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Colorado Bankers Association elects leadership for 2017-18 year

DENVER – Bankers on Wednesday voted unanimously to elect three of their own to lead the Colorado Bankers Association in the coming year. A short biography of each is below. Photos are attached.

Mark Driscoll of First National Bank of Fort Collins will serve as CBA chairman for the 2017-2018 year. He will be assisted by **Brendan Zahl**, of Peoples Bank in Colorado Springs who will serve as CBA chair-elect and by **Joanne Sherwood**, Division President of Citywide Banks who will serve as CBA Treasurer.

Driscoll said he is looking forward to the task and is “pleased to have a chance to contribute to CBA’s ongoing success.”

“During this next year, I plan to support our terrific staff in their efforts to provide leadership and advocacy for our industry by working hard to grow the bank membership rolls which can provide the team the resources they need to be successful,” Driscoll said. “I also plan to focus the member banks on involving the next generation of bankers in the association, but in the Advocacy program, on committees, as part of the Government Relations committee or in service to the industry in some way.”

Mark Driscoll, First National Bank Fort Collins – CBA chairman

Mark Driscoll is currently Colorado Market President of First National Bank of Omaha. The Colorado bank is a \$2.3 Billion institution with 24 retail banking offices. During a 32-year banking career, Driscoll has served as President of First National Bank for 18 of those years with the remaining years in various management and lending positions with First National Bank and one other bank. Driscoll has also worked at Colorado State University for a total of seven years

– four years as an assistant football coach (1976-1980), and three years (2003-2006) as Director of Athletics. Driscoll currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Rocky Mountain Innosphere, the Colorado Bankers Association, Mountain States Employers Council and Serve 6.8. He is a graduate of Colorado State University with both a Bachelors and Master’s Degree in Business Administration. Mark and his wife Neyla have three grown children and two grandchildren.

Brendan Zahl, Peoples Bank – CBA chair-elect

Brendan Zahl is CEO of Peoples Bank. He began his banking career at FirstBank in Colorado Springs. After 10-years of community involvement and management progression, he moved to Peoples National Bank in 2007 to take over Retail and Lending Management. He was named CEO in 2012. Brendan attended the University of Nebraska on an academic scholarship and graduated with honors with a Business Administration degree. While at Nebraska he also played football under coach Tom Osborne on 2 National Championship Teams. Zahl has held several board, advisory, and volunteer roles with many community organizations including Partners in Housing, Junior Achievement, United Way, Rotary International, and Habitat for Humanity. He and his wife Trina live in Monument and have three sons.

Joanne Sherwood, Citywide Banks, CBA treasurer

Joanne Sherwood is Division President for Citywide Banks in Denver. She has more than three decades of experience in banking and has been with Citywide since 2000. As Division President, she has contributed significantly to the growth of Citywide. She has extensive training and work experience in bank operations, loan portfolio management, strategic planning, and staff development. She serves as a mentor to up-and-coming lenders and has developed a program to assist and support women as they progress up the ranks. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from California State University at Fullerton and an MBA from Pepperdine University. She is on the associate board of the Boys and Girls Club of Denver. She is also involved with Arrupe Jesuit High She has strong ties to construction and real estate and is an active member of the Home Builders Association.

About the Colorado Bankers Association

The Colorado Bankers Association represents more than 90 percent of the 141 banks in Colorado, which have \$142 billion in assets, 1,572 branches, and 21,722 proud professionals. CBA advocates for Colorado banks of all sizes and charter types before governmental bodies and the public to continually promote and improve the banking industry amid challenge and a changing environment. CBA proactively seeks to increase benefits for bank customers, improve value for shareholders, and grow a stronger business climate for banks and our local economies. CBA supplements its effective advocacy with superior industry-specific information and education for bankers, and various high-quality products and services. CBA focuses on creating a stronger economy and helping Coloradans realize dreams by building better banks.