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**MASSACHUSETTS BANKERS ASSOCIATION ELECTS
NINE MEMBERS TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

-- Charles P. O'Brien Named Chairman --

BOSTON, July 5, 2017 – The Massachusetts Bankers Association (MBA) has elected nine executives to serve in new positions on its board of directors, including Charles P. O'Brien, president of Adams Community Bank, as chairman of the MBA serving a one-year term.

The nine executives and their new MBA board positions include:

Chairman of the Board:

Charles P. O'Brien

President
Adams Community Bank

Vice Chairman:

William M. Parent

President
Blue Hills Bank, Hyde Park

Treasurer:

Donald P. Gill

President
Coastal Heritage Bank, Weymouth

At-Large Directors

Mark C. Crandall

Regional President for MA/RI
TD Bank, Boston
(Three-Year Term; Re-appointment)

Patrick J. Murray

President
Bristol County Savings Bank, Taunton
(Three-Year Term; Re-appointment)

Kevin M. Tierney

President
North Shore Bank, Peabody
(Three-Year Term; Re-appointment)

Brian W. Thompson

President
Commerce Bank & Trust, Worcester

(Three-Year Term; Re-appointment)

Mark R. O'Connell

President
Avidia Bank, Hudson
(One-Year Term)

Mark R. Haranas

President
MutualOne Bank, Framingham
(Three-Year Term)

“This is a terrific group of people to lead our local banking industry as board members, as well as being significant executives in their own markets,” said Daniel J. Forte, president and CEO of the MBA. “We know that there are great opportunities ahead for our industry, as well as a fair share of challenges. All of these new members of the board will provide considerable expertise and talent, serving 69,000 employees locally in the banking industry, as well as a very large customer base.”

“Charles O'Brien, our new chairman,” added Forte, “is highly regarded in our industry, has great knowledge and skill and, we are proud to say, is from Western Massachusetts and the Berkshires.”

O'Brien has 37 years of experience in banking and financial services. He has been president of Adams Community Bank since 2002. He is a champion of financial literacy, staff development, and community volunteer work.

“I am humbled by this election to serve the members of the Massachusetts Bankers Association,” said O'Brien. “I am also proud to be one of just a few chairmen from Western Massachusetts and the only person from Berkshire County to serve in the 111-year history of the MBA. There are challenges ahead for our industry, but never before have I seen so much dedication and hard work, from so many industry professionals, coming together to make an impact in every small town and big city in the Commonwealth.”

The remainder of the Massachusetts Bankers Association Board of Directors includes:

Immediate Past Chairman:

Gilda M. Nogueira

President
East Cambridge Savings Bank

Two-Year Term

Donna L. Boulanger

President
North Brookfield Savings Bank

Sandra J. Pattie

President
BankNewport

Patrick J. Sullivan
Mass. Market President
People's United Bank, Boston

Sushil K. Tuli
President
Leader Bank, N.A., Arlington

John R. Wiseman
President
Middlesex Federal Savings, F.A., Somerville

One-Year Term
Peter G. Brown
President
Dedham Institution for Savings

Michael A. Lee
Managing Director
Santander Bank, Boston

Steven E. Lowell
President
Monson Savings Bank

Thomas L. Mortimer
President
Haverhill Bank

Jonathan W. Pierce
President
Avon Co-operative Bank

The Massachusetts Bankers Association represents approximately 155 commercial, savings and co-operative banks and savings and loan associations with 69,000 employees located in Massachusetts and elsewhere in New England.

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Note: A photo of Charles P. O'Brien is available upon request.

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