

CBAI MEMBERS ATTEND FEDERAL RESERVE'S COMMUNITY BANKERS SYMPOSIUM

On November 22, 2019, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago hosted its 14th Annual Community Bankers Symposium titled – *Bringing it Home*. The Symposium was a joint effort between the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of Comptroller of the Currency. The Symposium consisted of presentations on current industry developments and key bank supervision issues, as well as providing an opportunity for the attendees to have a dialogue on issues of supervisory focus, the banking environment, and regulatory updates.



The previous evening, CBAI hosted a Welcome Dinner for its members attending the Symposium at Harry Carey's Italian Steakhouse. The Welcome Dinner was generously sponsored by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.



The Symposium agenda included timely and informative speakers and panel discussions.

- **Ric Brunskill**, Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago's Community Bank Division, welcomed the group.
- **Julie Williams**, Executive Vice President of the Chicago Fed's Supervision and Regulation made the opening remarks.

- **Dr. Kelly Richmond Page**, Associate Professor at DePaul University and forensic accounting expert, described her experience investigating the municipal fraud by the Treasurer of Dixon (Illinois) which was the subject of her award-winning documentary – *All the Queen’s Horses*.
- **Ryan Hayhurst**, Managing Director of The Baker Group, discussed liquidity and risk management in a presentation titled – *Is Your Foundation Solid?* and delivered an individualized performance analysis to each bank attending the Symposium. The Baker Group, a preferred provider of Community BancService Corporation, specializes in A/L management and investment services specifically to address the needs of community banks.
- **Grovetta Gardineer**, Senior Deputy Comptroller Bank Supervision Policy for the Office of Comptroller of the Currency, was the morning keynote Speaker. **Michael Gibson**, Director Supervision and Regulations with the Federal Reserve Board, was the lunch speaker. Both Gardineer and Gibson provided their Agency’s perspectives on the current regulatory environment and developments.
- **Two regulatory panels** discussed current regulatory observations to consider, and the changing demographics and what that means for community banks.
- **Blake Paulson**, Central District Deputy Comptroller of the OCC, provided closing remarks and was wished well in his new position in Washington D.C. as Senior Deputy Comptroller for Midsize and Community Bank Supervision. In this new role he will oversee a team of 1,500 OCC colleagues responsible for supervising 1,100 national banks and federal savings associations.



CBAI encourages all community banks (not just Fed member banks) to attend next year’s 15th Annual Community Bankers Symposium, which is tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 23, 2020.