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10753 Macatawa Drive  
Holland, Michigan 49424

March 20, 2013

Dear Shareholder:

We cordially invite you to attend our 2013 annual meeting of shareholders. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at The Pinnacle Center, 3330 Highland Drive, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426.

At the meeting, we will elect directors, vote on advisory approval of executive compensation, vote on the frequency of advisory approval of executive compensation, ratify appointment of our independent auditors and conduct any other business that properly comes before the meeting. We will also present a report on our business.

We have enclosed a notice of the meeting, proxy statement and proxy. The proxy statement includes information about the nominees for director, the proposals that will be voted on at the meeting, the different methods you can use to vote your proxy, and other important information. Also enclosed is our annual report for the year ended December 31, 2012. You should read these documents carefully.

It is important that your shares be represented at the annual meeting, regardless of how many shares you own. Please sign, date and return the enclosed proxy as soon as possible, regardless of whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting. Voting your shares before the meeting will not affect your right to vote in person if you attend the meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard L. Postma", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Richard L. Postma  
Chairman of the Board

**Your vote is important. Even if you plan to attend the meeting,  
PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY PROMPTLY.**

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MACATAWA BANK CORPORATION

10753 Macatawa Drive  
Holland, Michigan 49424

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To Our Shareholders:

The 2013 annual meeting of shareholders of Macatawa Bank Corporation will be held at The Pinnacle Center, 3330 Highland Drive, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426, on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. local time. At the meeting, we will consider and vote on:

1. Election of four directors to hold office for a three year term;
2. Advisory approval of executive compensation;
3. Advisory vote on the frequency of advisory approval of executive compensation; and
4. Ratification of appointment of BDO USA, LLP as independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013.

We will also conduct any other business that properly comes before the meeting or at any adjournment of the meeting.

You are receiving this notice and can vote at the meeting and any adjournment of the meeting if you were a shareholder of record on March 12, 2013. The enclosed proxy statement is first being sent to our shareholders on approximately March 20, 2013. A copy of our annual report for the year ended December 31, 2012 is enclosed with this notice.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Shareholder Meeting To Be Held on May 7, 2013** Our proxy statement and annual report for the year ended December 31, 2012, which accompany this notice, are available for viewing, printing and downloading on the Internet at [www.cfpproxy.com/5088](http://www.cfpproxy.com/5088) or in the "Investor Relations" section of our website, [www.macatawabank.com](http://www.macatawabank.com), by clicking the "Documents/SEC Filings/Annual Report" link. In addition, you may obtain free of charge electronic copies of all of our filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission from this section of our website.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jon W. Swets  
Secretary  
March 20, 2013

**Your vote is important. Even if you plan to attend the meeting, PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY PROMPTLY.**

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MACATAWA BANK CORPORATION

PROXY STATEMENT  
dated March 20, 2013

For the Annual Meeting of Shareholders  
to be held May 7, 2013

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**Questions and Answers about the Proxy Materials and Our 2013 Annual Meeting**

*Q. Why am I receiving these materials?*

A. The Company's Board of Directors is providing these proxy materials to you in connection with its solicitation of proxies for use at the Macatawa Bank Corporation 2013 annual meeting of shareholders. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at The Pinnacle Center, 3330 Highland Drive, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426. You are invited to attend the meeting and are requested to vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement.

*Q. What information is contained in these materials?*

A. The information included in this proxy statement discusses the proposals to be voted on at the meeting, the voting process, the compensation of named executive officers and directors, and other important information. Your proxy, which you may use to vote on the proposals described in this proxy statement, is also enclosed.

*Q. When did the Company begin sending and delivering this proxy statement to shareholders?*

A. We began sending and delivering this proxy statement to our shareholders on approximately March 20, 2013.

*Q. What proposals will be voted on at the annual meeting?*

A. Four proposals will be voted on at the annual meeting:

- (1) Election of four directors to hold office for a three year term;
- (2) Advisory approval of executive compensation;
- (3) Advisory vote on the frequency of advisory approval of executive compensation; and
- (4) Ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013.

In addition, any other business that properly comes before the meeting will be considered and voted on at the meeting. As of the date of this proxy statement, we are not aware of any other matters to be considered and voted on at the meeting.

*Q. How does the Company's Board of Directors recommend that I vote?*

A. Your Board of Directors recommends that you vote, as follows:

- (1) FOR election of all director nominees;
- (2) FOR advisory approval of executive compensation;
- (3) "ONE YEAR" on advisory vote on the frequency of advisory approval of executive compensation; and
- (4) FOR ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013.

*Q. Who may vote?*

A. You may vote at the annual meeting if you were a shareholder of record of Macatawa common stock at the close of business on March 12, 2013. Each shareholder is entitled to one vote per share of Macatawa common stock on each matter presented for a shareholder vote at the meeting. As of March 12, 2013, there were 27,203,825 shares of Macatawa common stock outstanding.

