



CBAI's 35th Annual Capital Conference Recap



Over 100 community bankers made the trip to Springfield to join in our annual show-of-force at the Capitol advocating for the community banking profession. The day started with a meeting of the Legislation and Regulation Committee where bankers set the legislative priorities for CBAI's state and federal lobbying efforts.



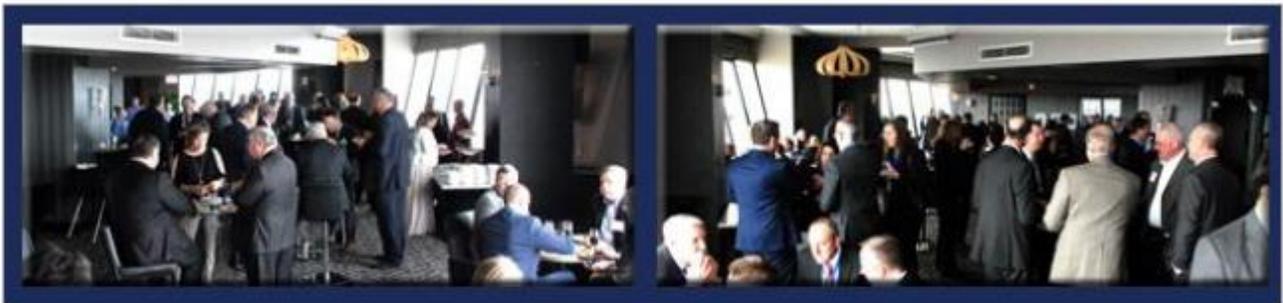
House Minority Leader Jim Durkin gave the keynote address at lunch sharing a bleak but honest outlook on the state's fiscal condition. Bankers loaded onto busses to visit with their local legislators at the Capitol with a focus on educating many of the 50 new members of the General Assembly about the community banking profession and our legislative concerns.



We also had group meetings with Senate President John Cullerton, Senate Minorit Leader Bill Brady, House Majority Assistant Leader Natalie Manley, Treasurer Mike Frerichs and Secretary of State Jessie White. Our afternoon session back at the conference room included Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton, IDFPR Director Deborah Hagan, Division of Banking Director Kerri Doll and an economist from the Comptroller's Office.



Following the day's activities, we held a legislative reception at the Pinnacle Club, at the top of the tallest building in Springfield overlooking downtown and the Capitol dome. This year we decided to forgo the traditional Board dinner and extended the reception and increased the refreshment options. It meant that the entire group of community bankers had more time to mingle and network. We've heard positive feedback about the change and will consider continuing the practice in coming years.



Capital Conference attendees who register early only pay \$100 for as many members of their bank as they would like to bring. It is a tremendous value that includes lunch, transportation to the Capitol and an open bar and refreshments at the reception. It's a great deal made possible by our generous sponsors. Thank you to all our partners who chipped in to support the event.

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