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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 54-1598552 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

1051 East Cary Street Suite 1200 Richmond, Virginia 23219 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Union Bankshares Corporation Stock and Incentive Plan (as amended and restated effective April 21, 2015) (Full title of the plan)

Rachael R. Lape Senior Vice President and General Counsel Union Bankshares Corporation 1051 East Cary Street Suite 1200 Richmond, Virginia 23219 (804) 633-5031 (Name and address of agent for service) (Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

> Copy to: Susan S. Ancarrow, Esq. Troutman Sanders LLP 1001 Haxall Point P.O. Box 1122 Richmond, Virginia 23218-1122 (804) 697-1861

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	\boxtimes	Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer	\Box (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

		Proposed	Proposed	
		maximum	maximum	
	Amount to be	offering price	aggregate	Amount of
Title of each class of securities to be registered	registered ⁽¹⁾	per share ⁽³⁾	offering price ⁽³⁾	registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$1.33 per share	1,500,000(2)	\$ 22.62	\$ 33,930,000	\$ 3,942.67

(1) In accordance with Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement also covers such additional and indeterminate number of shares of common stock, par value \$1.33 per share (the "Common Stock"), of Union Bankshares Corporation, a Virginia corporation (the "Registrant"), as may be issuable as a result of a stock dividend, stock split, split-up, recapitalization or similar event.

(2) Represents 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock reserved for future issuance under the Union Bankshares Corporation Stock and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated April 21, 2015 (formerly known as the Union First Market Bankshares Corporation 2011 Stock Incentive Plan) (the "Plan"), as approved by the shareholders of the Registrant on April 21, 2015. The Registrant, which was then known as Union First Market Bankshares Corporation, previously registered 1,000,000 shares of Common Stock for issuance under the Plan on the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on July 27, 2011 (File No. 333-175808).

(3) Estimated solely for the purpose of calculating the registration fee in accordance with Rule 457(h) and Rule 457(c) under the Securities Act, based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock on April 16, 2015, as quoted on the NASDAQ Global Select Market. Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, the registration fee is calculated with respect to the additional securities registered on this Registration Statement only.

This Registration Statement will become effective upon filing in accordance with Rule 462 under the Securities Act.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is being filed by the Registrant to register an additional 1,500,000 shares of Common Stock reserved for issuance under the Union Bankshares Corporation Stock and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated April 21, 2015 (formerly known as the Union First Market Bankshares Corporation 2011 Stock Incentive Plan).

Pursuant to General Instruction E of Form S-8, this Registration Statement hereby incorporates by reference the contents of the Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed by the Registrant, which was then known as Union First Market Bankshares Corporation, with the Commission on July 27, 2011 (File No. 333-175808) (the "Prior Registration Statement") and relates to securities of the same class as that to which the Prior Registration Statement relates.

PART I

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(a) PROSPECTUS

The document(s) containing the information specified in Part I will be sent or given to participants as specified by Rule 428 under the Securities Act.

In accordance with Rule 428 and the requirements of Part I of Form S-8, such documents are not being filed with the Commission either as part of this Registration Statement or as prospectuses or prospectus supplements pursuant to Rule 424 under the Securities Act. Such documents and the documents incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement pursuant to Item 3 of Part II of this Form S-8, taken together, constitute a prospectus that meets the requirements of Section 10(a) of the Securities Act.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents, which have been filed with the Commission pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are hereby incorporated by reference in, and shall be deemed to be a part of, this Registration Statement:

- (a) The Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.
- (b) All other reports filed by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the fiscal year covered by the Annual Report referred to in (a) above.

(c) The description of the Registrant's Common Stock contained in its Registration Statement on Form S-4 (File No. 333-190644) filed under the Securities Act, including any amendment or report filed with the Commission for the purpose of updating such description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Registrant pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated herein by reference and shall be deemed a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents. Any statement contained herein or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference herein and to be a part hereof shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained herein or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference herein modifies or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia pursuant to which the Registrant is incorporated permit it to indemnify its officers and directors against certain liabilities. The Articles of Incorporation of the Registrant provide for the indemnification of each director and officer (including former directors and officers and each person who may have served at the request of the Registrant as a director or officer of any other legal entity and, in all such cases, his or her heirs, executors and administrators) against liabilities (including expenses and counsel fees), fines, penalties and claims reasonably incurred by him or her in connection with any actual or threatened action, suit or proceeding to which he or she may be made party by reason of his or her being or having been a director or officer of the Registrant, except in relation to any action, suit or proceeding in which he or she has been adjudged liable because of willful misconduct or a knowing violation of the criminal law.

The Registrant has purchased officers' and directors' liability insurance policies. Within the limits of their coverage, the policies insure (1) the directors and officers of the Registrant against certain losses resulting from claims against them in their capacities as directors and officers to the extent that such losses are not indemnified by the Registrant and (2) the Registrant to the extent that it indemnifies such directors and officers for losses as permitted under the laws of Virginia.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

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3.1	Articles of Incorporation of Union Bankshares Corporation, as amended April 25, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to
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3.2	Bylaws of Union Bankshares Corporation, as amended June 26, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Current Report on
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5.1	Opinion of Troutman Sanders LLP with respect to the validity of the Common Stock, filed herewith.
23.1	Consent of Yount, Hyde & Barbour, P.C., filed herewith.
23.2	Consent of Troutman Sanders LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1 hereto).
24.1	Power of Attorney (included on signature page).
99.1	Union Bankshares Corporation Stock and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated April 21, 2015, filed herewith.

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

- (i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;
- (ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the Registration Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20% change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and
- (iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the Registration Statement or any material change to such information in the Registration Statement;

Provided, however, that:

Paragraphs (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) of this section do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(h) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to applicable law, the Registrant's Articles of Incorporation, as such may be amended from time to time, the Registrant's Bylaws or the Registrant's indemnification agreements or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Richmond, Commonwealth of Virginia, on April 21, 2015.

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert M. Gorman

Robert M. Gorman Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints G. William Beale and Robert M. Gorman, and each of them, with full power to act without the other, such person's true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in his or her capacity as a director or officer, or both, of Union Bankshares Corporation, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) and supplements to this Registration Statement, including any amendment to this Registration Statement for the purpose of registering additional shares in accordance with General Instruction E to Form S-8, and to file the same, with exhibits and schedules thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act necessary or desirable to be done in connection with the above-described matters, as fully to all intents and purposes as he or she might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or any of them, or their or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Capacity	Date
/s/ G. William Beale G. William Beale	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	April 21, 2015
/s/ Robert M. Gorman Robert M. Gorman	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial and accounting officer)	April 21, 2015

/s/ Raymond D. Smoot, Jr. Raymond D. Smoot, Jr.	Director and Chairman of the Board of Directors	April 21, 2015
/s/ Ronald L. Hicks Ronald L. Hicks	Director and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors	April 21, 2015
/s/ L. Bradford Armstrong L. Bradford Armstrong	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Glen C. Combs Glen C. Combs	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Beverley E. Dalton Beverley E. Dalton	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Gregory L. Fisher Gregory L. Fisher	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Daniel I. Hansen Daniel I. Hansen	Director	April 21, 2015
Jan S. Hoover	Director	
/s/ Patrick J. McCann Patrick J. McCann	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr. W. Tayloe Murphy, Jr.	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Alan W. Myers Alan W. Myers	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Thomas P. Rohman Thomas P. Rohman	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Linda V. Schreiner Linda V. Schreiner	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Raymond L. Slaughter Raymond L. Slaughter	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Charles W. Steger Charles W. Steger	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Ronald L. Tillett Ronald L. Tillett	Director	April 21, 2015
/s/ Keith L. Wampler Keith L. Wampler	Director	April 21, 2015

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Exhibit 5.1



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April 23, 2015

The Board of Directors Union Bankshares Corporation 1051 East Cary Street, Suite 1200 Richmond, Virginia 23219

Registration Statement on Form S-8

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to Union Bankshares Corporation, a Virginia corporation (the "<u>Company</u>") in connection with the filing by the Company of the abovereferenced Registration Statement (the "<u>Registration Statement</u>") with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "<u>Commission</u>") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "<u>Securities Act</u>"), whereby 1,500,000 additional shares (the "<u>Shares</u>") of common stock, \$1.33 par value per share (the "<u>Common Stock</u>"), of the Company are registered to be issued in accordance with the Union Bankshares Corporation Stock and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated April 21, 2015 (the "<u>Plan</u>").

