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Briggs Elected IBANYS Chairman

New Officers and Directors were elected at the Annual Convention of the Independent Bankers Association of New York State (IBANYS), which ran from September 25-27, 2017. The convention, themed “The Power of Community Banking,” took place in Niagara Falls this year.

Mike Briggs, President and CEO of USNY Bank, was named Chairman of the Board at IBANYS for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year, effective November 1, 2017. USNY Bank operates as Bank of the Finger Lakes and Bank of Cooperstown.

“I am honored to have been selected for this leadership position in IBANYS,” said Briggs. “This association represents the interests of independent community banks throughout New York. These banks play a critical role in meeting the financial needs of their local communities.”

Briggs also serves as Chairman of the Board at Atlantic Community Bankers Bank, which provides services to support member community banks in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions. It is based in Camp Hill, PA.

ABOUT USNY BANK & UPSTATE NEW YORK BANCORP, INC.

USNY Bank is an independently-owned, commercial bank chartered by New York State and headquartered in Geneva, NY. The Bank is an SBA Preferred Lender and FSA Preferred Lender, specializing in providing banking services for small and mid-sized businesses, agribusinesses, farms and wineries; in addition to providing retail banking to local consumers. USNY Bank operates two full-service banking units, **Bank of the Finger Lakes** with offices at 389 Hamilton St. in Geneva, NY and 100 Main Street in Penn Yan, NY and **Bank of Cooperstown** with offices at 73 Chestnut St. in Cooperstown, NY and 34 Main Street in Oneonta, NY.

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