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Notes from the Commissioner's Calendar

October 12-13

2010 Conference with Tenth Federal Reserve District State Banking Officials – topics of discussion included department budget situations, staffing levels and concerns, staff retention and training issues, state banking conditions and issues, consumer-related issues, potential for national bank conversions to state charters, and concerns related to recent banking legislation.

November 17-19

2010 FDIC Dallas Region Commissioners Conference – topics of discussion included state economic conditions, conditions of banks, significant state legislative issues, operational issues, mergers/conversions/change of control, Dodd/Frank Act overview, training issues, regional risk discussion, economic overview, new developments in compliance, and projected workloads for 2011.

December 7-10

CSBS Supervisors Symposium – scheduled speakers include personnel from the FDIC, the Federal Reserve, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, FinCEN, FINPRO Inc., and Federal Reserve Governor Sarah Bloom Raskin. In addition, Commissioner Thompson and CSBS will host a reception with Elizabeth Warren, Special Assistant to the President, on Wednesday evening.

Assessment Rates Remain Unchanged for 2011

The State Banking Board recently voted unanimously to make **no changes** to assessment rates for 2011. Rates will remain the same as those imposed in 2010.

2011 Assessment reminder notices will soon be sent electronically to the email addresses we have on file for your bank. Should you need to update the contact information for your institution, please contact Holly Wingfield at hw1@onetnet.net.

Wilson Earns COE Certification



Upon successful completion of the certification criteria established by the Education Foundation of State Bank Supervisors Certification Program, Examiner Morris Wilson (pictured above with Commissioner Mick Thompson) attained certification as a **Certified Operations Examiner**. The EFSBS Certification Program is designed to identify individuals who have demonstrated superior technical competency in bank examination and supervision. Congratulations, Morris!

2010 NASCUS/CUNA BSA Conference

Senior Examiners Kandace Huston and Terry Slagle attended the 6th annual BSA Conference jointly sponsored by the National Association of State Credit Union Supervisors and Credit Union National Association. Featured speakers included representatives from the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the Office of Foreign Assets Control, and a local law enforcement bureau. One of the more attention-grabbing breakout sessions covered the topic of Money Laundering in the Virtual World. At this session, one attendee described a recent situation where use of a personal, virus-infected USB device in a company-owned computer resulted in all employee passwords being compromised and distributed to outside entities, including a foreign country.