

Sponsor/ Approving Officer Involvement

An officer sponsoring a candidate for Pacific Coast Banking School attests to the validity of the applicant's educational background and approves his or her application for admission. Other involvement is outlined below:

1 – The sponsor vouches for the bank's awareness and support of the PCBS candidate's time commitment over three years.

We would like to emphasize to a sponsor the opportunities the PCBS program provides for both his/her organization and the participant and the serious time commitment assumed by enrollment. The objective of PCBS is to provide the management perspective and analytic capabilities needed to deal successfully with the changing environment in which financial institutions operate. To meet this objective, participants attend an intensive two-week resident session each summer for three summers. Between sessions, participants complete a series of written extension assignments, which you should be aware, require an extensive time commitment that may compete with other job-related responsibilities.

2 – The sponsor indicates that the bank will financially support the candidates' PCBS tuition.

In 2010, the PCBS tuition is \$4,225. This amount may increase nominally over the following two years. Your organization's participation in PCBS represents a major investment. For this reason, we require all participants to attend all assigned classes and evening events.

3 – As a sponsor, you will be notified when the candidate you recommended has been accepted into the PCBS program.

4 – The sponsor will be informed about the candidate's performance in PCBS as the three years unfold. You will be notified of the evaluations your candidate receives on written work, and you should discuss the PCBS experience with the candidate at certain intervals.

We recommend that you check from time to time to see how participants are progressing and that you extend any help the company can provide. After the second session, we will send you a progress report to let you know how your participant did on assignments during the first year. This report also outlines the requirements for the next year. Participation in PCBS provides your bank with an excellent opportunity to take a fresh look at existing operations and perhaps to find a new approach to specific issues. The written assignments that make up our Extension Program require our participants to apply the concepts and information learned at PCBS to the challenges and opportunities faced by their organizations.

5 – The sponsor is invited to communicate with PCBS about his or her candidates experience in PCBS.

We will do all we can to help each participant successfully complete the program and will welcome any suggestions or questions you may have over the next two years as you monitor the progress of your new participant in our program. Additional information is available on our website at www.pcbsmi.org.