
Ohio Bankers League

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Archbold Banker Elected to Lead State Trade Association

Paul S. Siebenmorgen, president and CEO of The Farmers & Merchants State Bank in Archbold has been elected to serve as chairman of the Ohio Bankers League's board of directors in 2014.

Comprised of bank executives from across the state, the OBL board serves as the governing body for the professional trade association representing all Ohio banks and savings institutions. As chairman, Siebenmorgen will play a critical role in setting the League's agenda as well as establishing legislative and regulatory priorities for the Ohio banking industry.

"Paul has been instrumental in positioning Ohio's premier banking association to effectively address the critical issues facing our industry in 2014," commented OBL President and CEO Mike Adelman. "He is a thoughtful banker who brings credibility to our statewide efforts as we fight for common sense regulation."

Siebenmorgen began his banking career as an assistant cashier with Lake City Bank, Indiana in 1980 and was appointed president and CEO of Farmers & Merchants State Bank in 2005.

He is a member of the American Bankers Association's Community Bankers Council and the Northwest State Community College board of trustees.

The OBL is the legacy trade association formed by the merger of the Ohio Bankers Association and the Ohio League of Financial Institutions; both formed in the late 1800s. The association provides professional education, governmental advocacy services and cooperative buying to more than 200 banks and thrifts across the state.

About Farmers & Merchants State Bank

The Farmers & Merchants State Bank has 21 offices and over 35 ATMs located in Fulton, Williams, Henry, Defiance, Lucas, and Wood counties in Ohio, as well as DeKalb and Steuben Counties in Indiana. Toward the end of 2007, F&M opened a new office in Perrysburg and expanded into Indiana with offices in Butler and Auburn. In August 2008, F&M opened a new full service office in Angola, Indiana. In July of 2010, F&M expanded into Hicksville, Ohio. In 2013 a new office in Waterville, Ohio was opened and an office in Custar, Ohio was also purchased. F&M continues to serve the financial needs of individuals, farmers, businesses, and industries by offering the traditional banking products, as well as internet, mobile and telephone banking products.

About the Ohio Bankers League

The Ohio Bankers League is the trade association for the Ohio banking industry – and is Ohio's only organization focused on meeting the needs of all banks and thrifts in the Buckeye State. For more than 100 years, the OBL has been the voice of the Ohio banking industry fostering a cooperation that has made it one of the strongest and most reputable financial trade associations in the country. By linking banks, bankers, and industry experts – and by pooling their intellectual and capital resources – the OBL serves as a powerful creator of knowledge and collective resources. The non-profit association is comprised of 200 FDIC-insured financial institutions including commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations ranging in size from just over \$13 million in assets to more than \$2.5 trillion.

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