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**Illinois League elects new chairman, table officers;
others elected to Foundation, PAC boards**

Naperville, IL., April 21, 2008 – At its 78th Annual Convention last week, the Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) elected its table officers for the coming year. In addition, the Illinois Credit Union Foundation (ICUF) and the Credit Union Political Action Council (CUPAC) also elected officers and directors to their respective boards.

The convention was held at the Chicago Hilton & Towers April 17 – 19, 2008.

John Bratsakis, senior vice president of business development for Baxter CU in Vernon Hills, was elected as chairman for a one-year term. He will also serve 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 Service Group (CUSG) committee.

Outgoing chairman, Carl Sorgatz, will continue his term as ICUL director for the Aurora Chapter of Credit Unions, a position he has held since 1993. Sorgatz is CEO of Hawthorne CU in Naperville.

Dennis Hall, CEO of I.H. Mississippi Valley CU in East Moline, was elected as vice chairman. Hall started his credit union career more than 20 years ago and has been CEO for the past ten years. He has been on the league board representing the Illinois Quad Cities Chapter of Credit Unions since 2001 and during this time was also a member of the legislative, executive, and Credit Union Service Group (CUSG) committees. Hall will also serve as LSC vice chairman.

In addition, Geraldine Burek, CEO of South Division CU in Evergreen Park, was elected as secretary/treasurer. Burek has served as ICUL director representing the Southeast Chapter of Credit Unions since 2003. During that time, she was also chairman of the annual convention and legislative committees, served on the executive committee, and on the CUPAC board for 21 years. She also just began serving on the ICUF board.

Also as part of the convention, the ICUF held its annual meeting and elected new officers and one new director. They included: Ed Jacob, ICUF chairman and CEO, North Side Community FCU, Chicago; Greg Worthen, ICUF vice chairman and director of lending, Olin Community CU, Bethalto; and David Mooney, ICUF secretary/ treasurer and CEO, Alliant CU, Chicago.

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Current board members include: Peggy Cummins, CEO, Three Rivers Community CU, Mt. Carmel; John Fiore, CEO, Motorola ECU, Schaumburg; Janet Francoeur, CEO, Riverside Community CU, Kankakee; Katherine Hoeper, CEO, KONE ECU, Moline; and Steve O'Mara, US ECU, Chicago. In addition, Geraldine Burek, CEO, South Division CU, Evergreen Park, was elected to a three-year term as a new member on the board.

In addition, CUPAC elected its board of directors at its annual meeting, also during the convention. Officers elected to one year terms included: Frank Padak, CUPAC chairman and CEO, Scott CU, Collinsville; Karen Woods, CUPAC vice chairman and marketing director, Decatur Earthmover CU, Decatur; Brenda Crane, CUPAC Secretary and COO, Credit Union 1, Rantoul; and John Fiore, Treasurer and CEO, Motorola ECU, Schaumburg. Board members re-elected to one-year terms included: Tom Enos, business development director, First Northern CU, Chicago; Pete Fauth, vice president/ CFO, Financial Plus CU, Ottawa; Mike Frye, chairman, Shell Community FCU, East Alton; and Robert Schroeder, CEO, Illinois Community CU, Sycamore. In addition, Christine Dickover, CEO of H-F CU, Country Club Hills; and RaeAnn Love, CEO, Commonwealth CU, Bourbonnais, were elected to one-year terms as a result of two directors retiring from the board.

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Caption note, changing of the gavel: *Incoming ICUL chairman, John Bratsakis (left), receives his oath of office from outgoing chairman, Carl Sorgatz, during the keynote and awards ceremony as part of ICUL's annual convention this past weekend.*

Caption note, CUPAC board photo: *Officers and board members recently elected to CUPAC's board of directors include (in back, standing from left): Bob Schroeder, CEO, Illinois Community CU, Sycamore; Frank Padak, CUPAC chairman and CEO, Scott CU, Collinsville; Mike Frye, chairman, Shell Community FCU, East Alton; Pete Fauth, vice president/CFO, Financial Plus CU, Ottawa (and in front, sitting from left): Brenda Crane, CUPAC Secretary and COO, Credit Union 1, Rantoul; Karen Woods, CUPAC vice chairman and marketing director, Decatur Earthmover CU, Decatur; John Fiore, Treasurer and CEO, Motorola ECU, Schaumburg; RaeAnn Love, CEO, Commonwealth CU, Bourbonnais; and Christine Dickover, CEO of H-F CU, Country Club Hills. Not pictured is Tom Enos, business development director, First Northern CU, Chicago.*

Caption note, ICUF board photo: *Officers and board members recently elected to the Illinois Credit Union Foundation board of directors include (in back, standing from left): Steve O'Mara, US ECU, Chicago; Ed Jacob, ICUF chairman and CEO, North Side Community FCU, Chicago; Geraldine Burek, CEO, South Division CU, Evergreen Park; David Mooney, ICUF secretary/ treasurer and CEO, Alliant CU, Chicago; (and in front, sitting from left): John Fiore, CEO, Motorola ECU, Schaumburg; Greg Worthen, ICUF vice chairman and director of lending, Olin Community CU, Bethalto; Janet Francoeur, CEO, Riverside Community CU, Kankakee; and Peggy Cummins, CEO, Three Rivers Community CU, Mt. Carmel. Not pictured is Katherine Hoeper, CEO, KONE ECU, Moline.*