This opinion is being furnished in accordance with the requirements of Item 601(b)(5)(i) of Regulation S-K.

We have examined originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such corporate records, agreements, and other instruments, certificates, orders, opinions, correspondence with public officials, certificates provided by the Company's officers and representatives, and other documents as we have deemed necessary or advisable for the purposes of rendering the opinion set forth herein, including (i) the corporate and organizational documents of the Company, including the Articles of Incorporation, as amended to date (the "<u>Articles</u>"), and the Bylaws, as amended to date, (ii) the resolutions (the <u>"Resolutions</u>") of the Board of Directors of the Company (the "<u>Board</u>") with respect to the offering and issuance of the Shares under the Plan and certain related matters, (iii) the Plan, (iv) the Registration Statement and exhibits thereto and (v) the prospectus related to the Registration Statement.

For purposes of the opinion expressed below, we have assumed (i) the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, (ii) the conformity to the originals of all documents submitted as certified, photostatic or electronic copies and the authenticity of the originals thereof, (iii) the legal capacity of natural persons, (iv) the genuineness of signatures not witnessed by us, (v) the due authorization, execution and delivery of all documents by all parties, other than the Company, and the validity, binding effect and enforceability thereof and (vi) the truth, accuracy and completeness of the information, representations and warranties contained in the records, documents, instruments and certificates we have reviewed.

The Board of Directors Union Bankshares Corporation April 23, 2015 Page 2

Based on the foregoing, we are of the opinion that the Shares have been duly authorized and, when and if issued in accordance with the Articles, the Plan, the Registration Statement and the Resolutions (assuming that, upon any issuance of the Shares, the total number of shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding will not exceed the total number of shares of Common Stock that the Company is then authorized to issue under the Articles), the Shares will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

We are members of the bar of the Commonwealth of Virginia and are not purporting to be experts on, or generally familiar with, or qualified to express legal conclusions based upon, laws of any state or jurisdiction other than the federal laws of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Virginia and we express no opinion as to the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction or as to the securities or blue sky laws of any state (including, without limitation, Virginia), municipal law or the laws of any local agencies within any state (including, without limitation, Virginia). This opinion is limited to the matters stated herein, and no opinion is implied or may be inferred beyond the matters expressly stated herein.

Our opinion is as of the date hereof and we have no responsibility to update this opinion for events and circumstances occurring after the date hereof or as to facts relating to prior events that are subsequently brought to our attention and we disavow any undertaking to advise you of any changes in law.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. In giving this consent, we do not hereby admit that we come within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act, or the rules or regulations of the Commission promulgated thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Troutman Sanders LLP

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of Union Bankshares Corporation of our reports dated February 27, 2015, relating to our audits of the consolidated financial statements and internal control over financial reporting, included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of Union Bankshares Corporation for the year ended December 31, 2014.

/s/ YOUNT, HYDE & BARBOUR, P.C.

Winchester, Virginia April 23, 2015

UNION BANKSHARES CORPORATION STOCK AND INCENTIVE PLAN (as amended and restated effective April 21, 2015)

ARTICLE I Establishment, Purpose and Duration

1.1 Establishment of the Plan.

(a) Union Bankshares Corporation, formerly known as Union First Market Bankshares Corporation, a Virginia corporation (the "Company"), hereby amends and restates its Union First Market Bankshares Corporation 2011 Stock Incentive Plan. The plan as so amended and restated shall be known as the Union Bankshares Corporation Stock and Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings set forth in Section 2.1. The Plan permits the grant of Incentive Stock Options, Nonqualified Stock Options, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Stock Awards, Performance Share Units and Performance Cash Awards to Key Employees of the Company or its Subsidiaries and the grant of Nonqualified Stock Options, Restricted Stock Units, Stock Awards, Performance Cash Awards to Non-Employee Directors of the Company or its Subsidiaries.

(b) The Plan was originally adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company on November 2, 2010, and became effective on January 1, 2011, subject to the approval of the Plan by the Company's shareholders, which was obtained on April 26, 2011. This amendment and restatement of the Plan was adopted by the Board on January 29, 2015, to become effective (the "Effective Date") as of April 21, 2015 if approved by shareholders of the Company on that date in accordance with applicable laws and applicable rules of any national securities exchange or system on which the Company's Stock is then listed or reported. Prior to such shareholder approval, Awards may be granted pursuant to the terms of the Plan as written prior to January 29, 2015.

1.2 <u>Purpose of the Plan</u>. The purpose of the Plan is to promote the success of the Company and its subsidiaries by providing incentives to Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors that will promote the identification of their personal interest with the long-term financial success of the Company and with growth in shareholder value, consistent with the Company's risk management practices. The Plan is designed to provide flexibility to the Company, including its subsidiaries, in its ability to motivate, attract, and retain the services of Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors upon whose judgment, interest, and special effort the successful conduct of its operation is largely dependent.

1.3 <u>Duration of the Plan</u>. The terms of this amended and restated Plan shall become effective on the Effective Date, as described in Section 1.1. No Award may be granted under the Plan after April 20, 2025. Awards outstanding on such date shall remain valid in accordance with their terms. The Board shall have the right to terminate the Plan at any time pursuant to Article XVI.

ARTICLE II Definitions

2.1 <u>Definitions</u>. The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

(a) "Affiliate" and "Associate" shall have the respective meanings ascribed to such terms in Rule 12b-2 under the Exchange Act.

(b) "Agreement" means a written agreement or other instrument or document, which may be in electronic format, implementing the grant of an Award and setting forth the specific terms of an Award, and which is signed or acknowledged (including a signature or acknowledgment in electronic format) by an authorized officer of the Company and the Participant, except that no signature will be required from the Participant in the case of a Stock Award with no vesting conditions. The Company's Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chairman of the Committee, Chairman of the Board, and such other directors or officers of the Company as shall be designated by the Committee are hereby authorized to execute or acknowledge Agreements on behalf of the Company (including a signature or acknowledgment in electronic format) and to cause Agreements to be delivered to each Participant (including delivery in electronic format).

(c) "Award" means a grant under this Plan of an Incentive Stock Option, Nonqualified Stock Option, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Unit, Stock Award, Performance Share Unit and/or Performance Cash Award.

- (d) "Award Date" means the date on which an Award is made (also referred to as "granted") by the Committee under this Plan.
- (e) "Beneficiary" means the person designated by a Participant pursuant to Section 17.11.
- (f) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company, unless otherwise indicated.

(g) "Cause" has the meaning set forth in any employment agreement, or, if none, in any change in control agreement, then in effect between the Participant and the Company or a subsidiary, if applicable, and, if the Participant has no such agreement or if such agreement does not define the term, "Cause" means (i) the willful and continued failure of the Participant to substantially perform the Participant's duties with the Company or one of its subsidiaries (other than any such failure resulting from incapacity due to physical or mental illness), after a written demand for substantial performance is delivered to the Participant by the Company, or (ii) the willful engaging by the Participant in illegal conduct or gross misconduct which is materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company or one of its subsidiaries.

(h) "Change in Control" shall be deemed to have occurred if the conditions in any one of the following three paragraphs have been satisfied at any time after the Effective Date:

(i) any Person (as defined below) who or which, together with all Affiliates and Associates of such Person, acquires beneficial ownership, directly or indirectly, of securities of the Company representing 20% or more of the combined voting power of the Company's then outstanding securities; or

(ii) the composition of the Board shall change such that a majority of the Board shall no longer consist of Continuing Directors; or

(iii) if at any time, (1) the Company shall consolidate with, or merge with, any other Person and the Company shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation, (2) any Person shall consolidate with or merge with the Company, and the Company shall be the continuing or surviving corporation and, in connection therewith, all or part of the outstanding Stock shall be changed into or exchanged for stock or other securities of any other Person or cash or any other property, (3) the Company shall be a party to a statutory share exchange with any other Person after which the Company is a subsidiary of any other Person, or (4) the Company shall sell or otherwise transfer 50% or more of the assets or earning power of the Company and its Subsidiaries (taken as a whole) to any Person or Persons.

