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## **New Board Officers and Members Chosen at NDBA**

Bismarck, ND – The North Dakota Bankers Association (NDBA) announces new officers and board members for its board and that of NDBA Services, Inc., a subsidiary of NDBA. The appointments were announced at the 2006 Annual Convention held in Fargo, ND. The convention is held jointly with the South Dakota Bankers Association.

Tim Siegle, president of United Valley Bank in Cavalier, succeeded Terry Zeltinger, president of United Community Bank of North Dakota in Minot, as chairman of the NDBA board of directors. Siegle, a native of Pelican Rapids, MN, graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, MN in 1981. He began his banking career with the First National Bank in Walker, MN and then moved to Fargo in 1983 to work for the State Bank of Fargo. In 1996, Mr. Siegle accepted a position as president and CEO of United Valley Bank.

Eric Hardmeyer, president of the Bank of North Dakota (BND), became chairman-elect of the NDBA board. A Mott native, Hardmeyer began his career at BND 17 years ago as a loan officer. Later, he was promoted to commercial loan manager, senior vice president of lending and president in 2001. Mr. Hardmeyer serves on a variety of state and community boards.

Mark DuBord, market president for Fargo-Moorhead-Wahpeton of American Federal Bank, was elected treasurer of the NDBA board. A graduate of the Graduate School of Banking in Boulder, Colorado, DuBord has been in banking since 1981. He is a member of the Fargo-Moorhead AM Rotary and serves on the Foundation Board with Catholic Schools. Mr. DuBord joined American Federal in 1998 and resides in Fargo with his wife Colleen and two children.

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Michal Solberg, executive vice president and chief operating officer of State Bank & Trust, Fargo, has been appointed to the board of directors for a four-year term. Solberg graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, MN received a J.D. from the William Mitchell College of Law, St. Paul, MN.

Richard K. Anderson, president of First Western Bank & Trust, Minot; David Johnsen, regional president of Dacotah Bank, Valley City; Chuck Stroup, president/chairman of the board of Union State Bank, Hazen; and Brent Zavalney, president of Choice Financial Group in Langdon, have been elected to the board of directors for four-year terms.

Anderson has over 37 years of banking experience and is a graduate of Minot State University and a graduate of the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He resides in Minot with his wife Beverly and two daughters.

Johnsen is a 1974 graduate of South Dakota State University. He started his banking career in 1975 with First National Bank and has been with Dacotah Bank (formerly Farmers & Merchants Bank in Valley City) since 1979. Johnsen has been active in the agriculture and legislative committees of the North Dakota Bankers Association.

Stroup, a native of Hazen, ND graduated from NDSU in Fargo and served in the United States Army. He served as the director of economic development for Governor Schaefer and also served on the State Board of Higher Education.

Zavalney has over 30 years of banking experience and is a graduate of NDSU, Fargo. He currently is serving on the executive committee of the Cavalier County Job Development Authority, as treasurer for the Cavalier County Memorial Hospital Foundation and is a member of the senior credit committee and executive management team at Choice Financial.

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Ken Heen, executive vice president of American State Bank & Trust Company of Williston, ND, has been elected to the NDBA Services, Inc. board of directors. Heen is a native of Williston, graduating from NDSU with a B.S. degree in Ag Economics. Heen spent 21 year working for Farmers Home Administration and in 1991 began at American State Bank & Trust as vice-president and manager of the agricultural loan department. He continues to manage the Ag Department and oversees all other lending departments.

The North Dakota Bankers Association represents 93 banks with over 300 facilities in North Dakota. The association offers service to banks in the areas of government relations, education, communications, insurance and bank products.

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