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CEO Summit Luncheon and Panel Discussion

The Central Arkansas Chapter of the Risk Management Association is proud to announce our 2015 Signature Event: CEO Summit Luncheon and Panel Discussion. This professionally moderated event will feature a mixture of Regional and Community Bank Chief Executive Officers in a lively and informative atmosphere. Held at the William J Clinton Presidential Library Grand Hall in Downtown Little Rock, CEO Summit ticket sales exceeded 200 and the event has completely sold out.

"Our chapter continues to grow and serve the Natural State," Chapter President David Marks stated. "The support for our CEO Summit from the panelists to our sponsors continues to be incredible. CEO Summit Committee Co-Chair's Gary Edwards / BKD LLP and Marcus Guinn / Arvest Bank have done an amazing job. In addition to the Panel Discussion, we are presenting two significant awards live at the event. Our 1st ever Commercial Banker of the Year Award will recognize five finalists selected by nomination of industry peers, with the ultimate winner being announced on stage. Our 2nd Annual President's Award will recognize the most outstanding Chapter Board Member."



(l to R) Marks, Edwards, Guinn

CEO Summit Panelist

George A. Makris, Jr. -



Simmons First National Corporation

Pine Bluff, Arkansas



Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

CEO Summit Panelist



Kevin Sabin - Arvest Bank

Bentonville, Arkansas



President and Chief Executive Officer

CEO Summit Panelist



C. Randall Sims - Home Bancshares,
Inc.

Conway, Arkansas



Chief Executive Officer & Director

CEO Summit Panelist



Larry T. Wilson - First Arkansas Bank & Trust
Jacksonville, Arkansas



Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer

Commercial Banker of the Year Award

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Any FDIC Insured Bank associate working in a commercial function or support role is eligible for the award. This includes all lenders, credit analysts, credit risk officers, loan review, market presidents, loan assistants, business bankers, special assets, calling officers and more. If in doubt, please inquire.

Each Nominee will be carefully evaluated by the Selection Committee consisting of volunteers. The following criteria are applicable to the nominee's line-of-business responsibilities: Responsible Credit Analysis, Deal Origination, Customer Service, Business Development, Community Involvement & Financial Risk Management.

Selection Committee

Heartsill Ragon III - Gill Ragon Owen
Gary Edwards CPA - BKD LLP
Robert Smith - Friday, Eldridge & Clark LLP
Heather Robinette - Arkansas Small Business Development and Technology Center
Chad Kaufman - Junior Achievement of Arkansas
Ronnie Peters - DD&F Consulting
David Marks - Arvest Bank

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About RMA

RMA was founded in 1914 to assist commercial bankers in making better lending decisions through the exchange of credit information. Today, RMA is the only association that specializes in promoting effective and prudent risk management practices for institutions of all sizes, across the entire financial services industry. Headquartered in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, RMA has approximately 2,500 institutional members that include banks of all sizes as

well as nonbank financial institutions. They are represented in the association by 16,000 risk management professionals who are chapter members in financial centers throughout North America, Europe, and Asia/Pacific.

The Risk Management Association (RMA) celebrated its Centennial Year in 2014. RMA is a not-for-profit, member-driven professional association whose sole purpose is to advance the use of sound risk principles in the financial services industry. RMA helps banking and nonbanking institutions identify and manage the impacts of credit risk, operational risk, enterprise risk and market risk on their businesses and customers. We achieve that through education, research, networking, and leadership opportunities.

Note: As a not-for-profit, professional association, RMA does not lobby on behalf of the banking industry.

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We operate autonomously as one of over 115 satellite chapters of the Risk Management Association and serve the entire State of Arkansas as a non-profit, professional association. We have donated over \$35,000 during the past decade for Central High School Student College Scholarships and recently made a cash donation to Junior Achievement of Arkansas to assist in their mission of providing Financial Literacy Education and Work Force Readiness of Young Arkansans across the Natural State. Our volunteer Board of Directors consists of Commercial and Consumer Loan Officers, Credit Analysts, Loan Review Officers, Accountants, Attorneys, Banking Consultants, Retail Sales, Financial Investments and other professionals serving in the Financial Services Sector. We co-sponsor various industry specific Training Classes, while hosting Luncheon and Breakfast Speaker Meetings, an annual Charity Golf Tournament, Special Events such as Panel Discussions. Our May 2014 Women in Banking Panel Discussion was held at the Clinton Presidential Library Grand Hall with 175 attending. Our May 2015 CEO Summit will bring together a mix of Arkansas Bank CEO's and Regional Bank CEO's to discuss matters related to our ever-changing industry.

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