For purposes of this Section 2.1(h), "Person" means any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), other than any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any affiliated company, and "beneficial ownership" has the meaning given the term in Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act.

(i) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and any regulations promulgated thereunder.

(j) "Committee" means the committee of the Board appointed by the Company to administer the Plan pursuant to Article III, which shall be the Compensation Committee of the Board unless a subcommittee is required as provided below or unless the Board determines otherwise. All members of the Committee shall be "independent directors" under applicable stock exchange listing standards. For actions which require that all of the members of the Committee constitute "non-employee directors" as defined in Rule 16b-3, or any similar or successor rule, or "outside directors" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m)(4)(C)(i), as amended from time to time, the Committee shall consist of a subcommittee of at least two members of the Compensation Committee meeting such qualifications.

(k) "Company" means Union Bankshares Corporation or any successor thereto.

(1) "Continuing Director" means an individual who was a member of the Board of Directors of the Company on the Effective Date or whose subsequent nomination for election or re-election to the Board was recommended or approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Continuing Directors then in office.

(m) "Disability" or "Disabled" means with respect to an Incentive Stock Option, a Disability within the meaning of Code Section 22(e)(3). As to all other Awards, the Committee shall determine whether a Disability exists and such determination shall be conclusive.

(n) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended from time to time.

(o) "Fair Market Value" of a Share means (i) the per Share price at the close of business on the applicable principal U.S. market on the relevant date if it is a trading date, or, if not, on the most recent date on which the Stock was traded prior to such date, as reported by the stock exchange for the applicable principal U.S. market, or (ii) if, in the opinion of the Committee, this method is inapplicable or inappropriate for any reason, the fair market value as determined pursuant to a reasonable method adopted by the Committee in good faith for such purpose.

(p) "Incentive Stock Option" or "ISO" means an option to purchase Stock, granted under Article VI, which is designated as an incentive stock option and is intended to meet the requirements of, and qualify for favorable federal income tax treatment under, Code Section 422.

(q) "Key Employee" means an officer or other key employee of the Company or its Subsidiaries, who, in the opinion of the Committee, can contribute significantly to the growth and profitability of, or perform services of major importance to, the Company and its Subsidiaries.

(r) "Non-Employee Director" means an individual who is a member of the board of directors of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof or a member of a regional advisory board of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof and, in either case, who is not an employee of the Company or any Subsidiary thereof.

(s) "Nonqualified Stock Option" means an option to purchase Stock, granted under Article VI, which is not intended to be an Incentive Stock Option and is so designated.

(t) "Option" means an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option.

(u) "Participant" means a Key Employee or Non-Employee Director who has been granted an Award under the Plan and whose Award remains outstanding.

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(v) "Performance-Based Compensation Award" means any Award for which exercise, full enjoyment or receipt thereof by the Participant is contingent on satisfaction or achievement of the Performance Goal applicable thereto. If a Performance-Based Compensation Award is intended to be "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m)(4)(C), the grant of the Award, the establishment of the Performance Goal, the making of any modifications or adjustments and the determination of satisfaction or achievement of the Performance Goal shall be made during the period or periods required under and in conformity with the requirements of Code Section 162(m) therefor. The terms and conditions of each Performance-Based Compensation Award, including the Performance Goal and Performance Period, shall be set forth in an Agreement or in a subplan of the Plan that is incorporated by reference into an Agreement.

(w) "Performance Cash Award" means an Award of cash granted to a Participant pursuant to Article XI.

"Performance Goal" means one or more performance measures or goals set by the Committee in its discretion for each grant of a Performance-Based (x) Compensation Award. The extent to which such performance measures or goals are met will determine the amount or value of the Performance-Based Compensation Award that a Participant is entitled to exercise, receive or retain. For purposes of the Plan, a Performance Goal may be particular to a Participant, and may include any one or more of the following performance criteria, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, subset or component, applied to the performance of the Company as a whole or to the performance of a Subsidiary, division, strategic business unit, line of business or business segment, measured either quarterly, annually or cumulatively over a period of years or partial years, in each case as specified by the Committee in the Award: (i) Stock value or increases therein, (ii) total shareholder return, (iii) operating revenue, (iv) tangible book value or tangible book value growth, tangible book value per share or growth in tangible book value per share, (v) earnings per share or earnings per share growth, (vi) fully diluted earnings per share after extraordinary events, (vii) net earnings, (viii) earnings and/or earnings growth (before or after one or more of taxes, interest, depreciation and/or amortization), operating earnings and/or operating earnings growth , (ix) profits or profit growth (net profit, gross profit, operating profit, economic profit, profit margins or other corporate profit measures), (x) operating cash flow, (xi) operating or other expenses or growth thereof, (xii) operating efficiency, (xiii) return on equity, (xiv) return on tangible equity or return on tangible common equity, (xv) return on assets, capital or investment, (xvi) sales or revenues or growth thereof, (xvii) deposits, loan and/or equity levels or growth thereof, (xviii) working capital targets, (xix) assets under management or growth thereof, (xx) cost control measures, (xxi) regulatory compliance, (xxii) gross, operating or other margins, (xxiii) efficiency ratio (as generally recognized and used for bank financial reporting and analysis), (xiv) interest income, (xxv) net interest income, (xxvi) net interest margin, (xxvii) non-interest income, (xxviii) non-interest expense, (xxix) credit quality, net charge-offs and/or non-performing assets (excluding such loans or classes of loans as may be designated for exclusion), (xxx) percentage of non-accrual loans to total loans or net charge-off ratio, (xxxi) provision expense, (xxxii) productivity, (xxxiii) customer satisfaction, (xxxiv) satisfactory internal or external audits, (xxxv) improvement of financial ratings, (xxxvi) achievement of balance sheet or income statement objectives, (xxxvii) quality measures, (xxxviii) regulatory exam results, (xxxix) achievement of risk management objectives, (xl) achievement of strategic performance objectives, (xli) achievement of merger or acquisition objectives, (xlii) implementation, management or completion of critical projects or processes, or (xliii) any component or components of the foregoing (including, without limitation, determination thereof, in the Committee's sole discretion, with or without the effect of discontinued operations and dispositions of business units or segments, non-recurring items, material extraordinary items that are both unusual and infrequent, nonbudgeted items, special charges, accruals for acquisitions, reorganization and restructuring programs and/or changes in tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting the Company's reported results). Performance Goals may include a threshold level of performance below which no payment or vesting may occur, levels of performance at which specified payments or specified vesting will occur, and a maximum level of performance above which no additional payment or vesting will occur. Performance Goals may be absolute in their terms or measured against or in relationship to a pre-established target, the Company's budget or budgeted results, previous period results, a market index, a designated comparison group of other companies comparably, similarly or otherwise situated, or any combination thereof. The Committee shall determine the Performance Period during which a Performance Goal must be met; and attainment of Performance Goals shall be subject to certification by the Committee. The Committee retains the discretion to adjust the compensation or economic benefit due upon attainment of Performance Goals and to adjust the Performance Goals themselves, provided that, with respect to an Award intended to be "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m)(4)(C), any such adjustment shall be made only in conformity with the requirements of Code Section 162(m).

(y) "Performance Period" means the time period during which a Performance Goal must be met in connection with a Performance-Based Compensation Award. Such time period shall be set by the Committee, provided, however, that for any award other than a Performance Cash Award, the Performance Period shall not be less than one year, subject to applicable provisions regarding accelerated vesting events.

(z) "Performance Share Unit" means an Award, designated as a Performance Share Unit, granted to a Participant pursuant to Article X, valued by reference to the Fair Market Value of Stock or valued as a fixed dollar amount, and subject to achievement or satisfaction of one or more Performance Goals. Performance Share Units are payable in cash, Stock or a combination thereof. Even to the extent a Performance Share Unit is denoted by reference to Shares of Stock and is payable in Stock, the receipt of a Performance Share Unit Award does not constitute receipt of the underlying Shares.

(aa) "Period of Restriction" means the period during which Shares of Restricted Stock are subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture and/or subject to limitations on transfer, pursuant to Article VII, or the period during which Restricted Stock Units are subject to vesting requirements, pursuant to Article VIII. The relevant restriction may lapse based on a period of time or after meeting performance criteria specified by the Committee, or both.

