

Contact: Tyler Nelson
tnelson@TNBankers.org
615-244-4871

Young Bankers Division Elect New Leadership

Nashville, Tenn., April 15, 2019—The Tennessee Bankers Association’s Young Bankers Division elected new 2019-2020 officers and directors during the organization’s Leadership Convention, which took place April 7-9 in Chattanooga.

New Officers

Delegates elected the following bankers to serve as officers:

- Chairman—Samuel L. Short, Senior Vice President/Senior Lender, Southern Bank of Tennessee, Mount Juliet
- Chairman-elect—Derrick Whitten, Vice President, The Hardin County Bank, Savannah
- Vice Chairman—Michael J. Saporito, II, Senior Vice President, Mountain Commerce Bank, Knoxville
- Immediate Past Chairman—Joshua D. Lane, Vice President & Knoxville Market Executive, First National Bank of Oneida, Knoxville

As chairman of the division, Short will serve as an ex-officio member of the Tennessee Bankers Association board of directors.

“It is an honor to serve as the chairman of the TBA Young Bankers Division, which has been shaped over the last 50 years by some of the most respected bankers in Tennessee,” Short stated. “As in many industries, banks are looking to identify and groom the next generation of leaders. The Young Bankers Division has a well-established track record of providing the network and professional development skills bankers need to be effective and influential leaders in their banks and communities.”

Directors

In addition to the four executive officers, the Young Bankers Division is governed by a nine-member board composed of three directors from each of the three grand divisions of the state—East, Middle, and West. Directors serve a three-year term with one director from each of the grand divisions rotating off each year and is replaced by a newly elected banker from the same division.

Directors elected to the board during this year’s convention were:

- East Tennessee—Debbie Reid, Assistant Controller, Citizens Tri-County Bank, Soddy Daisy
- Middle Tennessee—Coty Grissom, Loan Officer, Homeland Community Bank, McMinnville
- West Tennessee—Lauren Smith, Vice President/Risk Management, Decatur County Bank, Decaturville

Fulfilling one-year of a vacated term in East Tennessee is Jared Palazzola, Senior Vice President, Bank of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Bankers who have completed their three-year terms and rotated off the board were:

- Middle Tennessee—Justin Nipper, Assistant Vice President/Risk Officer/Credit Analyst, The Farmers Bank, Portland

- East Tennessee—Mark Bryan, Vice President, Commercial Lending, SouthEast Bank, Farragut

Directors continuing to serve out their terms on the board are:

- James J. Fuller, Branch Manager/Lender, SmartBank, Tullahoma
- Billie Jo Parker, Managing Director, Renasant Bank, Memphis
- John Seiber, Business Development Manager/Loan Officer, Peoples Bank of the South, Clinton
- Misty Sharp, Vice President/Marketing Director/Internal Audit BSA, Centennial Bank, Medina
- Race Wilson, Branch Manager, First Farmers & Merchants Bank, Lewisburg

The Young Bankers Division was established in 1960 and is devoted to preparing Tennessee's young bank officers to become the industry's next generation of leaders.

The members of the division represent financial institutions across the state of Tennessee. In addition to the two-day professional development conference, *Leadership Convention*, the division hosts the Young Bankers' *Day on the Hill*. This program reinforces the importance of involvement in the TBA's government relations activities. During this annual event, bankers spend a day at the Capitol in Nashville engaging in the legislative process and learning about how the General Assembly functions.

About The Tennessee Bankers Association

The Tennessee Bankers Association is a not-for-profit organization representing all of Tennessee's commercial banks and thrift institutions. The Association provides continuing education, develops and monitors state and federal legislative agendas, disseminates information on all facets of the financial services industry, and promotes the public image of financial institutions. For more, visit www.TNBankers.org.

###

Attachment: 2019 TBA Young Bankers Board.jpg

Left to right: Misty Sharp, Debbie Reid, Jared Palazzola, Billie Jo Parker, Derrick Whitten, James Fuller, Race Wilson, Michael Saporito, Josh Lane, Lauren Smith, John Seiber, Coty Grissom, Samuel L. Short