*Q. How do I vote?*

- A. If you properly sign and return the enclosed proxy, the shares represented by that proxy will be voted at the annual meeting and at any adjournment of the meeting. If you specify a choice on the proxy, your shares will be voted as specified. If you do not specify a choice, your shares will be voted for election of all director nominees, for Proposal 2, "one year" on Proposal 3 and for Proposal 4. If any other matter comes before the meeting, your shares will be voted in the discretion of the persons named as proxies on the proxy.
- Q. How do I vote if I hold my shares in "street name"?*
- A. If you hold your shares in "street name," which means that your shares are registered in the name of a bank, broker or other nominee (which we collectively refer to as your "broker"), your broker must vote your street name shares in the manner you direct if you provide your broker with proper and timely voting instructions. Please use the voting forms and instructions provided by your broker or its agent. These forms and instructions typically permit you to give voting instructions by telephone or Internet if you wish. If you are a street name holder and want to change your vote, you must contact your broker. Please note that you may not vote shares held in street name in person at the annual meeting unless you request and receive a valid proxy from your broker.
- Q. Can I change my mind after I return my proxy?*
- A. Yes. You may revoke your proxy at any time before it is voted at the meeting by doing any of the following three things:
- by delivering written notice of revocation to Macatawa's Secretary, Jon W. Swets, at 10753 Macatawa Drive, Holland, Michigan 49424;
  - by delivering a proxy bearing a later date than the proxy that you wish to revoke; or
  - by attending the meeting and voting in person.
- Merely attending the meeting will not, by itself, revoke your proxy. Your latest dated valid vote that we receive is the vote that we will count.
- Q. Does my broker have discretionary authority to vote my shares?*
- A. If you do not provide your broker with voting instructions, then your broker has discretionary authority to vote your shares on certain "routine" matters. We expect that Proposal 4 will be considered a routine matter and your broker will have discretionary authority to vote your shares on the proposal. Your broker will not have discretionary authority to vote your shares on election of directors and Proposals 2 and 3, as these are not considered routine matters. **It is important that you promptly provide your broker with voting instructions if you want your shares voted on election of directors and Proposals 2 and 3.**
- Q. What are broker non-votes?*
- A. Generally, broker non-votes occur when shares held by a broker in street name for a beneficial owner are not voted with respect to a particular proposal because the broker has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner and the broker lacks discretionary voting power to vote those shares.
- Q. What is the quorum requirement for the annual meeting?*
- A. To conduct business at the annual meeting, a quorum of shareholders must be present. The presence in person or by properly executed proxy of the holders of a majority of all issued and outstanding shares of Macatawa common stock entitled to vote at the meeting is necessary for a quorum. To determine whether a quorum is present, we will include shares that are present or represented by proxy, including abstentions and shares represented by a broker non-vote on any matter.

*Q. What vote is necessary to approve the proposals?*

*A. Election of Directors.* A plurality of the shares voting is required to elect directors. This means that, if there are more nominees than positions to be filled, the nominees who receive the most votes will be elected to the open director positions. Broker non-votes and other shares that are not voted in person or by proxy will not be included in the vote count.

*Advisory Approval of Executive Compensation.* Proposal 2 will be approved if a majority of the shares that are voted on the proposal at the meeting are voted in favor of the proposal. Abstentions, broker non-votes and other shares that are not voted on Proposal 2 in person or by proxy will not be included in the vote count.

*Advisory Vote on the Frequency of Advisory Approval of Executive Compensation.* The choice (one year, two years, or three years) that receives the most votes voted on at the meeting will be approved. Abstentions, broker non-votes and other shares that are not voted on Proposal 3 in person or by proxy will not be included in the vote count.

*Ratification of Appointment of BDO USA, LLP as Independent Auditors.* Proposal 4 will be approved if a majority of the shares that are voted on the proposal at the meeting are voted in favor of the proposal. Abstentions, broker non-votes and other shares that are not voted on Proposal 4 in person or by proxy will not be included in the vote count.

*Required Vote for Other Matters.* We do not know of any other matters to be presented at the meeting. Generally, any other proposal to be voted on at the meeting would be approved if a majority of the shares that are voted on the proposal at the meeting are voted in favor of the proposal. Abstentions, broker non-votes and other shares that are not voted on the proposal in person or by proxy would not be included in the vote count.

*Q. May the annual meeting be adjourned?*

*A.* Yes. The shareholders present at the meeting, in person or by proxy, may, by a majority vote, adjourn the meeting despite the absence of a quorum.

In addition, our Bylaws allow the Chairman of the Board to adjourn the meeting if a quorum is not present, if disorder arises or if he determines that no further matters may properly come before the meeting.

If a quorum is not present at the meeting, or if the necessary votes to approve any of the proposals described in this proxy statement have not been obtained, we expect to adjourn the meeting to solicit additional proxies.

*Q. What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy or voting instruction card?*

*A.* It means your shares are registered differently or are in more than one account. Please provide voting instructions for all proxies and voting instruction cards you receive.

*Q. Where can I find the voting results of the annual meeting?*

*A.* We will announce preliminary voting results at the annual meeting and publish final results in a Current Report on Form 8-K that we will file with the Securities and Exchange Commission within four business days after the date of the annual meeting.

**Use of Terms**

In this proxy statement, "we," "us," "our," the "Company" and "Macatawa" refer to Macatawa Bank Corporation, the "Bank" refers to Macatawa Bank, and "you" and "your" refer to each shareholder of Macatawa Bank Corporation.



**Proposal 1**

*Election of Directors*

The Governance Committee and the Board of Directors have nominated the following individuals for election as a director of Macatawa for a three-year term expiring at the 2016 annual meeting of shareholders:

**Wayne J. Elhart  
Charles A. Geenen  
Robert L. Herr  
Thomas J. Wesholski**

Biographical information concerning the nominees appears below under the heading "The Board of Directors."

The proposed nominees are willing to be elected and to serve as a director. If any nominee becomes unable to serve or is otherwise unavailable for election, which we do not anticipate, the incumbent Board of Directors may select a substitute nominee. If a substitute nominee is selected, the shares represented by your proxy will be voted for the election of the substitute nominee. If a substitute is not selected, all proxies will be voted for the election of the remaining nominees.

*Your Board of Directors and Governance Committee,  
which consists entirely of independent directors,  
recommend that you vote **FOR** election of each nominee as a director.*

**Proposal 2**

*Advisory Approval of Executive Compensation*

The Dodd-Frank Act requires that the Company provide its shareholders with the opportunity to cast a non-binding, advisory vote on the compensation of the named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K in this proxy statement.