(bb) "Restricted Stock" means an Award of Stock granted to a Participant pursuant to Article VII, which is subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture and/or subject to limitations on transferability until the designated conditions for the lapse of such restrictions are satisfied.

(cc) "Restricted Stock Unit" or "RSU" means an Award designated as a Restricted Stock Unit, which is a bookkeeping entry granted to a Participant pursuant to Article VIII, valued by reference to the Fair Market Value of Stock, and subject to vesting requirements. Restricted Stock Units are payable in cash, Stock or a combination thereof. Even to the extent a Restricted Stock Unit is denoted by reference to Shares of Stock and is payable in Stock, the receipt of a Restricted Stock Unit Award does not constitute receipt of the underlying Shares.

(dd) "Rule 16b-3" means Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act, including any corresponding subsequent rule or any amendments enacted after the Effective Date.

- (ee) "Stock" or "Shares" means the common stock of the Company.
- (ff) "Stock Award" means an Award of Stock granted to a Participant pursuant to Article IX.

(gg) "10% Stockholder" means a person who owns, directly or indirectly, stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any parent or subsidiary of the Company. Indirect ownership of stock shall be determined in accordance with Code Section 424(d).

(hh) "Subsidiary" shall mean a corporation at least 50% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of which is owned by the Company, either directly or through one or more of its Subsidiaries.

ARTICLE III Administration

3.1 <u>The Committee</u>.

(a) The Plan shall be administered by the Committee which shall have all powers necessary or desirable for such administration. To the extent required by Rule 16b-3, all Awards shall be made by members of the Committee who are "non-employee directors" as that term is defined in Rule 16b-3, or by the Board. Awards that are intended to be "performance-based compensation" within the meaning of Code Section 162(m)(4)(C) shall be made by the Committee, or subcommittee of the Committee, comprised solely of two or more "outside directors" as that term is defined for purposes of Code Section 162(m)(4)(C)(i). In the event the Board determines that a member of the Committee (or any applicable subcommittee) was not an "independent director" under applicable stock exchange listing standards, was not a "one-employee director" as that term is defined for purposes of Code Section 162(m)(4)(C)(i), as applicable, on the Award Date, such determination shall not invalidate the Award and the Award shall remain valid in accordance with its terms. Except as required under Section 2.1(x), any authority granted to the Committee may also be exercised by the full Board.

(b) The express grant in this Plan of any specific power to the Committee shall not be construed as limiting any power or authority of the Committee. In addition to any other powers and, subject to the provisions of the Plan, the Committee shall have the following specific powers: (i) to determine the terms and conditions upon which the Awards may be made and exercised; (ii) to determine all terms and provisions of each Agreement, which need not be identical; (iii) to construe and interpret the Agreements and the Plan, including the ability to resolve any ambiguities and define any terms; (iv) to establish, amend or waive rules or regulations for the Plan's administration; (v) to accelerate the exercisability of any Award or the termination of any Period of Restriction or other restrictions imposed under the Plan to the extent permitted by Code Section 409A; and (vi) to make all other determinations and take all other actions necessary or advisable for the administration of the Plan. The interpretation and construction of any provisions of the Plan or an Agreement shall be interpreted to minimize or eliminate any such conflict or inconsistency.

(d) The Committee may consult with counsel, who may be counsel to the Company, and shall not incur any liability for any action taken in good faith in reliance upon the advice of counsel.

(e) The Committee, in its discretion, may delegate to the Chief Executive Officer and/or Chief Financial Officer of the Company all or part of the Committee's authority and duties with respect to Awards to individuals who are not subject to the reporting and other provisions of Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The Committee may revoke or amend the terms of a delegation at any time but such action shall not invalidate any prior actions of the Committee's delegee or delegees that were consistent with the terms of the Plan.

3.2 <u>Selection of Participants</u>. The Committee shall have the authority to grant Awards under the Plan, from time to time, to such Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors as may be selected by it. Each Award shall be evidenced by an Agreement.

3.3 Decisions Binding. All determinations and decisions made by the Board or the Committee pursuant to the provisions of the Plan shall be final, conclusive and binding.

3.4 <u>Rule 16b-3 Requirements</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Board or the Committee may impose such conditions on any Award, and amend the Plan in any such respects, as may be required to satisfy the requirements of Rule 16b-3.

3.5 <u>Code Section 162(m</u>). Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Plan is intended to give the Committee the authority to grant Awards that qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m)(4)(C) as well as Awards that do not so qualify. Any provision of the Plan that would prevent an Award that the Committee intends to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m)(4)(C) as well as Awards that do not so qualify. Any provision of the Plan that would prevent an Award that the Committee intends to qualify as performance-based compensation under Code Section 162(m)(4)(C) from so qualifying shall be administered, interpreted, and construed to carry out such intention, and any provision that cannot be so administered, interpreted, and construed shall to that extent be disregarded.

3.6 <u>Indemnification of Committee</u>. In addition to such other rights of indemnification as they may have as directors or as members of the Committee, the members of the Committee shall be indemnified by the Company against reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees, actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the defense of any action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appeal therein, to which they or any of them may be a party by reason of any action taken or failure to act under or in connection with the Plan or any Award granted or made hereunder, and against all amounts reasonably paid by them in settlement thereof or paid by them in satisfaction of a judgment in any such action, suit or proceeding, if such members acted in good faith and in a manner which they believed to be in, and not opposed to, the best interests of the Company and its Subsidiaries.

ARTICLE IV Stock Subject to the Plan

4.1 Number of Shares.

(a) Subject to adjustment as provided in Article XIII, the maximum aggregate number of Shares that may be issued pursuant to Awards made under the Plan shall not exceed 2,500,000. Except as provided in Section 4.2, the issuance of Shares in connection with the exercise of, or as other payment for, Awards under the Plan shall reduce the number of Shares available for future Awards under the Plan.

(b) Subject to adjustment as provided in Article XIII, no more than an aggregate of 2,500,000 Shares may be issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan (including shares issued pursuant to the exercise of Incentive Stock Options that are the subject of disqualifying dispositions within the meaning of Code Sections 421 and 422).

4.2 Lapsed Awards or Forfeited Shares. If any Award granted under this Plan terminates, expires, or lapses for any reason other than by virtue of exercise or settlement of the Award, or if Shares issued pursuant to Awards are forfeited, any Stock subject to such Award again shall be available for the grant of an Award under the Plan.

4.3 Use of Shares as Payment of Exercise Price or Taxes. Shares withheld by the Company, delivered by the Participant, or otherwise used to pay the Option Price pursuant to the exercise of an Option shall not be available for future Awards under the Plan. Shares withheld by the Company, delivered by the Participant, or otherwise used to satisfy payment of withholding taxes associated with an Award shall not be available for future Awards under the Plan. To the extent Shares are delivered or withheld pursuant to the exercise of an Option, the number of underlying Shares as to which the exercise related shall be counted against the number of Shares available for future Awards under the Plan, as opposed to counting only those Shares issued upon exercise.

4.4 <u>Per-Participant Annual Limit</u>. The maximum number of Shares with respect to which Awards may be granted in any calendar year to any Participant during such calendar year shall be 150,000 in the aggregate. The maximum dollar amount of cash Awards granted in any calendar year to any Participant shall be \$2,500,000 in the aggregate.

4.5 <u>No Fractional Shares</u>. No fractional Shares shall be issued or delivered pursuant to the Plan or any Award thereunder. The Committee shall determine whether cash, other Awards, or other property shall be issued or paid in lieu of such fractional Shares or whether such fractional Shares or any rights thereto shall be forfeited or otherwise eliminated.

ARTICLE V Eligibility

Persons eligible to participate in the Plan include (i) allemployees of the Company and its Subsidiaries (including any corporation which becomes a Subsidiary after the Effective Date) who, in the opinion of the Committee, are Key Employees, and (ii) all Non-Employee Directors. The grant of an Award shall not obligate the Company to pay a Key Employee or Non-Employee Director any particular amount of remuneration, to continue the employment of the Key Employee or the service of the Non-Employee Director after the grant, or to make further grants to the Key Employee or Non-Employee Director at any time thereafter.

ARTICLE VI Stock Options

6.1 <u>Grants of Options</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, Options may be granted to Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee. The Committee shall have complete discretion in determining the number of Shares subject to Options granted to each Participant, provided, however, that only Nonqualified Stock Options may be granted to Non-Employee Directors.

