Click Here to Take Action Now »](#)

CBAI Foundation Needs Your Support Now More Than Ever!

With the cancelation of this year's convention and other COVID-related restrictions hindering our fundraising efforts, CBAI's Foundation for Community Banking Scholarship Program needs your support now more than ever. The Foundation is relying on your contributions to continue to offer the 31 annual scholarships totaling more than \$40,000 to high school seniors statewide through our essay contest, to the children and grandchildren of community bankers, and to Community Bankers School attendees. We would love to have your continued support.

With college tuitions rising every year, these statewide scholarships help deserving young adults further their educations and develop as tomorrow's leaders. The Foundation also strives to increase public awareness of community banks and their contributions to society.

Please consider making a donation to help the Foundation succeed and continue to offer these valuable scholarships to deserving students. See the attached brochure for a donation form and return the form with your check made payable to CBAI Foundation for Community Banking, 901 Community Drive, Springfield, IL 62703.

[Download Brochure »](#)

CBAI Calls on Governor Pritzker to End Moratorium on Post-Judgment Remedies

CBAI has joined with the IBA and Illinois Credit Union League in a joint letter asking Governor JB Pritzker to amend Executive Order 2020-25. The order suspends the service of post judgment remedies including wage deductions, non-wage garnishments and citations to discover assets. Throughout the COVID crisis, the governor has been extending executive orders 30 days at a time. Recently, we were successful in urging the governor to allow the moratorium on repossessions to sunset and are hopeful he will take the same consideration as the deadline to extend executive orders approaches.

[Read Joint Letter »](#)



Register for a College Ave Webinar: Learn How to Help Families Fund a College Education

You are invited to attend a webinar in our ongoing series of webinars hosted by CBSC's preferred partner College Ave Student Loans.

This webinar will introduce College Ave's private student loan referral program and also share how higher education funding may be changing due to the impact of COVID-19. The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unpredictable financial environment for many families. According to a recent College Ave Student Loans survey conducted by Barnes & Noble College Insights six out of 10 families' budgets were affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic, including plans to fund college.

The College Ave referral program in which more than 20 Illinois banks currently participate, is providing in-school student loans, loans to parents and loans to refinance existing student loans for graduates. Illinois banks can offer these products, advice and assistance in funding college without taking on any origination, disbursement or servicing responsibilities.

When: October 13, 2020 - 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada):

Topic: College Ave Student Loan Referral Program

[Click here to register for this webinar »](#)

When: October 15, 2020 - 2:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada):

Topic: College Ave Student Loan Referral Program

[Click here to register for this webinar »](#)

Deadline Approaches for Member Institutions to Participate in FHLBank Chicago's \$14 Million Targeted Impact Fund

The September 30th deadline is approaching for member institutions to participate in the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago's \$14 million Targeted Impact Fund. This new grant program provides each member institution of FHLBank Chicago up to \$20,000 in grant funds to support relief for populations hardest-hit by the COVID-19 pandemic and promote racial equity in communities across Illinois and Wisconsin.

The Targeted Impact Fund is the second source of COVID-19 relief funding FHLBank Chicago has provided to its members; 98% of the Bank's membership utilized the COVID-19 Relief Program to provide critical relief funding to customers, small businesses, and nonprofit organizations throughout their communities.

[Read FHLBank Chicago Press Release »](#)

[Read FAQs about the Targeted Impact Program »](#)



Special E-News "Recognition Edition" to be Sent Out September 30

Watch for a special e-news in your in-box on September 30. This "Recognition Edition" will announce the recipients honored with several esteemed awards, including Patrons of Community Banking, BKD Award for Excellence and Innovation, presented by CBAI, Double Eagle award, Education Participation awards, BancPac and FedPac awards, CBAI and CBSC Board Service awards, and more. Winners of the Foundation scholarships for children and grandchildren of community bankers and for the Community Bankers School will be revealed, as well. You can also check out our Facebook and LinkedIn pages for these special recognitions beginning on October 1.

[Visit CBAI on Facebook »](#)

[Visit CBAI on LinkedIn »](#)

CFPB Small-Biz Plan Should Exempt More Community Banks

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's new outline of proposals to implement small-business data collection and reporting rules does not go far enough to exempt community banks, ICBA said. CBAI and the ICBA have advocated for a broad exemption for community banks.

The CFPB's outline to implement rules required by Section 1071 of the Dodd-Frank Act includes several options to exempt community banks with as much as \$200 million in assets or up to 100 small-business loan originations. The law requires financial institutions to collect and report certain data on credit applications from women-owned, minority-owned, and small businesses, though the bureau has exemption authority.

In a statement, ICBA President and CEO Rebeca Romero Rainey said applying the mandates to community banks would undermine their relationship-based banking model and the non-homogenous nature of community bank small-business loans, which have been a lifeline during the coronavirus pandemic.

"ICBA appreciates that the CFPB proposal would exempt community banks with \$100 million to \$200 million in assets, but we continue calling on the bureau to exercise its authority to fully exempt community banks," Romero Rainey said.