This proposal (sometimes referred to as a "Say-on-Pay" proposal), gives you as a shareholder the opportunity to approve or not approve the compensation of the named executive officers through the following resolution:

"Resolved, that the compensation paid to the Company's named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to Item 402 of Regulation S-K in the proxy statement, including the compensation tables and narrative discussion, is hereby approved."

The Company believes that our executive compensation programs appropriately align our named executive officers' incentives with shareholder interests and are designed to attract and retain high quality, executive talent. We believe that our executive compensation policies are and have been conservative within the industry and in comparison with the compensation policies of competitors in the markets that we serve. We also believe that both the Company and shareholders benefit from responsive corporate governance policies and dialogue.

This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of the named executive officers and the philosophy and compensation programs described in this proxy statement.

The vote is advisory and not binding upon the Company, the Board of Directors or the Compensation Committee, and may not be construed as overruling a decision by the Board or creating an additional fiduciary duty of the Board. However, the Board of Directors and Compensation Committee value the opinions of our shareholders and will take into account the outcome of the vote when making future decisions regarding executive compensation.

***Your Board of Directors and Compensation Committee,  
which consists entirely of independent directors,  
recommend that you vote FOR Proposal 2.***

**Proposal 3**

*Advisory Vote on the Frequency of Advisory Approval of Executive Compensation*

The Dodd-Frank Act requires the Company to obtain, at least once every six years, a shareholder vote on the frequency of advisory approval of the compensation of the named executive officers.

This proposal gives the Company's shareholders the opportunity to determine whether the frequency of advisory approval of the compensation of the named executive officers will occur every one, two or three years. Shareholders may also abstain from voting on this proposal.

The frequency – one year, two years or three years – that receives the greatest number of votes will be considered to have been approved by the shareholders. This vote is advisory and not binding upon the Company and its Board of Directors. However, the Board of Directors and Compensation Committee value the opinions of the shareholders and will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering the frequency of the advisory approval of the compensation of the named executive officers.

After careful consideration, the Board of Directors has decided to recommend that shareholders vote in favor of holding advisory approval of the compensation of the named executive officers every year. The Board supports an annual advisory approval because we believe that this will provide our shareholders with the most consistent and clear communication channel for shareholder concerns about the compensation of the named executive officers.

**Your Board of Directors and Compensation Committee,  
which consists entirely of independent directors,  
recommend that you vote ONE YEAR on Proposal 3.**

**Proposal 4**

*Ratification of Appointment of Independent Auditors*

The Audit Committee has appointed BDO USA, LLP as the Company's independent auditors to audit the financial statements of the Company and its subsidiaries for the year ending December 31, 2013, and to perform such other appropriate audit services as may be approved by the Audit Committee. The Board of Directors and the Audit Committee, which consists entirely of independent directors, propose and recommend that shareholders ratify the appointment of BDO USA, LLP to serve as the Company's independent auditors for the year ending December 31, 2013.

More information concerning the relationship of the Company with its independent auditors appears below under the headings "Audit Committee," "Independent Auditors" and "Audit Committee Report."

If the shareholders do not ratify the appointment of BDO USA, LLP, the Audit Committee will consider a change in auditors for the next year.

***Your Board of Directors and Audit Committee,  
which consists entirely of independent directors,  
recommend that you vote FOR Proposal 4.***

## **Board of Directors**

### **General**

The Board of Directors currently consists of 11 directors. The Board of Directors is divided into three classes, with each class as nearly equal in number as possible. Each class of directors serves a three-year term, with the term of one class expiring at the annual meeting in each successive year.

### **Qualifications and Biographical Information**

The Governance Committee has not established specific, minimum qualifications for director nominees. The Governance Committee will consider candidates for director who have the skills, experiences (whether in business or in other areas such as public service or academia), particular areas of expertise, and other characteristics to enable them to best contribute to the success of the Company. Director nominees should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and must be committed to representing the long-term interests of shareholders. Additionally, director nominees should have sufficient time to effectively carry out their duties.

Biographical information concerning the directors and the nominees for election to the Board of Directors, and the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led to the conclusion of the Governance Committee and the Board of Directors that the person should serve as a director, is presented below. Except as otherwise indicated, each of these persons has had the same principal position and employment for over five years.

#### *Nominees for Director with Terms Expiring in 2016*

**Wayne J. Elhart**, age 58, has been a director of the Company since September 2010 and a director of the Bank since 1998. Mr. Elhart graduated from Northwood University in 1976 with degrees in marketing, advertising and accounting and has been involved in the management of the Elhart family automotive dealerships in Holland since 1980 and president of Elhart Holdings since 1990. Mr. Elhart has been involved in the automobile industry for over 44 years in various capacities. Over his career, he has served on many boards and committees with automobile manufacturers, as well as outside of the automotive industry. Mr. Elhart served as President of the National Dealer Counsel for General Motors and as a board member of the West Michigan Better Business Bureau. In nominating Mr. Elhart, the Governance Committee considered as important factors his extensive business experience, his familiarity with the markets in which we operate, and his familiarity with and ability to understand financial statements.

**Charles A. Geenen**, age 54, has been a director of the Company since September 2010 and a director of the Bank since 2008. Mr. Geenen has been President of GDK Construction Co., Inc., in Holland since 1982 and is associated with Geenen DeKock Properties LLC, a commercial real estate development company. Mr. Geenen is a licensed builder and licensed real estate sales professional. Mr. Geenen has previously served on the City of Holland Downtown Development Authority and Strategic Planning Committee and City of Holland Building Board of Appeals. He currently serves on the Trinity Christian College Board of Trustees. In nominating Mr. Geenen, the Governance Committee considered as important factors his extensive business experience, his familiarity with the markets in which we operate, his familiarity with and ability to understand financial statements, and his extensive work for municipal and not for profit organizations.

