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## CSBS District IV Meeting

Oklahoma City played host to the Conference of State Bank Supervisors (CSBS) District IV Meeting on April 20-21. CSBS is the professional association of state officials responsible for chartering, regulating, and supervising the nation's approximately 6,000 state-chartered banks. District Four member states are Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

In attendance at the April meeting were District Chairman and Commissioner Tom Thull and Judi Stork of the Kansas Office of the State Bank Commissioner; Commissioner Mick Thompson, Dudley Gilbert, and Charles Griffith of the Oklahoma State Banking Department; CSBS Chairman and Commissioner Joe Smith of the North Carolina Office of the Commissioner of Banks; Commissioner Tim Karsky of the North Dakota Department of Financial Institutions; Commissioner Charles Cooper and Bob Bacon of the Texas Department of Banking; Commissioner Jeff Vogel of the Wyoming Division of Banking; Director Michael Geesey of the Wyoming Department of Audit; and Neil Milner and Catherine Woody of CSBS. The regulators received briefings from Esther George of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, James LaPierre of the Kansas City FDIC, and Don Pape, Chairman of Republic Bank & Trust of Norman.

The meeting was held at the Bricktown Hampton Inn, and attendees were provided a tour of the Oklahoma State Banking Department headquarters.

Among items discussed at the meeting were the economic conditions facing each state and the areas of concern regulators had in their home state. Issues discussed included commercial real estate concentrations, out-of-state loan participations, brokered deposits, agriculture real estate, home foreclosures, and general asset quality concerns. CSBS staff provided a briefing on financial regulatory reform and its possible impact upon the state banking system and community banks, as well as recent supervisory

initiatives in Washington, D.C., including the FDIC's decision to extend the Transaction Account Guarantee (TAG) Program.

District Chairman Tom Thull said that "the discussions were insightful, the facility was great, and the hospitality extended by the Oklahoma State Banking Department was wonderful." He also expressed thanks to Esther George and Jim LaPierre for their presentations; Tonita Allers, Catherine Woody, and Neil Milner from CSBS for their help with coordinating the meeting; and Chairman Joe Smith for his participation.



Front row: Michael Geesey, Tim Karsky, Jeff Vogel  
Joe Smith, Judi Stork, Charles Cooper, and Tom Thull.  
Back row: Catherine Woody, Mick Thompson, Neil Milner,  
Dudley Gilbert, Bob Bacon, and Paul Qualls

## Boot Camp for BSA Professionals

Senior Examiner W. Shawn Burcham completed the Boot Camp for BSA Professionals in Little Rock, AR. The intensive four-day training fast forwards BSA and Anti-money laundering compliance knowledge. Examiners, compliance professionals, and auditors work side-by-side to gain new perspectives on BSA/AML compliance. With a team of BSA experts leading each session, Burcham worked through "hands-on experiences" and case studies to determine what works and what does not work in real-life situations.