[Read ICBA Statement »](#)

[Read Summary of Proposals »](#)

FDIC Maintaining Assessment Rates Under DIF Plan

The FDIC board of directors adopted a restoration plan to restore the Deposit Insurance Fund reserve ratio to at least 1.35 percent within eight years, as required by law. The reserve ratio fell to 1.30 percent from its recent peak of 1.41 percent due to an inflow of more than \$1 trillion in insured deposits caused by the coronavirus pandemic and federal response.

Under its restoration plan, the FDIC will monitor trends affecting the reserve ratio, maintain the current assessment rate schedule, and provide semiannual updates to its loss and income projections. The agency said it projects the DIF will return to 1.35 percent without further action.

[Read More »](#)



YOUR FUTURE. OUR SOLUTIONS.

SHAZAM is a national member-owned debit network, processor and core provider. We serve community financial institutions facing a future full of rapidly changing technology, shifting consumer behaviors and new waves of industry regulations. SHAZAM helps solve these challenges by providing payment solutions, proactive fraud prevention, security services, a core banking solution, advocacy, marketing and more.

ADVANCE WITH THE RIGHT PARTNER.

SHAZAM

6700 Pioneer Pkwy / Johnston, IA 50131 / 855-314-1212 / shazam.net / [f](#) [t](#) [i](#) [y](#) [m](#) [e](#)

ICBA Seeks GAO Study on Credit Union Evolution

ICBA asked the Senate Banking Committee to request a Government Accountability Office (GOA) study on the evolution of the credit union industry and National Credit Union Administration supervision.

In a letter to committee leaders, ICBA said a comprehensive and impartial study will help inform congressional oversight of the NCUA and a tax-exempt industry that has expanded its powers and grown its market share. It would particularly help Congress better understand the growing trend of credit union-bank acquisitions, ICBA said.

ICBA noted that GAO reports on credit unions in 2006 and 2003 included significant findings, such as the increase in credit union powers and that they serve a lower proportion of low- and moderate-income households than banks.

The letter follows ICBA's call for lawmakers to question credit union advocates during this week's National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions' Virtual Congressional Caucus. Ahead of the virtual advocacy meetings, ICBA distributed to congressional offices sample questions on acquisitions of community banks, mission creep, outside capital, and more. ICBA will continue calling on policymakers and the public to "Wake Up" to the risky practices, costly tax subsidies, and irresponsibly lax oversight of the nation's credit unions.

[Read More »](#)

FDIC Working on PPP Asset-Threshold Impact: McWilliams

The FDIC is exploring options to address the impact of Paycheck Protection Program loans on regulatory asset thresholds, FDIC Chairman Jelena McWilliams said.

Responding to ICBA's call for federal regulators to exclude PPP loan balances from bank and bank holding company thresholds, McWilliams said the FDIC appreciates this concern and is considering targeted adjustments to mitigate unintended consequences from PPP lending.

[Read More »](#)

SAVE THE DATE...

**CBAI's Community Bank
Directors' Conference
December 14, 2020**

**Will be presented in-person at
the Crowne Plaza and virtually.**



Kasasa: Is Marketing Automation Necessary for Smaller Institutions?

The big banks might have more resources, but with automated marketing, you'll have 24/7, multi-channel programs working overtime for you. Read more about best practices for automated marketing and why it's worth it.

[Read More »](#)

Survey Seeks Input on Faster Payments

The U.S. Faster Payments Council, of which ICBA is a member, is seeking survey responses on the momentum and evolution of the faster payments industry in the United States. The five-minute Barometer survey is designed to measure market adoption of faster payments and uncover issues and challenges to be addressed to support adoption.

[Take the Survey »](#)

Calabria: FHFA Delayed Refinance Fee Due to Pressure

The Federal Housing Finance Agency delayed its proposed "adverse market fee" for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac refinance loans after receiving feedback, including from members of Congress, FHFA Director Mark Calabria told lawmakers. Testifying before the House Financial Services Committee on the agency's response to the coronavirus pandemic, Calabria said the delay also provides Congress time to review potential alternatives.

Following an ICBA campaign that included 3,700 community banker messages to policymakers and an op-ed in American Banker, the FHFA last month delayed the 0.5 percent fee on refinance mortgages from Sept. 1 to Dec. 1. It also exempted loans with balances below \$125,000 and the Fannie Mae HomeReady and Freddie Mac Home Possible affordable refinance products.

In a news release following the FHFA announcement, ICBA said the delay will give borrowers and lenders time to close and fund loans already in process, while the exemption for lower-balance loans will help keep them affordable.

[Read More »](#)



10 Habits of Highly Successful Bank Salespeople

October 1, 2020
CBAI, Springfield

REGISTER TODAY!

Payments Brief Focuses on Gen Z

ICBA's latest Payments Executive Brief focuses on attracting and retaining Generation Z customers. The 13th in a series of briefs discusses why Gen Z matters, what it needs from community banks, and five steps for serving these digital-first individuals.