**Robert L. Herr**, age 67, has been a director of the Company and the Bank since October 2010. Mr. Herr, a former Partner with Crowe Horwath LLP, retired in 2007 after 40 years with the firm. He has worked with private and public clients across many business sectors. Mr. Herr spent over 15 years as a member of the firm's financial institutions practice and his experience includes extensive regulatory interaction and knowledge of publicly traded bank holding companies. In addition to his client work, Mr. Herr served for 6 years on the firm's executive committee and was the chair of the firm's Audit Committee for 2 years. Mr. Herr also serves on the board and audit committee of Thornapple Capital, Inc., a company formed as a Capital Pool Company under the policies of the Toronto TSX Venture Exchange. He is also on the board of Progressive AE, a West Michigan based architectural and engineering firm. Mr. Herr is active in the West Michigan community serving as Board Chair of the Downtown Improvement District. He is a Board Member of the Advantage Health Physicians Network, Economic Club of Grand Rapids, Jandernoa Entrepreneurial Mentoring, First Steps Commission, Grand Angels, Downtown Alliance, Michigan Catholic Conference Pension Board, and Western Michigan University Foundation. He is the past board chair of St. Mary's Health Care, YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids and Heart of West Michigan United Way. In 2009, Mr. Herr was the initial inductee into the Academy of Outstanding Alumni of the Department of Accountancy at Western Michigan University. In nominating Mr. Herr, the Governance Committee considered as important factors his extensive accounting and finance experience, his ability to understand financial statements and qualify as an "audit committee financial expert," his experience working with public companies, in particular his work with public financial institutions, his reputation as a respected business leader in our community, and his extensive community involvement.

**Thomas J. Wesholski**, age 67, has been a director of the Company since 2009 and a director of the Bank since 2004. Mr. Wesholski is a long time banker, joining the Company in 2002 with our acquisition of Grand Bank. From 2002 to 2004, he served as Executive Vice President of Macatawa Bank, responsible for development and growth of our bank franchise in Kent County. He served as President, Chairman and CEO of Grand Bank, working there from 1997 until 2002. Prior to joining Grand Bank, Mr. Wesholski was a Senior Vice President in various corporate positions with First Michigan Bank Corporation from 1988 to 1997 with responsibilities in West Michigan. He served in various senior level positions at Michigan National Bank in Grand Rapids from 1967 to 1988, including President of Michigan National Bank – Central from 1985 to 1988. He is also very active serving various community organizations. Mr. Wesholski currently serves as board member or trustee at Grand Rapids Public Museum Foundation, Catholic Charities, Grand Rapids Building Authority, Grand Rapids Tax Assessors Appeals Board, Grand Rapids Diocesan Finance Council and serves as Chairperson for St. Ann's Nursing Home. He has served as a director or trustee for Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital, Priority Health, Grand Rapids Building Authority, Grand Rapids Downtown Development Authority, Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, Peninsular Club, as well as many others. In nominating Mr. Wesholski, the Governance Committee considered as important factors his extensive banking experience, his service to and familiarity with the Company, his familiarity with and ability to understand financial statements, his historical experience with Grand Bank, and his extensive community involvement.

*Directors with Terms Expiring in 2015*

**Ronald L. Haan**, age 59, has been a director of the Company and the Bank since 2009. Mr. Haan is Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company and the Bank. Mr. Haan served as Executive Vice President of Macatawa Bank from September 2005 until August 12, 2009. Mr. Haan was appointed as a director and Co-Chief Executive Officer, Secretary and Treasurer of the Company on February 9, 2009. In August 2009, Mr. Haan was appointed Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company and the Bank. Prior to September 2005, Mr. Haan was employed as an Executive Vice President of Fifth Third Bank. Mr. Haan also served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Ottawa Financial Corporation and AmeriBank, a position held since 1989. Mr. Haan served as a Director of Ottawa Financial Corporation, and AmeriBank. He has been in banking since 1975 working in various capacities. In addition to banking experience, he has also served in his community by serving as a director of Pine Rest Christian Mental Health, the Barnabas Foundation, Grand Rapids Christian School Association and CRC Loan Fund, Inc. In nominating Mr. Haan, the Governance Committee considered as important factors his extensive banking experience, his service to and familiarity with the Company, his experience working in public companies, his familiarity with and ability to understand financial statements, and his community involvement.

**Douglas B. Padnos**, age 58, has been a director of the Company since 2009 and a director of the Bank since 2007. Mr. Padnos has been a leader in our business community for many years. After 12 years in sales and sales management in the residential and contract furniture industry, he joined his family business, Louis Padnos Iron & Metal, where he has served as Executive Manager of the Paper and Plastics division since 1989. He has also served as President of the Holland Area Arts Council, VP and Trustee of the Grand Rapids Art Museum and has supported other not for profit organizations including the Boys & Girls Club and Hospice of Holland. Mr. Padnos is a 1977 graduate of the University of Michigan. In nominating Mr. Padnos, the Governance Committee considered as important factors his extensive business experience, his familiarity with the markets in which we operate, his familiarity with and ability to understand financial statements, and his extensive work for not for profit organizations.

**Richard L. Postma**, age 62, has been a director of the Company and the Bank since 2009. Mr. Postma is Chairman of the Board of the Company. Mr. Postma was selected by the Board of Directors in the fall of 2009 to serve as a director and Chairman because of his stature as a successful and respected business leader in West Michigan. Mr. Postma is Chief Executive Officer and co-founder of U.S. Signal, the Midwest's largest fiber optic carrier network. Mr. Postma currently holds several leadership positions with a variety of other companies, serving as Chairman of TurnKey Network Solutions, LLC, a telecommunications contractor focused on infrastructure solutions, R.T. London, Inc., a designer and manufacturer of high-quality durable furniture, and P&V Capital Holdings, L.L.C. He recently served on the Board of Directors of AboveNet Inc. (NYSE: ABVT), where he was a member of the Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Strategy Committee. AboveNet, Inc. was sold and delisted by way of a sale to Zayo Communications in July of 2012. He has also served as Co-Chairman and CEO of U.S. Xchange, LLC and has previously served on the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee of Choice One Communications, Inc. Since joining our Company, Mr. Postma has been working very closely with other directors and the Bank's leadership team to provide strategic direction, improve shareholder value and return the Company to profitability. In nominating Mr. Postma, the Governance Committee considered as important factors his extensive business experience, his reputation as a respected business leader in our community, his experience working with public companies, his familiarity with and ability to understand financial statements, and his extensive community involvement.

