



CBAI MEMBERS ATTEND FEDERAL RESERVE'S COMMUNITY BANKERS SYMPOSIUM

On November 16, 2018, the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago hosted its 13th Annual Community Bankers Symposium titled, "Community Banking Matters: A Time of Promise and Challenge". The Symposium was a joint effort among the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and the Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

The previous evening, CBAI hosted a Welcome Dinner for its members attending the Symposium at Harry Carey's Italian Steakhouse. The Welcome Dinner was generously sponsored by the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago.



The Symposium's agenda was timely and informative and included:

- President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Charlie Evans, making the Opening Remarks;
- Chairman and CEO of StoneCastle Financial Corp, Joshua Siegel, presented on Keeping Up in the Digital Age: Community Banking Trends & Perspectives;

- Chairman of the FDIC, Jelena McWilliams, gave the Morning Keynote address, and Comptroller of the OCC, Joseph Otting, was the afternoon keynote speaker; and,
- there was a morning fintech banker panel and an afternoon regulatory risk/credit risk panel.

The approximately 250 attendees were pleased to hear encouraging statements from FDIC's McWilliams and OCC's Otting about the rapid implementation of the beneficial provisions in the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief and Consumer Protection Act (S. 2155), as well as their commitment to additional regulatory relief for community banks. The regulators strongly encouraged the community bankers to comment on upcoming rulemaking on the CRA, capital rules, small-dollar lending and others.



CBAI encourages Chicago Fed member banks to plan on attending next year's 14th Annual Community Bankers Symposium.

Pictured left to right – David Schroeder (CBAI Senior Vice President Federal Governmental Relations) and Jelena McWilliams (FDIC Chairman)