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Mark Kolanowski Elected Chairman of the Community Bankers of Michigan

East Lansing, Michigan (September 30, 2014) The Community Bankers of Michigan (CBM) recently elected Mark Kolanowski to serve as their Chairman of the Board during the Association's 41st year of service to the Michigan Community Banking Industry. Kolanowski is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Hastings City Bank and its parent company, HCB Financial Corp.

"We are very pleased and fortunate to have Mark on board as Chairman for our upcoming fiscal year," said President and CEO of Community Bankers of Michigan Judith D. Sullivan. "Mark's vision and commitment to the community banking industry is commendable and second to none, believing strongly in our sole mission – local community banks."

Mr. Kolanowski began his career with NBD (now JP Morgan Chase) in 1986. He joined Hastings City Bank as Loan Officer in 1993. In 1998 he was promoted to Assistant Vice President/Branch Executive and in January, 2000, he was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. At the same time, he joined the Board of Directors of Hastings City Bank. He was named President of the bank in 2001 and in 2002 was appointed to President and Chief Executive Officer of Hastings City Bank and HCB Financial Corp.

Mr. Kolanowski earned a Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration from Alma College and a MBA from Western Michigan University. He is a graduate of the Perry Banking School and the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

His community involvement includes the Barry County United Way executive committee (past president and campaign chairman), Hastings Mutual Insurance Company board of directors, Hastings Mutual Insurance Company Charitable Foundation board of directors, the Hastings Kiwanis Club, and the Barry County Economic Development Alliance board of directors. He is a past board member of Pennock Hospital and past chairman of the Pennock Foundation.

Mark and his wife, Sue, reside in Hastings. They are the proud parents of two sons, Mitch and Ben.

"It's my pleasure and truly an honor to serve the Community Bankers of Michigan as Chairman for the coming year," commented Kolanowski. "CBM is a terrific resource for our industry with products, services, educational programs and a staff that are second to none. Additionally, one of the greatest benefits the association offers is the opportunity to work together and, through our combined voices, promote our single mission - community banks. I'm looking forward to continuing the dialogue with my fellow bankers and working side by side as we make community banking the absolute best it can be for our communities." In addition to Mr. Kolanowski, the CBM elected the following officers to one-year terms. Douglas J. Ouellette, President – Central Region, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Mt. Pleasant was named Chairman-elect; Shelly Brooks, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mayville State Bank, Mayville was selected as Vice Chair; and Cortney Collison, President and CEO of Union Bank in Lake Odessa was selected to be Secretary-Treasurer. Judith D. Sullivan, President and Chief Executive Officer of the CBM remains in her post as head of the Association.

The following community bankers will serve as members of the CBM's board of directors during the coming year:

Gary Bailey, President/CEO, Shelby State Bank, Shelby Bruce Cady, President/CEO, Lapeer County Bank & Trust Co., Lapeer Jay Dubey, President/CEO of Thumb National Bank & Trust Co., Pigeon Jae Evans, President, Isabella Bank, Mt. Pleasant David Firack, President/CEO, Old Mission Bank, Sault Ste Marie Eugene Lovell, President/CEO, First State Bank, St. Clair Shores Robert Wolak, Community Bank President, Chemical Bank, Caro

Peter Kubacki, President and Chief Executive Officer of The Dart Bank in Mason will also serve as the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) State Director for Michigan's community banks.

Officers and Board Members of the Michigan Community Bankers Service Co., a wholly owned subsidiary of the CBM are Chairman James D. MacPhee, Chief Executive Officer of Kalamazoo County State Bank in Schoolcraft; President Judi Sullivan; Vice President Mary Anne Czubko; and Secretary-Treasurer James E. Wheeler, II, President, Mercantile Bank of Michigan, Alma.

The Michigan Community Bankers Service Co. (MCBS) Board consists of Michael Burke, President/CEO, CSB Bank, Capac; Mark Kolanowski, President/CEO of the Hastings City Bank, Hastings; James North, President/CEO, First National Bank of St. Ignace; Timothy Ward, President/CEO of Eastern Michigan Bank, Croswell; and David Williams, President and Chief Executive Officer, Upper Peninsula State Bank in Escanaba.

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