*Directors with Terms Expiring in 2014*

**Mark J. Bugge**, age 44, has been a director of the Company and the Bank since 2008. Mr. Bugge is the CFO of VA Enterprises, LLC (VAE), located in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the office representing the Van Andel family. The core holding for the family is Amway Corporation which was co-founded by the late Jay Van Andel. Mr. Bugge graduated from Central Michigan University and earned an M.B.A. from Davenport University. He worked for Amway in a variety of finance positions from 1992 through 2000. Since 2000, Mr. Bugge's responsibilities and experience includes oversight of internal and external staff, finance, risk management, human resources and portfolio investments. He also serves as the family liaison with Amway.

On November 5, 2008, the Company entered into a Board Representation Agreement with White Bay Capital, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company. On November 5, 2008, White Bay Capital purchased 20,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock. Under the Board Representation Agreement, the Corporation agreed to take all necessary action to cause one person designated by White Bay Capital to be elected to the Company's Board of Directors for so long as White Bay Capital continues to own shares of preferred and common stock that represent at least 3.0% of the outstanding voting shares of capital stock of the Company. Mr. Bugge is the director designated by White Bay Capital.

**Birgit M. Klohs**, age 61, has been a director of the Company since September 2010 and a director of the Bank since 2003. Ms. Klohs is President & Chief Executive Officer of The Right Place, Inc., located in Grand Rapids. The Right Place, Inc., is the regional economic development organization for the retention, expansion and attraction of businesses to the West Michigan Area. Ms. Klohs also serves on the Spectrum Health Systems, ADAC Automotive and Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce boards. She is also involved with the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago – Committee on Small Business, Agriculture and Labor, the Van Andel Public Museum, the Michigan Israel Business-Bridge Advisory Council, Grand Action Executive Committee and Kent County/Grand Rapids Convention and Arena Authority, and the Local Development Finance Authority. Her past board memberships include Western Michigan University Board of Trustees, Grand Rapids Symphony, Economic Club of Grand Rapids, Heart of West Michigan United Way and Opera Grand Rapids. In nominating Ms. Klohs, the Governance Committee considered as important factors her extensive business experience, her extensive work in working to promote economic development in West Michigan, her familiarity with the markets in which we operate, her familiarity with and ability to understand financial statements, and her extensive work for not for profit organizations.

**Arend D. Lubbers**, age 81, has been a director of the Company and the Bank since 2003. Mr. Lubbers is an independent consultant and previously served as the President of Grand Valley State University from 1969 to 2001. Mr. Lubbers served as a director of Grand Bank Financial Corporation and Grand Bank from 1990 to 2002. Mr. Lubbers is a graduate of Hope College and received his graduate degree from Rutgers University. In nominating Mr. Lubbers, the Nominating Committee considered as important factors his service to and familiarity with the Company and the Bank, his historical experience as a director of Grand Bank, his familiarity with and ability to understand financial statements, and his professional and educational expertise in our communities.

**Thomas P. Rosenbach**, age 57, has been a director of the Company and the Bank since October 2010. Mr. Rosenbach has been a Partner with Beene Garter LLP since 1990 and he currently serves as Managing Partner of the firm. He brings over 29 years of experience in public accounting, specializing in construction, real estate, manufacturing and wholesale distribution industries. Mr. Rosenbach is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants and the Construction Financial Managers Association and Moore Stephens North America, where he previously served as chairman. He is active in the West Michigan community having served on the boards of Pine Rest Christian Hospital and the Associated Builders and Contractors of West Michigan. He previously served on the audit committee for Pine Rest Christian Hospital. In nominating Mr. Rosenbach, the Governance Committee considered as important factors his extensive accounting and finance experience, his ability to understand financial statements and qualify as an "audit committee financial expert," his experience working with public companies, his reputation as a respected business leader in our community, and his extensive community involvement.

#### **Board Committees**

Macatawa's Board of Directors has three standing committees:

- Audit Committee
- Compensation Committee
- Governance Committee



The table below shows each person currently serving as a director, whether the person is an independent director and each committee on which the person serves.

<b>Director</b>	<b>Independent Director(1)</b>	<b>Audit Committee</b>	<b>Compensation Committee</b>	<b>Governance Committee</b>
Mark J. Bugge	Yes	Member		Member
Wayne J. Elhart	Yes		Member	Member
Charles A. Geenen	Yes		Member	
Robert L. Herr	Yes	Member	Member	
Ronald L. Haan	No			
Birgit M. Klohs	Yes			Member
Arend D. Lubbers	Yes	Member		Member
Douglas B. Padnos	Yes		Member	Member
Richard L. Postma	Yes	Member	Member	Member
Thomas P. Rosenbach	Yes	Member	Member	Member
Thomas J. Wesholski	Yes	Member		

(1) Independent as that term is defined in NASDAQ Listing Rules for service on the Board of Directors and each committee on which the director serves.

*Audit Committee*

The Board of Directors has established the Audit Committee to assist the Board in fulfilling its fiduciary responsibilities with respect to accounting, auditing, financial reporting, internal control, and legal compliance. The Audit Committee oversees management and the independent auditors in the Company's accounting and financial reporting processes and audits of the Company's financial statements. The Audit Committee serves as a focal point for communication among the Board, the independent auditors, the internal auditor and management with regard to accounting, reporting, and internal controls. Mr. Bugge serves as the Chairman of the Audit Committee. During 2012, the Audit Committee met 15 times.

