

Michael Stevens Appointed to Graduate School of Banking at CO Board of Trustees



The Graduate School of Banking at Colorado (GSBC), along with the Kansas Bankers Association, is pleased to announce the appointment of Michael D. Stevens, CEO and Chairman of the Board of Centera Bank in Sublette, Kansas to the GSBC Board of Trustees. Mike's term will begin in July 2008, replacing the seat of David Brownback, President of Citizens State Bank & Trust in Ellsworth, Kansas. Dave has been a member of the Board since 2000 and served as Chairman in 2005.

A graduate of the University of Kansas and the Graduate School of Banking at Colorado, Mike has been with Centera Bank for 30 years. He recently served as Chairman of the Kansas Bankers Association (KBA) and is now the current chairman of the KBA Federal Affairs Committee. Mike has served on the KBA Board of Directors, the Schools of Banking Board of Directors, as well as the Kansas Banking Board.

Mike is married to Risa, who is employed by USD #374. They have six children and two grandchildren.

The School is working on some exciting new strategic initiatives under the leadership of the GSBC Board of Trustees, which also includes Dennis Hadley, EVP of Denison State Bank in Holton, KS as well as the GSBC President, Tim Koch. Everyone is looking forward to Mike's participation, including Koch who stated, "Mike will add a unique perspective and high energy to the trustees which will help GSBC continue to improve its programs and outreach to community bankers. He is a graduate of GSBC and strong supporter with many of the bank's employees having completed the School."

GSBC provides professional development and training for community bankers preparing for senior-level management positions. Founded in 1950, GSBC has educated almost 7,000 bankers across the nation. This year's school session will be held July 13-25, 2008 on the University of Colorado campus in Boulder, Colorado. Currently 40 Kansas bankers are enrolled at GSBC. For more information, please contact the GSBC office at 800-272-5138 or visit www.GSBCColorado.org.