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**[Bank Holding Company Association names two new board members:  
Denise Bunbury and Jeffrey Weldon](#)**

The BHCA has provided education and networking to banker owners since 1981.

**Minneapolis, January 17, 2019** – The Bank Holding Company Association President, Rick Wall (Highland Bancshares, Inc.) is pleased to welcome two new members to the BHCA Board of Directors: Denise Bunbury and Jeffrey L. Weldon. Both were elected at the 2018 BHCA Fall annual meeting and their three-year terms began on Jan. 1, 2019.

Denise Bunbury is Senior Vice President/Correspondent Banking Business Development Officer for Bell Bank (State Bankshares, Inc.), Fargo N.D. Bunbury has been in the Wisconsin banking industry for almost 30 years, working for Madison area community banks. Prior to joining Bell Bank in 2016, she was a commercial lending correspondent officer with Bankers' Bank. Bunbury is based in Madison, traveling Wisconsin, Michigan's Upper Peninsula and Illinois to meet with community bankers. She resides in Verona, Wis., when not working she spends time with her daughter, family and friends and is an avid quilter.

"I've attended the BHCA seminars in the past for the networking and educational opportunities; valuable insight can be gained by listening to industry experts and peers," Bunbury said. "I am excited to serve on the BHCA board to assist in the association's growth and outreach to its members and prospects."

Jeffrey L. Weldon is Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Crown Bank, Edina Minn. Weldon is a licensed CPA and has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Finance from Minnesota State University, Mankato. He completed the Graduate School of Banking in Colorado in 2004. Weldon has extensive banking experience, most recently with United Prairie Bank/Farmers State Corporation in Mankato, where he served as Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer. Earlier in his career, he worked at Clifton Larson Allen in Minneapolis as a bank consultant and audit manager. Weldon is a Harley Davidson owner/enthusiast. He is an avid runner and has completed five marathons. He and his wife reside in Lakeville with their two children.

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“As a new BHCA board member, I am excited to expand my network and bring my own thoughts and ideas to this board to help continue the BHCA’s history of collaborative success,” Weldon said.

The BHCA board consists of 10 volunteer bankers serving three-year terms, and is assisted by BHCA staff members, Tom Bengtson, managing director, and Kelly Kracht, associate director.

The other 2019 BHCA Board Members are:

- Rick Wall, **President** - Highland Bancshares, Inc., Minnetonka, Minn.
- Harry Wahlquist, **Vice President** - Midwest Bancorporation, Eden Prairie, Minn.
- Mary Jayne Crocker, **Treasurer** - Bridgewater Bancshares, Inc., Bloomington, Minn.
- Brenda Johnson, **Immediate Past President** - Charter Bankshares, Inc., Eau Claire, Wis.
- Michael J. Finley - Janesville Holding Company, Janesville, Minn.
- Paul Means - Great River Holding Company., Baxter, Minn.
- Michael Segner - WCF Bancorp, Webster City, Iowa
- Timothy Siegle - First Holding Company of Cavalier, Inc., Cavalier, N.D.

### **About the BANK HOLDING COMPANY ASSOCIATION**

Founded in 1981, the BHCA is the premier industry association supporting the vitality of bank holding companies across the Upper Midwest. Bank holding company owners, principal shareholders, directors and senior officers rely on the BHCA for education, networking and information, delivered through the seminars, printed materials and electronic platforms. For more information, please visit [theBHCA.org](http://theBHCA.org) or follow @theBHCA on social media.

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For more information about the BHCA, or to obtain the headshots of these two new board members, contact Kelly Kracht at 800-813-4754 or email [Kelly@theBHCA.org](mailto:Kelly@theBHCA.org).