6.2 Option Agreement. Each Option grant shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify the type of Option granted, the Option Price (as hereinafter defined), the duration of the Option, the number of Shares to which the Option pertains, any conditions imposed upon the exercisability of Options, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine. The Agreement shall specify whether the Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option or Nonqualified Stock Option, provided, however, that if an Option is intended to be an Incentive Stock Option but fails to be such for any reason, it shall continue in full force and effect as a Nonqualified Stock Option. No Option may be exercised after the expiration of its term or, except as set forth in the Participant's stock option Agreement, after the termination of the Participant's employment or service. The Committee shall set forth in the Participant's Agreement when, and under what circumstances, an Option may be exercised after termination of the Participant's employment or period of service; provided that no Incentive Stock Option may be exercised after (a) three months from the Participant's termination of employment with the Company for reasons other than Disability or death, or (b) one year from the Participant's termination of employment on account of Disability or death. The Committee may, in its sole discretion, amend a previously granted Incentive Stock Option to provide for more liberal exercise provisions, provided, however, that if the Incentive Stock Option as a mended no longer meets the requirements of Code Section 422, and, as a result the Option no longer qualifies for favorable federal income tax treatment under Code Section 422, the amendment shall not become effective without the written consent of the Participant.

6.3 <u>Option Price</u>. The exercise price per share of Stock covered by an Option ("Option Price") shall be determined by the Committee subject to the limitations described in this subsection 6.3 and the Plan. The Option Price shall not be less than 100% of the Fair Market Value of such Stock on the Award Date. In addition, an ISO granted to a Key Employee who, at the time of grant, is a 10% Stockholder, shall have an Option Price which is at least equal to 110% of the Fair Market Value of the Stock on the Award Date.

6.4 <u>Duration of Options</u>. Each Option shall expire at such time as the Committee shall determine at the time of grant, provided, however, that no Option shall be exercisable later than the tenth (10th) anniversary date of its Award Date. In addition, an ISO granted to a Key Employee who, at the time of grant, is a 10% Stockholder, shall not be exercisable later than the fifth (5th) anniversary of its Award Date.

6.5 Exercisability.

(a) Options granted under the Plan shall be exercisable at such times and be subject to such restrictions and conditions as the Committee shall determine, which need not be the same for all Participants.

(b) An Incentive Stock Option, by its terms, shall be exercisable in any calendar year only to the extent that the aggregate Fair Market Value (determined at the Award Date) of the Stock with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable by the Participant for the first time during the calendar year does not exceed \$100,000 (the "Limitation Amount"). Incentive Stock Options granted under the Plan and all other plans of the Company and any Subsidiary shall be aggregated for purposes of determining whether the Limitation Amount has been exceeded. The Committee may impose such conditions as it deems appropriate on an Incentive Stock Options to ensure that the foregoing requirement is met. If Incentive Stock Options that first become exercisable in a calendar year exceed the Limitation Amount, the excess Options will be treated as Nonqualified Stock Options to the extent permitted by law.

6.6 Method of Exercise. Options shall be exercised by the delivery of a written notice to the Company in the form (which may be electronic) prescribed by the Committee (or its delegee) setting forth the number of Shares with respect to which the Option is to be exercised, accompanied by full payment for the Shares and payment of (or an arrangement satisfactory to the Company for the Participant to pay) any tax withholding required in connection with the Option exercise. The Option Price shall be payable to the Company in full either (a) in cash, (b) by delivery of Shares of Stock that the Participant has previously acquired and owned valued at Fair Market Value at the time of exercise, (c) by delivery of a properly executed exercise notice together with irrevocable instructions to a broker to deliver promptly to the Company, from the sale with respect to the sale of Company Stock, the amount necessary to pay the Option Price and, if required by the Committee, applicable withholding taxes, (d) by the Company withholding Shares otherwise issuable upon the exercise, valued at Fair Market Value at the time of exercise, or (e) by a combination of the foregoing. As soon as practicable, after receipt of written notice and payment of the Option Price and completion of payment of (or an arrangement satisfactory to the Company for the Participant to pay) any tax withholding required in connection with the Option exercise, the Company shall, in the Committee's discretion, either deliver to the Participant top ay) any tax withholding required in connection with the Option exercise, issued in the Participant's name, or deliver the appropriate number of Shares in book-entry or electronic form.

6.7 <u>Restrictions on Stock Transferability</u>. The Committee shall impose such restrictions on any Shares acquired pursuant to the exercise of an Option under the Plan as it may deem advisable, including, without limitation, restrictions under the applicable federal securities law, under the requirements of any stock exchange upon which such Shares are then listed, and under any blue sky or state securities laws applicable to such Shares. The Committee may specify in an Agreement that Stock delivered on exercise of an Option is Restricted Stock or Stock subject to a buyback right by the Company in the amount of, or based on, the Option Price therefor in the event the Participant does not complete a specified service period after exercise.

6.8 Nontransferability of Options.

(a) In general, no Option granted under the Plan may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, otherwise than upon the death of the Participant in accordance with Section 17.11. Further, Options granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of (a) and subject to federal and state securities laws, including Rule 16b-3, the Committee may grant or amend Nonqualified Stock Options that permit a Participant to transfer the Options to his spouse, lineal ascendants and/or lineal descendants, to a trust for the benefit of such persons, or to a partnership, limited liability company, or other entity the only partners, members, or interest-holders of which are such persons, provided that the Nonqualified Stock Option may not again be transferred other than to the Participant originally receiving the Option or to an individual, trust, limited liability company or other entity to which such Participant could have transferred the Option pursuant to this Section 6.8(b). Consideration may not be paid for the transfer of Options. The transfere of an Option shall be subject to all conditions applicable to the Option prior to its transfer. The agreement granting the Option shall set forth the transfer conditions and restrictions. The Committee may impose on any transferable Option and on stock issued upon the exercise of an Option such limitations and conditions as the Committee deems appropriate. Any such transfer supersedes any Beneficiary designation made under Section 17.11 with respect to the transferred Nonqualified Stock Options.

6.9 <u>Disqualifying Disposition of Shares Issued on Exercise of an ISO</u> If a Participant makes a "disposition" (within the meaning of Code Section 424(c)) of Shares issued upon exercise of an ISO within two years from the Award Date or within one year from the date the Shares are transferred to the Participant, the Participant shall, within ten days of disposition, notify the Committee (or its delegee) in order that any income realized as a result of such disposition can be properly reported by the Company on IRS forms W-2 or 1099.

6.10 <u>Shareholder Rights</u>. A Participant holding Options shall have no right to vote the underlying Shares, no right to receive dividends on the underlying Shares, and no other rights as a shareholder until after the exercise of the Options.

ARTICLE VII Restricted Stock

7.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Stock</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant shares of Restricted Stock under the Plan to such Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors and in such amounts as it shall determine. Participants receiving Restricted Stock Awards are not required to pay the Company therefor (except for applicable tax withholding) other than the rendering of services. If determined by the Committee, custody of Shares of Restricted Stock may be retained by the Company until the termination of the Period of Restriction pertaining thereto.

7.2 <u>Restricted Stock Agreement</u>. Each Restricted Stock Award shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify the Period of Restriction, the number of Restricted Stock Shares granted, and, if applicable, any Performance Period and Performance Goal, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.

7.3 <u>Transferability</u>. Except as provided in this Article VII and subject to the limitation in the next sentence, the Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may not be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated until the termination of the applicable Period of Restriction or upon earlier satisfaction of other conditions as specified by the Committee in its sole discretion and set forth in the Agreement. All rights with respect to the Restricted Stock granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative.

7.4 <u>Other Restrictions</u>. The Committee shall impose such other restrictions on any Shares of Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Plan as it may deem advisable including, without limitation, restrictions under applicable federal or state securities laws, and may legend the certificates representing Restricted Stock to give appropriate notice of such restrictions or otherwise denote the Restricted Stock as restricted, if issued in book-entry or electronic form.

