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Robert J. DiBella Appointed Director of The Financial Managers Society, Inc.

- *DiBella's appointment as Chairman of the Strategic Issues Council sealed the deal* -

CHICAGO, ILL., June 25, 2008 – Robert J. DiBella, executive vice president and treasurer of The Savings Bank in Wakefield, Mass. was appointed Chairman of the Strategic Issues Council for the Financial Managers Society (FMS) at its annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., this week. As Council Chair, DiBella will serve a two-year term on the board of directors. DiBella has been a member of FMS for over ten years and joined the Strategic Issues Council in 2006.

DiBella, along with the rest of the volunteers on the board of directors, is charged with guiding the association as it fulfills its mission to enhance the professional development of its members – CFOs, controllers, internal auditors and other financial professionals from community banks, thrifts and credit unions.

“My participation in FMS over the years has benefited my professional growth by providing my institution with new ideas, products and services and by connecting me with other industry professionals,” states DiBella. “Now, as a board member and council chair, I’m honored to be able to give back to the association and help develop programs that will provide its members with the opportunity to gain insights and share expertise with one another.”

In his capacity as executive vice president and treasurer, DiBella is responsible for the overall financial stability of The Savings Bank. Previous professional highlights include serving as

President of First Financial Trust and holding various finance and management positions at The Savings Bank over the last twenty years. DiBella is a Northeastern University graduate and holds a masters in business administration from Babson College.

“The success of FMS depends upon the quality of its volunteer leadership,” states FMS CEO Dick Yingst. “We are confident that DiBella’s election will enhance the success of the society and further our ability to serve the industry.”

About The Financial Managers Society, Inc.

The Financial Managers Society is the only association devoted exclusively to serving financial professionals from community banks, thrifts and credit unions. Since 1948, it has provided career-enhancing education, targeted news and research, leadership opportunities, a voice in shaping regulations, and worldwide industry connections.

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