[Read More »](#)

FedNow Bill Pay Webinar September 28

The Federal Reserve is hosting an upcoming webinar on how the developing FedNow real-time payments service relates to bill payment. Scheduled for 1 p.m. (Eastern time) Monday, Sept. 28, the webinar will cover the evolution of consumer-to-business bill payments, using instant payments to modernize bill payment, and FedNow capabilities.

[Register Online »](#)

Purchase the Results of CBAI's 2020 Compensation Survey

The results of CBAI's 2020 Compensation Survey are now available. Administered by **BalancedComp**, the survey results are free to participants, thanks to sponsor **IZALE Financial Group**. Non-participants can purchase results for \$300 for CBAI members and \$500 for prospective members. If you are interested in purchasing the results, please contact Bobbi Watson at bobbw@cba.com.

CBAI LEGAL: Tardiness Defeats Mortgagees' Challenge to Foreclosure

In an August opinion issued by the Second District Illinois Appellate Court, mortgagees' attempt to overturn a judgment of foreclosure rendered more than six years before their challenge was dismissed due to their unexplainable lack of promptness in bringing their legal challenge: the concept known in the law as "laches."

[Read Most Recent CBAI LEGAL »](#)



**Federal Home Loan Bank
of Chicago**

Visit www.fhlbc.com

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Security Officer Workshop is Set for September 29 in Springfield

Security Management: Robbery & Active Threat Preparedness

This year's training seminar will include information and discussions involving a myriad of topics, with information for the newly appointed security officer as well as detailed analysis for the veteran security officer. In addition to the topics highlighted below, this year's seminar includes a segment of group exercises revolving around the current challenges for bankers. Highlights of the seminar include some of the following:

- Policy and training concepts for dealing with active shooters and active threats
- Options to address alert systems for emergency conditions
- Designs to secure main offices and operational workspaces
- Reviewing and updating evacuation procedures
- Camera placement and retention issues
- Robbery tabletop exercise
- How to engage stakeholders in security procedures
- Lessons learned from actual bank active shooter incidents
- Creating meaningful partnerships with law enforcement
- Physical security's role in securing information
- [Register Today »](#)

Consumer Lending Institute Scheduled for October 6-8, 2020, in Springfield

Sound credit decisions by community-bank lenders require a high degree of perception and skill. To reach this level of sophistication, your lending personnel must constantly rethink existing approaches, research new ideas and update their knowledge. This educational program provides essential knowledge and skills to your lending professionals. It establishes a network of lenders for continued support by sharing experiences with lending professionals. Take the steps now to upgrade your lending department!

[Register Today »](#)



[VIEW CBAI's EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

MORE NEWS FROM SERVICES

The Baker Group: Baker Market Update

Disappointing news that, just as hopes grow for a return to something that might normally be called normal, the Chicago Fed announced that, in August, a comprehensive measure it uses to gauge macro-economic vitality became less vital. The National Activity Index, a very comprehensive measure of the robustness of general economic activity was supposed to have gained a little strength in August with a move to 1.19 from 1.18, but instead fell to 0.79. This is a diffusion index with 85 inputs and while its value is still above zero and that represents expansion, it looks like that expansion might be slowing and no one wants to hear that. We'll also learn from the Federal Reserve just what America's Household Change in Net Worth was for the year's second quarter.

[Read More »](#)

College Ave: How to Cover College Costs During Uncertain Times

The COVID-19 pandemic has created an unpredictable financial environment for many families. According to a recent College Ave Student Loans survey conducted by Barnes & Noble College InsightsSM, while financial uncertainty has affected many families, the majority remain optimistic about how to cover college costs. For families looking for ways to cover college costs during uncertain times, College Ave provides some helpful tips and advice to navigate the financial road to college.

[Read More »](#)

Wolters Kluwer: What's Changed with Reg CHANGE?

Check out our NEWEST Wolters Kluwer Banking Compliance Insights PODCAST titled, "*Regulatory Change Management: Navigating the Pandemic, Politics, and Policy.*" It focuses on how to approach your regulatory change management process, whether automated or manual. Our experts also address the challenges financial institutions are facing as they keep pace with regulatory change during the COVID-19 pandemic. The podcast is led by Wolters Kluwer Bank Segment Leader **Samir Agarwal** and special guest **Elaine F. Duffus**, a senior specialized consultant with Wolters Kluwer.

[Listen to the Full Episode Available Now »](#)

CBIS: Does Your Excess Liability Umbrella Policy Measure Up?

To answer this question properly, you need to access specific umbrella benchmarking to determine your suggested limits of liability. We partner with, for example, Advisen, a leader in commercial insurance analytics to bring umbrella benchmarking reports to our clients. We understand that clients having the appropriate coverage and limits is crucial to an effective insurance and risk management program, and that leveraging the best analytical data is a fundamental component of making informed decisions with your broker.

[Read More from CBIS »](#)

CBSC Preferred Providers