7.5 <u>Certificate Legend</u>. In addition to any other legends placed on certificates, or to which Shares of Restricted Stock issued in book-entry or electronic form are made subject, pursuant to Section 7.4, any Award of Restricted Stock issued in book-entry or electronic form shall be subject to the following legend, and any certificates representing shares of Restricted Stock granted pursuant to the Plan shall bear the following legend:

The sale or other transfer of the shares of stock represented by this certificate, whether voluntary, involuntary, or by operation of law, is subject to certain restrictions on transfer set forth in the Union Bankshares Corporation Stock and Incentive Plan, in the rules and administrative procedures adopted pursuant to such Plan, and in a restricted stock agreement dated <<date of grant>>. A copy of the Plan, such rules and procedures, and such restricted stock agreement may be obtained from the Equity Plan Administrator of Union Bankshares Corporation.

7.6 <u>Removal of Restrictions</u>. Except as otherwise provided in this Article VII, the Agreement, or applicable law or regulation, Shares of Restricted Stock covered by each Restricted Stock Award made under the Plan shall become freely transferable by the Participant after the last day of the Period of Restriction, and, where applicable, after a determination of the satisfaction or achievement of any applicable Performance Goal. Once the Shares are released from the restrictions, the Participant shall be entitled to have the legend required by Section 7.5 removed from his Stock certificate or similar notation removed from such Shares if issued in book-entry or electronic form.

7.7 <u>Voting Rights</u>. During the Period of Restriction, Participants holding Shares of Restricted Stock granted hereunder may exercise full voting rights with respect to those Shares.

7.8 <u>Dividends and Other Distributions</u>. During the Period of Restriction, unless otherwise provided in the applicable Agreement, recipients of Shares of Restricted Stock shall be entitled to receive all dividends and other distributions paid with respect to those Shares, provided, however, that no dividends or other distributions shall be paid with respect to Shares of Restricted Stock subject to performance criteria unless and until such performance criteria have been met. If any such dividends or distributions are paid in Shares, the Shares shall be subject to the same restrictions on transferability as the Shares of Restricted Stock with respect to which they were paid.

ARTICLE VIII Restricted Stock Units

8.1 <u>Grant of Restricted Stock Units</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Restricted Stock Units under the Plan (with one Unit representing one Share) to such Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors and in such amounts as it shall determine. Participants receiving Restricted Stock Unit Awards are not required to pay the Company therefor (except for applicable tax withholding) other than the rendering of services. The Committee is expressly authorized to grant Restricted Stock Units that are deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A, as well as Restricted Stock Units that are not deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A.

8.2 <u>Restricted Stock Unit Agreement</u>. Each Restricted Stock Unit Award shall be evidenced by an Agreement that shall specify the Period of Restriction, the number of Restricted Stock Units granted, and if applicable, any Performance Period and Performance Goal, and such other provisions as the Committee shall determine.

Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, a Participant holding Restricted Stock Units shall have no rights to dividends and other distributions made in cash or property other than Shares which would have been paid with respect to the Shares represented by those Restricted Stock Units if such Shares were outstanding, provided, however, that no Agreement shall permit any such deemed dividends or distributions to be paid with respect to Restricted Stock Units subject to performance criteria unless and until such performance criteria have been met. A Participant holding Restricted Stock Units shall have no right to vote the Shares represented by such Restricted Stock Units unless and until the Participant actually receives such Shares. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, any such deemed dividends or distributions shall be subject to the same restrictions, vesting and payment as the Restricted Stock Units to which they are attributable.

8.3 <u>Payment after Lapse of Restrictions</u>. Subject to the provisions of the Agreement, upon the lapse of restrictions with respect to a Restricted Stock Unit, the Participant is entitled to receive, without any payment to the Company (other than required tax withholding), an amount equal (the "RSU Value") to the product of multiplying (a) the number of Shares equal to the number of Restricted Stock Units with respect to which the restrictions lapse by (b) the Fair Market Value per Share on the date the restrictions lapse.

The Agreement may provide for payment of the RSU Value at the time of the lapse of restrictions or, on an elective or non-elective basis, for payment of the RSU Value at a later date, adjusted (if so provided in the Agreement) from the date of the lapse of restrictions based on an interest, dividend equivalent, earnings, or other basis (including deemed investment of the RSU Value in Shares) set out in the Agreement (the "adjusted RSU Value").

Payment of the RSU Value or adjusted RSU Value to the Participant shall be made in Shares, in cash or a combination thereof as determined by the Committee, either at the time of the Award or thereafter, and as provided in the Agreement. To the extent payment of the RSU Value or adjusted RSU Value to the Participant is made in Shares, such Shares shall be valued at the Fair Market Value on the date the restrictions therefor lapse in the case of an immediate payment or at the Fair Market Value on the date of settlement in the event of an elective or non-elective delayed payment. The Committee may specify in a Restricted Stock Unit Agreement that the Shares which are delivered upon payment of the RSU Value or adjusted RSU Value may be Restricted Stock pursuant to Article IX and subject to such further restrictions and vesting as provided in the Restricted Stock Unit Agreement.

8.4 <u>Nontransferability of Restricted Stock Units</u>. No Restricted Stock Unit granted under the Plan, and no right to receive payment in connection therewith, may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than upon the death of the Participant in accordance with Section 17.11. Further, all Restricted Stock Units, and rights in connection therewith, granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative.

ARTICLE IX Stock Awards

Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant unrestricted Stock Awards under the Plan to such Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors and in such amounts as it shall determine. Participants receiving Stock Awards are not required to pay the Company therefor (except for applicable tax withholding) other than the rendering of services. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Agreement, Stock Awards shall be fully vested and freely transferable as of the Award Date, subject to restrictions under applicable Federal or state securities laws.

ARTICLE X Performance Share Units

10.1 <u>Grant of Performance Share Units</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions of the Plan, the Committee, at any time and from time to time, may grant Performance Share Units under the Plan to such Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors and in such amounts as it shall determine. Participants receiving such Awards are not required to pay the Company therefor (except for applicable tax withholding) other than the rendering of services. The Committee is expressly authorized to grant Performance Share Units that are deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A, as well as Performance Share Units that are not deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A.

10.2 <u>Performance Share Unit Agreement</u> Each Performance Share Unit is intended to be a Performance-Based Compensation Award, and the terms and conditions of each such Award, including the Performance Goal and Performance Period, shall be set forth in an Agreement or in a subplan of the Plan that is incorporated by reference into an Agreement. The Committee shall set the Performance Goal in its discretion for each Participant who is granted a Performance Share Unit.

The Committee may provide in the Agreement for payment of dividend equivalents with respect to each Performance Share Unit, provided, however, that no Agreement shall permit any dividend equivalents to be paid with respect to Performance Share Units unless and until the applicable Performance Goals have been met. A Participant holding Performance Share Units shall have no right to vote the Shares represented by such Performance Share Units unless and until the Participant actually receives such Shares.

10.3 <u>Settlement of Performance Share Units</u>. After a Performance Period has ended, the holder of a Performance Share Unit shall be entitled to receive the value thereof based on the degree to which the Performance Goals and other conditions established by the Committee and set forth in the Agreement (or in a subplan of the Plan that is incorporated by reference into an Agreement) have been satisfied. Payment of the amount to which a Participant shall be entitled upon the settlement of a Performance Share Unit shall be made in cash, Stock or a combination thereof as determined by the Committee.

10.4 <u>Nontransferability of Performance Share Units</u> No Performance Share Unit granted under the Plan may be sold, transferred, pledged, assigned, or otherwise alienated or hypothecated, other than upon the death of the Participant in accordance with Section 17.11. All rights with respect to Performance Share Units granted to a Participant under the Plan shall be exercisable during his lifetime only by such Participant or his guardian or legal representative.

ARTICLE XI Performance Cash Awards

A Performance Cash Award may be granted upon the attainment during a Performance Period of one or more Performance Goals. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan, Performance Cash Awards may be granted to Key Employees and Non-Employee Directors at any time and from time to time as shall be determined by the Committee. The terms and conditions of any Performance Cash Award, including the Performance Goal(s) and Performance Period, shall be determined by the Committee in its discretion and shall be set forth in an Agreement or in a subplan of the Plan that is incorporated by reference into an Agreement. The Committee is expressly authorized to grant Performance Cash Awards that are deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A, as well as Performance Cash Awards that are not deferred compensation covered by Code Section 409A.

