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South Dakota Bankers Association Elects New Board Directors

PIERRE, S.D. – The South Dakota Bankers Association (SDBA), the professional and trade association for South Dakota's financial services industry since 1884, recently held elections for three of the nine seats on its Board of Directors.

Robert Clair, American State Bank, Pierre; Rick Rylance, Dacotah Bank, Rapid City; and George Kenzy, First Fidelity Bank, Burke, were elected to serve three-year terms on the SDBA Board of Directors starting on May 1, 2011. All three are serving their second terms on the Board.

Robert Clair:

Robert Clair has worked in the banking industry for 37 years and is a licensed insurance agent. He worked for First State Bank of New Brighton in Minneapolis, Minn., from 1974 to 1977. He then worked for Fort Pierre National Bank in Fort Pierre until 1984. He has since worked for American State Bank in Pierre, where he is senior vice president. Clair has been involved in various organizations over the years. Clair is a member of Community Bible Church in Pierre. He is a director at American State Bank and was a director for the Four Bands Community Loan Fund. He has also served on the SDBA's Legislative Committee.

Clair and his wife Cindy have three children – Jamieson Clair, Charleston, S.C.; Dr. Benjamin Clair and his wife Jodi, Duluth, Minn.; and Audra Clair Carlisle and her husband Jesse, Minneapolis, Minn. They have two granddaughters – Harper and Lettie.

Rick Rylance:

Rick Rylance began his banking career with Dacotah Banks, Inc., in 1978. He has worked in the Aberdeen, Lemmon, Sisseton, Webster and Rapid City markets. Rylance has worked in the operations and loan departments and served as branch manager in Sisseton, president in Webster and now serves as regional president in Rapid City. Rylance's community involvement includes the Rapid City Economic Development Partnership, Youth and Family Services Board of Directors, and classroom teacher for Junior Achievement.

Rylance is married to Rhonda Rylance, a secretary/paralegal for Lynn, Jackson, Schultz and LeBrun in Rapid City. They have two sons who reside in Rapid City – RJ who is a lawyer with Clayborne, Loos and Sabers LLP and Reid who works for Scheels.

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George Kenzy:

Kenzy has worked at First Fidelity Bank, Burke, since November of 1984, doing everything from the bottom up. He started as a teller and has held duties with insurance, loans, acquisitions, human resources and eventually become involved in senior management. Kenzy was named president and CEO of First Fidelity Bank in 2001. Kenzy has served as Community Club president twice, mayor of Burke for six years, development corporation member and men's club member. Kenzy has also coached softball and little girls basketball teams.

Kenzy and Laurie Lillibridge Kenzy have been married for 29 years and have three daughters. Kelsea will graduate this May from the University of Colorado at Boulder and plans to attend the University of South Dakota Law School. Katelyn is attending a Chicago fashion merchandising school and plans to transfer this fall to the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Chloe is a freshman at Burke High School.

Through the SDBA, hundreds of South Dakota bankers volunteer each year to serve on SDBA boards, committees and task forces to educate the state's consumers and promote financial literacy.

Note to Media: A complete list of SDBA Board members is available online at www.sdba.com, "About SDBA."