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Three Bankers Elected Officers of the Chicago Area Chapter

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – The Chicago Area Chapter has elected new officers for 2017. Simon P. Yohanan from First Bank & Trust in Evanston is Chapter President; Vice President is Jeff Baker with LincolnWay Community Bank in New Lenox; and Treasurer is Karlie Krehbiel, Lisle Savings Bank. Immediate Past President is Ruth McLaren with Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest.

Established on Jan. 4, 1983, Chicago Area Chapter membership is open to banking industry leaders from Cook and the collar counties, representing Regions 1 and 2 of the Illinois Bankers Association (IBA). The Chapter provides a regional forum for the exchange of information, ideas and networking, and Chapter educational programs promote the interests of banking and the value of membership in the Illinois Bankers Association. The officers, who will serve one-year terms, were elected during the Chapter's annual business meeting held at the Hilton Lisle/Naperville on December 1.

This year's Chicago Area Chapter meeting included an association update by IBA President and CEO Linda Koch and a keynote address by Andy Shaw, President and CEO of the Better Government Association.

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Chapter President is Simon Yohanan. For more than 18 years, Yohanan has served the commercial banking needs of Chicagoland industries. Beginning in 1995, he assisted in the initial offering of First Bank & Trust, and he became a full time employee in 2000. Throughout his tenure, he has been promoted to Loan Officer/Trust Operations Officer, Assistant Vice President, Vice President, Senior Vice President and finally, his current position, Managing Director. Yohanan is also a board member of the bank's holding company, First Evanston Bancorp, Inc. He is active on several community service boards including UNO Charter School Network, Catholic Charities and Metropolitan Family Services. He earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

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Chapter Vice President Jeff Baker has been an Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of LincolnWay Community Bank for the last nine years. Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Hinsbrook Bank & Trust in Willowbrook, Ill. He is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and holds a CPA certificate. He also is an alumnus of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the IBA's Future Leaders Alliance program.

Chapter Treasurer Karlie Krehbiel began her banking career as a teller at Lisle Savings bank in 2002. While earning her bachelor's and master's degrees in Accounting at Indiana University, as well as her CPA certificate, she worked her way up to the position of Lisle Savings Bank's Chief Financial Officer. She has been the bank's CFO for the last five years.

The Illinois Bankers Association is a full-service trade association dedicated to creating a positive business climate that benefits the entire banking industry and the communities they serve. Founded in 1891, the IBA brings together state and national banks and savings banks of all sizes in Illinois.