ARTICLE XII

Termination of Employment or Service

12.1 <u>Termination Due to Retirement</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event that a Participant terminates his employment or service with the Company or one of its Subsidiaries because of normal retirement (as defined in the rules of the Company in effect at the time), then, provided no Cause exists to terminate such Participant's employment or service and provided either (i) upon such normal retirement the Participant will be subject to a non-competition covenant pursuant to an existing agreement with the Company or a subsidiary or (ii) the Participant executes and delivers to the Company, no later than the date of such normal retirement, a non-competition agreement in a form acceptable to the Company, all Options that are not already vested or exercisable shall be automatically vested and exercisable, any remaining Period of Restriction applicable to Restricted Stock Shares or Restricted Stock Units shall automatically terminate, and the achievement or satisfaction of any Performance Goals applicable to unvested Awards during any Performance Period shall be adjusted through the date of termination as determined by the Committee. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event that a Participant terminates his employment or service with the Company because of early retirement (as defined in the rules of the Company in effect at the time), then, provided no Cause exists to terminate such Participant's employment or service, the Committee, in its sole discretion, may waive the restrictions remaining on any or all unvested Awards and add such new restrictions to such Awards as it deems appropriate.

12.2 <u>Termination Due to Death or Disability</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event a Participant's employment or service is terminated because of death or Disability, all Options that are not already vested or exercisable shall be automatically vested and exercisable, any remaining Period of Restriction applicable to Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units shall automatically terminate, and the achievement or satisfaction of any Performance Goals applicable to unvested Awards during any Performance Period shall be adjusted through the date of termination as determined by the Committee.



12.3 <u>Termination following Change in Control</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, upon an involuntary separation from employment or service of a Participant (excluding a termination for Cause but including a voluntary resignation for good reason under an applicable plan or agreement) occurring in connection with or during the period of two (2) years after a Change in Control, the provisions of Section 14.1 shall apply.

12.4 <u>Involuntary Termination or Termination for Good Reason</u> Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, upon an involuntary separation from employment or service of a Participant (excluding a termination for Cause but including a voluntary resignation for good reason under an applicable plan or agreement) not occurring in connection with or during the period of two (2) years after a Change in Control, the Committee may, in its sole discretion, waive the automatic forfeiture of any or all of the unvested portion of each Award held by the Participant and provide for such vesting as its deems appropriate.

12.5 <u>Termination for Cause</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, in the event a Participant's employment or service is terminated for Cause, the unvested portion and the vested portion not yet paid or exercised of each Award held by the Participant shall be automatically forfeited to the Company and no further exercise of an Option shall be allowed.

12.6 <u>Termination for Other Reasons</u>. Unless otherwise provided in the Agreement, upon a voluntary or involuntary separation from employment or service of a Participant where none of Sections 12.1, 12.2, 12.3, 12.4 or 12.5 applies, the unvested portion of each Award held by the Participant shall be automatically forfeited to the Company.

Article XIII Change in Capital Structure

13.1 Effect of Change in Capital Structure. In the event of a stock dividend, stock split or combination of shares, spin-off, recapitalization or merger in which the Company is the surviving corporation, or other change in the Company's capital stock (including, but not limited to, the creation or issuance to stockholders generally of rights, options or warrants for the purchase of common stock or preferred stock of the Company), the number and kind of Shares or securities of the Company to be issued under the Plan (under outstanding Awards and Awards to be granted in the future), the exercise price of Options, the annual limits on and the aggregate number and kind of Shares for which Awards thereafter may be made, and other relevant provisions shall be proportionately, equitably and appropriately adjusted by the Committee, whose determination shall be binding on all persons. If the adjustment would produce fractional shares with respect to any Award, the Committee may adjust appropriately the number of shares. Where an Award being adjusted is an ISO or is subject to or falls under an exemption from Code Section 409A, the adjustment shall also be effected so as to comply with Code Section 424(a) and not to constitute a modification within the meaning of Code Section 424(h) or Code Section 409A, as applicable.

13.2 <u>Authority</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Committee may take the foregoing actions without the consent of any Participant, and the Committee's determination shall be conclusive and binding on all persons for all purposes.

13.3 <u>Manner of Adjustment</u>. Adjustments made by the Committee pursuant to this Article XIII to outstanding Awards shall be made as appropriate to maintain favorable tax and/or accounting treatment.

ARTICLE XIV Change in Control

14.1 <u>Effect of Change in Control of Company</u>. In the event of a Change in Control of the Company, the Committee, as constituted before such Change in Control, in its sole discretion and without the consent of any Participant, may take such actions with respect to any outstanding Award, either at the time the Award is made or any time thereafter, as the Committee deems appropriate. These actions may include, but shall not be limited to, the following:

(a) Provide for the purchase, settlement or cancellation of any such Award by the Company for an amount of cash equal to the amount which could have been obtained upon the exercise of such Award or realization of a Participant's rights had such Award been currently exercisable or payable;

(b) Make adjustments to Awards then outstanding as the Committee deems appropriate to reflect such Change in Control and to retain the economic value of the Award; or

in Control.

(c) Cause any such Award then outstanding to be assumed, or new rights substituted therefor, by the acquiring or surviving corporation in such Change

(d) <u>Acceleration Principles in the Event of a Change in Control</u> The Committee may provide in each applicable Agreement or any subplan governing an Award for acceleration of the vesting, delivery and exercisability of, and the lapse of time-based and/or performance-based vesting restrictions with respect to, an Award, and for the replacement of a Stock-settled Award with a cash-settled Award, in connection with a Change in Control. Unless otherwise provided in the applicable Agreement or subplan, if an Award is assumed by the surviving corporation or otherwise equitably converted or substituted in connection with a Change in Control, the vesting, delivery and exercisability of, or the lapse of restrictions on, any Award shall not be accelerated in connection with the Change in Control unless the Participant's employment or service with the Company or a subsidiary is terminated without Cause or the Participant resigns for good reason under an applicable plan or agreement within two (2) years after the effective date of the Change in Control. With regard to each assumed Award, a Participant shall not be considered to have resigned for good reason unless either (a) the applicable Agreement includes such provision or (b) the Participant is party to an employment, severance or similar agreement with the Company or any subsidiary that includes provisions in which the Participant is permitted to resign for good reason. Any assumed Awards shall thereafter continue or lapse in accordance with the other provisions of the Plan and the applicable Agreement. To the extent that this provision causes Incentive Stock Options to exceed the dollar limitation set forth in Code Section 422(d), the excess Options shall be deemed to be Nonqualified Stock Options.

ARTICLE XV Amendment, Modification, and Substitution of Awards

15.1. <u>Amendment, Modification and Substitution</u>. Subject to the terms and provisions and within the limitations of the Plan, the Committee may amend or modify the terms of any outstanding Award or accelerate the vesting thereof. In addition, the Committee may cancel or accept the surrender of outstanding Awards (to the extent not yet exercised) granted under the Plan or outstanding awards granted under any other equity compensation plan of the Company and authorize the granting of new Awards pursuant to the Plan in substitution therefor so long as the new or substituted awards do not specify a lower exercise price than the cancelled or surrendered Awards or awards, may provide for more rapid vesting and exercisability than the cancelled or surrendered Awards or awards, and may contain any other provisions that are authorized by the Plan. The Committee shall continue to have the authority to amend or modify the terms of any outstanding Award after April 20, 2025, provided that no amendment or modification will extend the original term of the Award beyond that set forth in the applicable Award Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, no amendment or modification of an Award, shall, without the consent of the Participant, adversely affect the rights or obligations of the Participant. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Committee shall not amend, modify, or substitute an Award in a manner that violates Code Section 409A, or causes an Award that satisfies the requirements of Rule 16b-3 in a manner that causes any exemption pursuant to Rule 16b-3 to become no longer available.

15.2 <u>Option Repricing</u>. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, neither the Committee nor the Board shall have the right or authority, without obtaining shareholder approval, to amend or modify the Option Price of any outstanding Option, or to cancel an outstanding Option, at a time when the Option Price is greater than the Fair Market Value of a Share in exchange for cash, another Award, or other securities, except in connection with a corporate transaction involving the Company in accordance with Article XIII or Article XIV.

ARTICLE XVI

Termination, Amendment and Modification of the Plan

16.1 <u>Termination, Amendment and Modification</u>. At any time and from time to time, the Board may terminate, amend, or modify the Plan. Such amendment or modification may be without shareholder approval except to the extent that such approval is required by the Code, pursuant to the rules under Section 16 of the Exchange Act, by any national securities exchange or system on which the Stock is then listed or reported, by any regulatory body having jurisdiction with respect thereto or under any other applicable laws, rules or regulations.

