



Community Bankers Association of Illinois 32nd Annual Capital Conference Highlights

On Wednesday, April 20, 2016, community bankers from across Illinois gathered in the capital city to meet face-to-face with state legislators, constitutional officers, and regulators on pertinent issues currently facing the community bank profession. This annual event, in its 32nd year, began with a legislative luncheon with a keynote address by State Comptroller Leslie Giessler-Munger. The Comptroller provided timely and insightful information regarding the budget impasse and the overall fiscal condition of the state. Munger also acknowledged and thanked community bankers for the fundamental role they play in their local communities.



Kevin Beckemeyer, CBAI Chairman and President of Legence Bank, Eldorado and State Comptroller Leslie Giessler-Munger

After lunch, CBAI Senior Vice President Governmental Relations, Kraig Lounsberry addressed the delegation. Lounsberry presented a legislative update outlining several pieces of banking related legislation, including a CBAI initiative to codify into law that financial institutions and their employees do not need to be licensed to enroll borrowers in credit insurance policies they market. Lounsberry then encouraged attendees to meet with their state legislators to discuss legislation important to community banking.



CBAI Legislative Luncheon

State Treasurer Mike Frerichs addressed the group after the luncheon. Frerichs highlighted several programs in the Office of the Treasurer that he is restructuring, and once again acknowledged the important role of community banks in the state's economic growth and job creation.

The 100-plus community banker delegation then departed for the Capitol to reinforce existing relationships and create new ones by engaging in the hands-on lobbying of their legislators. CBAI leadership met with Governor Bruce Rauner, and



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CBAI bankers held meetings with Senate Republican Leader Christine Radogno, House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, Senate President John Cullerton, IDFPR Secretary Brian Schneider and Division of Banking Acting Director Kerri Doll.



CBAI Bankers meet with House Republican Leader Jim Durkin

The eventful day concluded with a reception at the Pinnacle Club, on the 30th floor of the Wyndham Springfield City Centre. This popular event allowed attendees to engage with legislators, IDFPR regulators, constitutional officers and their peers in a relaxed atmosphere with food, drink and a view of the Capitol.



CBAI Bankers meet with Senate President John Cullerton

As always, CBAI thanks those attendees who took the time to attend this important event. Your attendance is imperative to making this annual event in Springfield a success. With numerous bills (both good and bad) poised for passage - your voice truly makes a difference.

CBAI also extends a special thanks to our community banking partners who sponsored and attended the Capital Conference. Sponsors included the **Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, BankOnIT, CBSC, SHAZAM, and StoneCastle.**

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