

2026 BANK PRESIDENTS SEMINAR

AGENDA

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January 7-9, 2026 | Montage Laguna Beach

Wednesday | January 7, 2026

11:00 am - 4:00 pm
Grand Ballroom Foyer

Registration Open

1:00 pm - 1:10 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Welcome & Opening Remarks

1:10 pm - 2:00 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Kickoff Speaker: Michelle W. Bowman

Michelle "Miki" Bowman, Vice Chair for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

An Economic Outlook for 2026

Dr. Edmond Seifried, Professor Emeritus of Economics and Business, Lafayette College

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm
Grand Ballroom Foyer

Afternoon Refreshment Break

3:00 pm - 3:45 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Tackling Financial Fraud: Industry Proactive Efforts and Whole-of-Government Solutions

Paul Benda, EVP, Risk, Fraud & Cybersecurity, ABA
Jason Lane, SVP, Director of Government Relations, CBA

3:45 pm - 3:55 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Vendor Showcase

4:00 pm - 4:45 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Breakout Session #1 | Grand Ballroom I & II

Thriving in the Age of Disruption: Strategic Planning for Community Banks

Kevin Berman, Principal, CLA
Travis Whiting, Principal, CLA

Grand Ballroom III

Breakout Session #2 | Grand Ballroom III

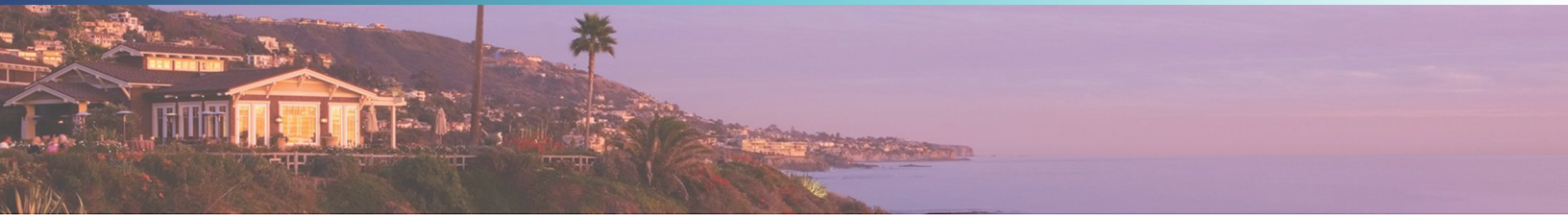
So You Want to Be a President / CEO?

Edythe Repoff, President, COO, New Omni Bank
Rick Smith, President & CEO, Tri Counties Bank
Krista Snelling, Chairman & CEO, West Coast Community Bank
Rick Sowers, President & CEO, CalPrivate Bank
Moderated by: Steve Miller, President & CEO, FFB Bank

5:00 pm - 6:15 pm
Pacific Lawn

Seaside Soirée





Thursday | January 8, 2026

7:30 am – 4:15 pm
Grand Ballroom Foyer

Registration Open

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Gallery Ballroom

Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:15 am
Grand Ballroom I & II

The 2026 Political Environment and Public Opinion
B.J. Martino, *President & CEO, The Tarrance Group*

9:15 am – 9:45 am
Grand Ballroom I & II

Navigating the Evolving Intersection of Digital Assets and Banking
Walt Mix, *Managing Director, BRG*

9:45 am – 9:50 am
Grand Ballroom I & II

Vendor Showcase

9:50 am – 10:20 am
Grand Ballroom I & II

Insights and Updates from ABA Leadership
Kenneth Kelly, *ABA Chair & Chairman & CEO, First Independence Bank*

10:20 am – 10:35 am
Gallery Ballroom Foyer

Morning Refreshment Break

10:35 am – 11:35 am
Grand Ballroom I & II

Policy in Practice: Updates to Keep Your Institution Ahead
Paul Worthing, *Regional Director, San Francisco Region, FDIC*
Karen Boehler, *Deputy Comptroller for the West and Midwest Regions, OCC*
Mongkha Pavlick, *EVP, Supervision + Credit, FRBSF*
Moderated by: Stan Ivie, *EVP, Head of Government & Regulatory Affairs, Banc of California*

11:35 am – 12:30 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Peer Networking (Bankers Only)

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Gallery Ballroom

Lunch

1:30 pm – 2:15 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Bank M&A, What Happened, What's Next?
C.J. Johnson, *President & CEO, Mechanics Bank*
Shawn Turner, *Partner, Holland & Knight*
Joseph Gulash, *Managing Director, KBW*
Moderated By: Aaron Axton, *Managing Director, KBW*

2:15 pm – 3:00 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Rising to the Challenge: What's Ahead for California
Rick Caruso, *Founder and Executive Chairman, Caruso*
Jared Wolff, *Chairman, CEO & President, Banc of California*

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm
Grand Ballroom Foyer

Afternoon Refreshment Break

3:15 pm – 4:15 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

**Becoming an AI-Engaged Bank in 12 Months:
A High-Level Practical Playbook for Community Bank CEOs**
Adam Schlesinger, *Managing Director, LeapFI.AI, a division of Blynk Capital*

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm
Grand Ballroom I & II

Banking on Purpose: A Conversation with Darrel Hackett
Darrel Hackett, *CEO of BMO Financial Corp. & President & CEO of BMO Bank N.A.*
Moderated by: Kevin Gould, *President & CEO, CBA*

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Gallery Ballroom

Gala Reception (*Gala Attire, Formal*)

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Gallery Ballroom

Gala Dinner (*Gala Attire, Formal*)

Friday | January 9, 2026

8:00 am – 9:30 am
Gallery Ballroom

Policies & Prosecco

Enjoy a farewell breakfast and mimosas while our Government Relations team provides the latest updates from the State Capitol.

Kevin Gould, *President & CEO, CBA*
Jason Lane, *SVP, Director of Government Relations, CBA*
Chris Shultz, *VP, Government Relations, CBA*
Vanessa Lugo, *Senior Legislative Advocate, CBA*

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