16.2 <u>Awards Previously Granted</u>. No termination, amendment or modification of the Plan other than pursuant to Article XIII or Article XIV shall in any manner adversely affect any Award theretofore granted under the Plan, without the written consent of the Participant.

ARTICLE XVII General

17.1 Applicable Withholding Taxes. Each Participant shall agree, as a condition of receiving an Award, to pay to the Company, or make arrangements satisfactory to the Company regarding the payment of, all applicable federal, state and local taxes (including the Participant's FICA obligation) required by law to be withheld with respect to any grant, exercise, or payment made under or as a result of the Plan. Until the applicable withholding taxes have been paid or arrangements satisfactory to the Company have been made, no stock certificates (or, in the case of Restricted Stock, no stock certificates free of a restrictive legend) shall be issued to the Participant and no issuance in book-entry or electronic form (or, in the case of Restricted Stock, no issuance in book-entry or electronic form free of a restrictive legend or notation) shall be made for the Participant. As an alternative to making a cash payment to the Company to satisfy applicable withholding tax obligations, Participants may elect or the Committee may require Participants to satisfy the withholding requirement, in whole or in part, by having the Company withhold Shares of Stock having a Fair Market Value equal to the amount required to be withheld. The value of any Shares so withheld or delivered shall be based on Fair Market Value of the Shares on the date that the amount of tax to be withheld is to be determined. All elections by Participants shall be irrevocable and be made in writing and in such manner as determined by the Committee (or its delegee) in advance of the day that the transaction becomes taxable.

17.2 Requirements of Law. The granting of Awards and the issuance of Shares of Stock under this Plan shall be subject to all applicable laws, rules, and regulations, and to such approvals by any governmental agencies or self regulatory organizations as may be required.

17.3 Effect of Plan. The establishment of the Plan shall not confer upon any Key Employee or Non-Employee Director any legal or equitable right against the Company, a Subsidiary or the Committee, except as expressly provided in the Plan. The Plan does not constitute an inducement or consideration for the employment or service of any Key Employee or Non-Employee Director, nor is it a contract between the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and any Key Employee or Non-Employee Director. Participation in the Plan shall not give any Key Employee or Non-Employee Director any right to be retained in the service of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries. No Key Employee or Non-Employee Director shall have rights as a shareholder of the Company prior to the date Shares are issued to him pursuant to the Plan.

17.4 <u>Creditors</u>. The interests of any Participant under the Plan or any Agreement are not subject to the claims of creditors and may not, in any way, be assigned, alienated or encumbered.

17.5 <u>Successors</u>. All obligations of the Company under the Plan, with respect to Awards granted hereunder, shall be binding on any successor to the Company, whether the existence of such successor is the result of a direct or indirect purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise, of all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company.

17.6 <u>Securities Law Restrictions</u>. The Committee may require each Participant purchasing or acquiring Shares pursuant to an Option or other Award to represent to and agree with the Company in writing that such Participant is acquiring the Shares for investment and not with a view to the distribution thereof. All Shares delivered under the Plan shall be subject to such stock-transfer orders and other restrictions as the Committee may deem advisable under the rules, regulations, and other requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, any stock exchange upon which such Shares are then listed, and any applicable federal or state securities laws, and the Committee may cause a legend or legends to be put on any such certificates to make appropriate reference to such restrictions or otherwise denote the Shares as being subject to such restrictions, if issued in book-entry or electronic form. No Shares shall be issued hereunder unless the Company shall have determined that such issuance is in compliance with, or pursuant to an exemption from, all applicable federal and state securities laws.

17.7 <u>Governing Law</u>. The Plan, and all Agreements hereunder, shall be governed, construed and administered in accordance with and governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia and the intention of the Company is that ISOs granted under the Plan qualify as such under Code Section 422. The Plan and Awards are subject to all present and future applicable provisions of the Code. If any provision of the Plan or an Award conflicts with any such Code provision, the Committee shall cause the Plan to be amended, and shall modify the Award, so as to comply, or if for any reason amendments cannot be made, that provision of the Plan or the Award shall be void and of no effect.

17.8 <u>Severability</u>. In the event any provision of the Plan shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, the illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining parts of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if the illegal or invalid provision had not been included.

17.9 Unfunded Status of Plan. The Plan is intended to constitute an "unfunded" plan for incentive and deferred compensation. With respect to any payments as to which a Participant has a fixed and vested interest but which are not yet made to a Participant by the Company, nothing contained herein shall give any such Participant any rights that are greater than those of a general unsecured creditor of the Company.

17.10 <u>Share Certificates and Book Entry</u>. To the extent that the Plan provides for issuance of stock certificates to represent shares of Stock, the issuance may be effected on a non-certificated basis to the extent permitted by applicable law and the applicable rules of any stock exchange. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, in its discretion the Committee may satisfy any obligation to deliver Shares represented by stock certificates by delivering Shares in book-entry or electronic form. If the Company issues any Shares in book-entry or electronic form that are subject to terms, conditions and restrictions on transfer, a notation shall be made in the records of the transfer agent with respect to any such Shares describing all applicable terms, conditions and restrictions on transfer. In the case of Restricted Stock granted under the Plan, such notation shall be substantially in the form of the legend contained in Section 7.5.

17.11 <u>Beneficiary Designations</u>. A Participant may designate a Beneficiary to receive any Options that may be exercised after his death or to receive any other Award that may be paid after his death, as provided for in the Agreement. Such designation and any change or revocation of such designation shall be made in writing in the form and manner prescribed by the Committee (or its delegee). In the event that the designated Beneficiary dies prior to the Participant, or in the event that no Beneficiary has been designated, any Awards that may be exercised or paid following the Participant's death shall be transferred or paid in accordance with the Participant's will or the laws of descent and distribution. If the Participant and his Beneficiary shall die in circumstances that cause the Committee (or its delegee), in its discretion, to be uncertain which shall have been the first to die, the Participant shall be deemed to have survived the Beneficiary.

17.12 <u>Electronic Transmissions and Records</u>. Subject to limitations under applicable law, the Committee (and its delegee) is authorized in its discretion to issue Awards and/or to deliver and accept notices, elections, consents, designations and/or other forms or communications to or from Participants by electronic or similar means, including, without limitation, transmissions through e-mail or specialized software, recorded messages on electronic telephone systems, and other permissible methods, on such basis and for such purposes as it determines from time to time, and all such communications will be deemed to be "written" for purposes of the Plan.

17.13 <u>Clawback</u>. All Awards (whether vested or unvested) shall be subject to the terms of the Company's recoupment, clawback or similar policy as such may be in effect from time to time, as well as any similar provisions of applicable law, which could in certain circumstances require repayment or forfeiture of Awards or any Shares or other cash or property received with respect to the Awards (including any value received from a disposition of the Shares acquired upon payment of the Awards).

17.14 <u>Banking Regulatory Provision</u>. All Awards shall be subject to any condition, limitation or prohibition under any financial institution regulatory policy or rule to which the Company or any subsidiary thereof is subject.

17.15 Compliance with Code Section 409A. It is intended that any compensation, benefits or other remuneration which is provided pursuant to or in connection with the Plan which is considered to be nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A shall be provided and paid in a manner, and at such time and in such form, including application of a six-month delay for specified employees in certain circumstances, as complies with the applicable requirements of Code Section 409A to avoid the unfavorable tax consequences provided therein for non-compliance. Where an Award provides or may provide nonqualified deferred compensation subject to Code Section 409A, the Agreement will set forth the requirements under Code Section 409A and additionally no elective deferral of payment or settlement of the Award shall be permitted unless the elective deferral provisions therefor are set out in the Agreement or in another written document authorized by the Committee in accordance with the requirements of Code Section 409A. Notwithstanding any provision of the Plan to the contrary, the Committee is authorized to amend any Award Agreement and to amend or declare void any election by a Participant as may be determined by the Committee to be necessary or appropriate to evidence or further evidence required compliance with Code Section 409A. The Committee, however, shall have no responsibility or liability if any Award is subject to adverse taxation under Code Section 409A.