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### **Edwin L. Garside Elected Director at Large of The Financial Managers Society, Inc.**

-Garside represents the only DeNovo serving on the Board of Directors-

**CHICAGO, ILL., June 24, 2008** – Edwin L. Garside, senior vice president and CFO of Optima Bank & Trust in Portsmouth, N.H. was elected Director at Large of the board of directors for the Financial Managers Society (FMS) at its annual meeting in Orlando, Fla., today. Garside has been actively involved with FMS for the past three years and had previously served as President of the Boston Chapter.

Garside, 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.

"While I feel that Chapter development is important to FMS," said Garside, "I am honored to have the opportunity to now serve at the national level. I am looking forward to helping FMS in its development of educational programs and networking opportunities and supporting the needs of the membership."

In his capacity as senior vice president and CFO, Garside is responsible for the overall financial stability of Optima Bank & Trust. Previous professional highlights include serving as VP and CFO of Stoneham Bank in Boston, Mass., and holding various finance and management

positions with financial institutions over the last twenty years. Garside is a Southern New Hampshire University graduate and holds a masters in business administration.

“The success of FMS depends upon the quality of its volunteer leadership,” states FMS CEO Dick Yingst. “We are confident that Garside’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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