

# AFDICA

## AFDICA Holds Second Annual Meeting in Dallas

*FDIC Alumni Association elects new Board members.*

*Photo credit: Billy LaValle and daughter Jennifer LaValle Shelton.*

The Association of FDIC Alumni, Inc. (AFDICA), held its second annual meeting on October 22 at the FDIC's Dallas Regional Office. AFDICA, which was established in 2016 and which held its first annual meeting on October 2, 2017, at the L. William Seidman Center in Arlington, Virginia, has since grown to an organization with 268 members who are former FDIC employees, including former employees who retired from the FDIC.

---

***Director Edwards also introduced a video message from FDIC Chairman Jelena McWilliams, who underscored the need for a corps of qualified people to step up to the plate in times of economic turmoil and systemic bank-related downturns.***

---

A highlight of the day was the election of new Board members (*see list of newly elected members in box on the right*).

The day began with an informal registration and light breakfast where current Dallas employees were able to mingle with AFDICA members, including Billy LaValle, who found the opportunity a "truly refreshing" way to get reacquainted with former colleagues.

AFDICA President Fred Selby kicked off the official meeting, welcoming the attendees and noting how AFDICA has

made significant strides since its inception, as evidenced by the number of gatherings that have taken place around the country. Selby introduced DRR Director Bret Edwards, who emphasized the importance of AFDICA members as a resource to the FDIC during mission-critical times.

Director Edwards also introduced a video message from FDIC Chairman Jelena McWilliams, who underscored the need for a corps of qualified people to step up to the plate in times of economic turmoil and systemic bank-related downturns.

RMS Dallas Deputy Regional Director Serena Owens discussed current RMS operations and suggested that RMS might call on the diverse talents of AFDICA members if needed.

DIR Dallas Regional Economist Adrian Sanchez presented data on current economic and financial trends. DCP Senior Community Affairs Specialist Tracie Morris and Scott Taylor, AFDICA Financial Literacy Committee Chair, discussed the importance of financial literacy education for consumers. Both Morris and Taylor have conducted educational sessions to help consumers better understand the financial system and available options and best practices.

---

*see AFDICA, page 4, column 1*

### **AFDICA 2018-19 Board of Directors**

**Fred Selby** - *President*

**David Bilker** - *Vice President  
Charitable Services*

**Blake Clemens** - *Vice President  
Fellowship*

**Mindy West** - *Vice President  
Education*

**Karen Gassett** - *Secretary*

**Sherry Whitaker** - *Treasurer*

**Ed Butler** - *Executive Director*

**Val Baker** - *Director At Large*

**Leslie Crawford** - *Director At  
Large*

**Ned Goldberg** - *Director At Large  
- Web Master*

**Kathleen James** - *Director At  
Large*

**William Smith** - *Director At Large*

**Gail Verley** - *Director At Large*

### **Past Board Members and Officers:**

**Gregory Coyle** - *Executive  
Director*

**Otis Felton** - *Vice President  
Charitable Services*

**Mitchell Glassman** - *Assistant  
Secretary*

**Nick Ketcha** - *Director At Large*



**AFDICA members gather in Dallas for a three-day event, including the group's second annual meeting and several informal activities. Shown here in front of Thanksgiving Square in downtown Dallas.**

# AFDICA

AFDICA, from page 3

DOA Dallas Senior HR Specialist Kathy Bibi gave the audience an update on FDIC and federal benefits and provided material, including contact information.

Gregory Coyle, outgoing AFDICA Executive Director, offered a brief history of the organization, recalling the many long hours of volunteer work devoted to launching AFDICA—efforts that included not only AFDICA members but the tireless dedication of many spouses.

After lunch, the second session of the meeting began with the election of Board members. President Fred Selby swore in new members Gail Verley, Bill Smith, Ned Goldberg, and Kathleen James during an induction ceremony. Outgoing Board members Gregory Coyle, Otis Felton, Mitchell Glassman, and Nick Ketcha were honored with a gift and certificate of recognition for their commitment to AFDICA from its inception. Billy LaValle, the unofficial photographer for the event, was also honored with a certificate of recognition.

Following the induction ceremony, Fred Selby presented AFDICA's first Life Long Achievement Award, which recognizes



**Enjoying a reception. Seated, from left: Mitchell Glassman, Gail Verley, Bill Verley, Christine Howard, Theo Schamerhorn, and Nick Ketcha. Standing, from left: Jennifer LaValle Shelton (daughter of member Billy LaValle), Leslie Coyle, and Gregory Coyle.**

outstanding current or former employees who have demonstrated commitment in their service to country. The recipient of this inaugural award is Dwight Hills Wilson II, former Chief of DOA's Transportation Unit at headquarters, who died on September 7, 2017. Selby presented the award plaque via Skype to Wilson's wife, Donna Wilson, who serves as DOA HR Specialist at headquarters.

Several current and former Board members next presented AFDICA busi-

ness updates on various topics. Presenters included Ed Butler, Blake Clemmons, Gregory Coyle, Otis Felton, Karen Gassett, Mitchell Glassman, Nick Ketcha, and Mindy West.

All was not business, however. During the weekend preceding the meeting, members enjoyed a variety of social activities, including a poolside reception and dinner at a local hotel, a guided tour of AT&T Stadium, and other receptions and dinners. 🏠