The Audit Committee represents the Board of Directors in oversight of:

- the integrity of the financial reports and other financial information disclosed by the Company;
- the Company's systems of disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting;
- legal compliance and the establishment of a code of ethics;
- independence and performance of the Company's independent auditors (who are ultimately responsible to the Board of Directors and the Audit Committee);
- the Company's auditing, accounting and financial reporting processes generally;
- the Bank's risk management and loan review functions; and
- compliance with orders, agreements, understandings, resolutions or similar commitments or with regulatory agencies with authority over the Company or the Bank.

The Audit Committee has the full power and authority to perform the responsibilities of a public company Audit Committee under applicable law, regulations, stock exchange listing standards, generally accepted accounting principles, and public company custom and practice. The Audit Committee may establish subcommittees of the Audit Committee and delegate authority and responsibility to subcommittees or any individual member of the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee must be composed of three or more directors appointed by the Board of Directors, one of whom must be designated by the Board of Directors as the Chair. Each member of the Audit Committee must be independent of the management of the Company and free of any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with his or her exercise of independent judgment as an Audit Committee member. Each member of the Audit Committee must be an "independent director" as defined by Nasdaq Listing Rules and as required under rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. A director may not be a member of the Audit Committee if he or she participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company or any current subsidiary of the Company at any time during the past three years. Each member of the Audit Committee must be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including the Company's balance sheet, income statement, and cash flow statement.

At least one member of the Audit Committee must be a person whom the Board has determined has past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or any other comparable experience or background which results in the individual's financial sophistication and is an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined by applicable regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Board of Directors has determined that Messrs. Herr and Rosenbach are each an "audit committee financial expert" under rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Audit Committee operates under a charter adopted by the Board of Directors. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter is available in the "Investor Relations – Governance Documents" section of our website, [www.macatawabank.com](http://www.macatawabank.com).

#### *Compensation Committee*

The Compensation Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities relating to compensation of the Company's executive officers and the Company's compensation and benefit programs and policies. The Compensation Committee has full power and authority to perform the responsibilities of a public company compensation committee under applicable law, regulations, stock exchange rules and public company custom and practice. The Compensation Committee may establish subcommittees of the committee and delegate authority and responsibility to subcommittees or any individual member of the committee. Mr. Postma serves as the Chairman of the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee met three times in 2012.

The Compensation Committee must be composed of three or more directors appointed by the Board of Directors, one of whom must be designated by the Board of Directors as the Chair. Each member of the Compensation Committee must be independent of the management of the Company and free of any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with his or her exercise of independent judgment as a Compensation Committee member. Each member of the Compensation Committee must be an "independent director" as defined by Nasdaq Listing Rules. In addition, each member of the Compensation Committee must be a "non-employee director" as defined by Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 16b-3, and an "outside director" as defined by Internal Revenue Service Regulation 1.162-27. Each member of the Compensation Committee must be free of any "compensation committee interlock" that would require disclosure by the Company under Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K, Item 407.

The Compensation Committee operates under a charter adopted by the Board of Directors. A copy of the Compensation Committee Charter is available in the "Investor Relations – Governance Documents" section of our website, [www.macatawabank.com](http://www.macatawabank.com).

#### *Governance Committee*

The Governance Committee assists the Board of Directors in fulfilling its responsibilities by providing independent director oversight of nominations for election to the Board of Directors and leadership in the Company's corporate governance. The Governance Committee has full power and authority to perform the responsibilities of a public company nominating and governance committee under applicable law, regulations, stock exchange rules and public company custom and practice. The Governance Committee may establish subcommittees of the committee and delegate authority and responsibility to subcommittees or any individual member of the committee. Mr. Postma serves as the Chairman of the Governance Committee. During 2012, the Governance Committee met one time.

The Governance Committee must be composed of three or more directors appointed by the Board of Directors, one of whom must be designated by the Board of Directors as the Chair. Each member of the Governance Committee must be independent of the management of the Company and free of any relationship that, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, would interfere with his or her exercise of independent judgment as a Governance Committee member. Each member of the Governance Committee must be an "independent director" as defined by Nasdaq Listing Rules.

The Governance Committee operates pursuant to the Governance Committee Charter, a copy of which is available at the Company's website, [www.macatawabank.com](http://www.macatawabank.com), under the "Investor Relations – Governance Documents" section.

### **Corporate Governance**

#### **Corporate Governance Policy**

As part of its continuing efforts to improve corporate governance, the Board of Directors has adopted a comprehensive Corporate Governance Policy. The policy is designed to promote accountability and transparency for the Board of Directors and management of the Company. The policy contains guidelines regarding the responsibilities, membership, and structure of the Board of Directors, including policies addressing:

- Board leadership;
- Director independence, diversity, education, and conflicts of interest; and
- Majority vote requirement for uncontested elections

The policy also contains guidelines for other significant corporate governance matters, such as the Board of Directors' responsibility for risk management and succession planning. The Corporate Governance Policy is available at the Company's website, [www.macatawabank.com](http://www.macatawabank.com), under the "Investor Relations – Governance Documents" section.

### **Meetings of the Board of Directors**

The Company's Board of Directors had 12 meetings in 2012. During 2012, each director attended at least 75% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and Board committees on which he or she served. The Company encourages members of its Board of Directors to attend the annual meeting of shareholders. All of the directors serving at May 8, 2012, attended the Company's 2012 annual meeting, held on that date.

### **Meetings of Independent Directors**

The Company's independent directors meet periodically in executive sessions without any management directors in attendance. If the Board of Directors convenes a special meeting, the independent directors may hold an executive session if the circumstances warrant.

