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**ICUL Chairman appointed to
CUNA Governmental Affairs Committee**

Naperville, IL., May 6, 2009 – John Bratsakis, chairman of the Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL), was recently appointed to the Credit Union National Association's (CUNA) Governmental Affairs Committee.

The purpose of the committee is to advise and provide policy recommendations to the CUNA Board of Directors regarding legislative, regulatory, and political action issues affecting the credit union movement. Bratsakis will serve a one-year term on the committee.

"It is a great honor for me to be asked to serve on the Governmental Affairs Committee," said Bratsakis. "I look forward to working with CUNA and the members of the committee to further its goals and the legislative challenges that face credit unions across the country."

Bratsakis is senior vice president of business development for Baxter CU in Vernon Hills, Illinois, and was recently re-elected as ICUL chairman for a one-year term at its annual convention last month. He also serves in this capacity for the ICUL Service Corporation (LSC). Bratsakis has served on the league board since 2001 representing the Thomas W. Doig Chapter of Credit Unions. During this time, he was also chairman of the legislative committee, a member of the executive committee, and a member of the Credit Union Support Group (CUSG) committee.

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Note: The Illinois Credit Union League is the primary trade association for credit unions in Illinois, which provides members with information, legislation, and education. Membership is open to any credit union operating in accordance with the Illinois Credit Union Act or the Federal Credit Union Act. There are 423 credit unions in Illinois serving more than 2.7 million members.