### **Director Nominations**

The Governance Committee is responsible for identifying and recommending qualified individuals to serve as members of the Company's Board of Directors. The Governance Committee has not established any specific, minimum qualifications for director nominees. The Governance Committee will consider candidates for director who have the skills, experiences (whether in business or in other areas such as public service or academia), particular areas of expertise, and other characteristics to enable them to best contribute to the success of the Company. Director nominees should possess the highest personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and must be committed to representing the long-term interests of shareholders. Additionally, director nominees should have sufficient time to effectively carry out their duties. The Governance Committee considers candidates based on their experience and expertise as well as demographics to appropriately reflect the diversity and makeup of our community and shareholders. At least annually, the Governance Committee must assess the specific experience, qualifications, attributes, skills and contributions of each director and nominee to determine whether each director and nominee should serve, or continue to serve, as director in light of the Company's business and structure.

The Company's Articles of Incorporation contain certain procedural requirements applicable to shareholder nominations of directors. Shareholders entitled to vote in the election of directors may nominate a person to serve as a director if they provide written notice to the Company not later than sixty nor more than ninety days prior to the first anniversary date of the preceding year's annual meeting, in the case of an annual meeting, and not later than the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of the meeting was first mailed to shareholders, in the case of a special meeting. The notice must include (1) the name and address of the shareholder who intends to make the nomination and of the person or persons nominated, (2) a representation that the shareholder is a current record holder of stock entitled to vote at the meeting and will continue to hold those shares through the date of the meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the meeting to nominate the person or persons specified in the notice, (3) a description of all arrangements between the shareholder and each nominee and any other person pursuant to which the nomination is to be made by the shareholder, (4) the information regarding each nominee as would be required to be included in a proxy statement filed under Regulation 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 had the nominee been nominated by the Board of Directors, and (5) the consent of each nominee to serve as a director of the Company if elected. Shareholders may propose nominees for consideration by submitting the required information in writing to: Jon W. Swets, Secretary, Macatawa Bank Corporation, 10753 Macatawa Drive, Holland, MI 49424-3119.

The Governance Committee will consider every shareholder nomination of a director that complies with the procedural requirements of the Company's Articles of Incorporation and report each such nomination and the Governance Committee's recommendation to the full Board of Directors. The Governance Committee may also, in its discretion, consider shareholders' informal recommendation of possible nominees.

The Board of Directors and Governance Committee do not currently use the services of any third party search firm to assist in the identification or evaluation of board member candidates. However, the Governance Committee has the authority to use such a firm in the future if it deems necessary or appropriate.

### **Leadership Structure**

In 2010, we implemented changes to promote the independence and objectivity of the Board of Directors. Five new, independent directors were appointed to the Company's Board of Directors that we believe strengthened the experience, skills, objectivity and independence of the Board. The Boards of Directors of the Company and the Bank were consolidated, so that shareholders of the Company will in the future effectively elect all persons who serve on the Bank's Board of Directors.

Currently, the Company's Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer are separate positions in recognition of the difference between the two roles. The Chairman of the Board leads the Board of directors in adopting an overall strategic plan for the Company, sets the agenda for the meetings of the Board of Directors, presides over all meetings of the Board of Directors, and provides guidance to the Chief Executive Officer. The Chief Executive Officer implements the strategic plan for the Company as adopted by the Board of Directors and leads the Company, its management and its employees on a day-to-day basis. Because of these differences, the Company currently believes keeping the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer as separate positions is the appropriate leadership structure for the Company.

### **Oversight of Risk Management**

The Company is exposed to a variety of risks and undertakes at least annually an enterprise risk management review to identify and evaluate these risks and to develop plans to manage them effectively. During 2012, the Bank's enterprise risk management responsibilities were managed by the Chief Financial Officer, Chief Credit Officer and the Director of Risk Management.

The Board of Directors, and the Audit Committee under authority and responsibility delegated by the Board of Directors, play a key role in the oversight of the Company's risk management. To that end, the Board of Directors or the Audit Committee must periodically require and receive direct reports from the persons holding the following positions (which may be combined):

- Chief Financial Officer
- Director of Risk Management
- Independent Auditor
- Chief Credit Officer

The Audit Committee, which is composed entirely of independent directors, has authority and responsibility to oversee the Company's internal audit function, and the risk management and loan review functions of the Bank. Specifically, the Committee has the authority and responsibility to:

- Oversee each function, including its personnel, resources, organizational structure, and relationship to the Company's overall business objectives.
- Review the independence of the officers responsible for each function.
- Inquire into whether the officers responsible for each function have sufficient authority, support, resources, and the necessary access to Company personnel, facilities and records to carry out their work.
- Review reports of significant findings and recommendations and management's corrective action plans.
- Establish and maintain channels for the officers responsible for each function to communicate directly with the Committee.
- Review the performance of the officers responsible for each function.

The Chief Financial Officer, Chief Credit Officer and Director of Risk Management meet with the Audit Committee on a monthly basis to discuss the risks facing Macatawa, and highlight any new risks that may have arisen since they last met.

The Company has appointed the Director of Risk Management as the key individual within the Company responsible for independent oversight of the Risk Management process, with direct functional and administrative reporting to the Audit Committee. The Director of Risk Management meets monthly with the Audit Committee and attends all Board of Directors meetings to discuss the risks facing Macatawa. The Director of Risk Management works closely with members of management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Credit Officer, Head of Business Banking, Senior Retail Banking Officer, Director of Technology and eCommerce, Director of Operations, Director of Human Resources, outside legal counsel, and others.

Our Special Assets Group (SAG) is headed by individuals with significant commercial lending and workout experience to monitor all adversely graded loans. SAG reports directly to the Audit Committee.

The Chief Financial Officer, Chief Credit Officer, Head of Business Banking and Director of Risk Management attend all regular, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and report on credit metrics and risks facing the Bank.

The Loan Review function reports functionally to the Audit Committee and administratively to the Director of Risk Management.

### **Majority Voting**

The Board believes that the Company and its shareholders are best served by having directors who enjoy the confidence of the Company's shareholders. If any director receives a greater number of votes "withheld" than votes "for" election in an uncontested election at an annual meeting of shareholders (a "Majority Withheld Vote"), then the Board will presume that such director does not have the full confidence of the shareholders. A director receiving a Majority Withheld Vote must promptly offer his or her resignation from the Board to the Governance Committee upon certification of the shareholder vote. The resignation will be effective if and when accepted by the Governance Committee.

The Governance Committee, which consists entirely of independent directors, will promptly consider the acceptance of the director's offer of resignation. The director at issue will not participate in the consideration of or the vote on the offer of resignation.

The Governance Committee is expected to consider and vote upon acceptance or rejection of the offer of resignation in its sole discretion not later than the day of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board, which is held more than one week after the annual meeting of shareholders. The Governance Committee is expected to evaluate whether or not the Majority Withheld Vote represented a failure of confidence in the director by the shareholders. Examples of reasons why the Governance Committee may decline to accept a resignation include, but are not limited to, a conclusion that votes were withheld because of an identifiable cause that has subsequently been adequately addressed or a belief that the Majority Withheld Vote is attributable to technical issues or deficiencies in the proxy solicitation process.

The Company will disclose the Governance Committee's decision regarding the director's offer of resignation (and the reasons for rejecting the resignation offer, if applicable) in an appropriate filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### **Term Limits**

The Company does not have predetermined term limits for directors. The Governance Committee will evaluate each director's continued services on the Board annually. In connection with each nomination for re-election, each director will have an opportunity to confirm his or her desire to continue as a member of the Board.

#### **Retirement**

The Board of Directors believes that it is generally appropriate for directors to retire before the age of 70. A director will not ordinarily be nominated for re-election to the Board of Directors following the expiration of the term of office which ends after his or her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. The Board of Directors recognizes, however, that the wisdom, experience and contribution of a director aged 70 years or older could benefit the Board and the Governance Committee may, in its discretion, nominate a director for re-election after his or her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### **Change in Employment or Independence**

Directors recognize that they have been chosen for nomination or appointment to the Board of Directors in part because of the knowledge and insight they gain on a continuing basis from their active employment in their current positions and for the public respect they bring to the Company and its Board of Directors because of the positions they hold in the business community. A director who experiences a material change in his or her employment status must inform the Governance Committee as soon as practicable and is expected to promptly offer his or her resignation as a director to the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee will consider and vote upon acceptance or rejection of the director's offer in its sole discretion, excluding the affected director from consideration of and voting on acceptance of the resignation.

An independent director who ceases to be an independent director under NASDAQ Listing Rules for any reason must inform the Governance Committee as soon as practicable and is expected to promptly offer his or her resignation as a director to the Governance Committee. The Governance Committee will consider and vote upon acceptance or rejection of the director's offer in its sole discretion, excluding the affected director from consideration of and voting on acceptance of the resignation.

### **Other Board Memberships**

Each executive officer of the Company must notify the Governance Committee before serving as a member of the board of directors of any other business organization. The Governance Committee will review executive officers' membership on external boards of directors at least annually. The Governance Committee may limit the directorships for any executive officer if it believes that they will interfere with the executive officer's responsibilities to the Company.

### **Security Holder Communication with Directors**

The Company must provide a process for security holders to send communications to the Board of Directors. Such communications should be directed to Jon W. Swets, Secretary, Macatawa Bank Corporation, 10753 Macatawa Drive, Holland, Michigan 49424. The Secretary of the Company, or the Secretary's delegates, have discretion to adopt policies and procedures to implement and administer this communication process. Security holder communications may be directed to the Board of Directors, a committee of the Board of Directors or to specific individual directors. The Secretary has discretion to screen and not forward to directors, communications which the Secretary determines in his or her discretion to be communications unrelated to the business or governance of the Company and its subsidiaries, commercial solicitations, offensive, obscene or otherwise inappropriate. The Secretary must, however, collect and organize all security holder communications which are not forwarded, and such communications must be available to any director upon request.

### **External Communications**

The Board believes that the Chairman of the Board and management of the Company should speak for the Company. Individual Board members who are not the Chairman of the Board or officers should not communicate with outside parties regarding corporate matters unless authorized by the Board, the Chairman of the Board or management. If so authorized, Board members may communicate with various constituencies that are involved with the Company, subject to applicable law and the Company's policies regarding the disclosure of information.

### **Code of Ethics**

As part of its continuing efforts to improve corporate governance, in 2011 the Board of Directors adopted a new and comprehensive Code of Ethics. The code is intended to deter wrongdoing and to promote:

- Honest and ethical conduct, including the ethical handling of actual or apparent conflicts of interest between personal and professional relationships;
- Full, fair, accurate, timely and understandable disclosure in documents the Company files with, or submits to, the SEC and in all public communications made by the Company;
- Compliance with applicable governmental laws, rules and regulations; and
- Prompt internal reporting to designated persons of violations of the code.

The Code of Ethics is available upon request by writing to the Chief Financial Officer, Macatawa Bank Corporation, 10753 Macatawa Drive, Holland, Michigan 49424 and is also available on the Company's website, [www.macatawabank.com](http://www.macatawabank.com), under the "Investor Relations – Governance Documents" section.



**Problem Resolution Policy**

The Company strongly encourages employees to raise possible ethical issues. We maintain a problem resolution hotline to receive reports of ethical concerns or incidents, including, without limitation, concerns about accounting, internal controls or auditing matters. Users of the hotline may choose to remain anonymous. We prohibit retaliatory action against any individual for raising legitimate concerns or questions, or for reporting suspected violations.

**Board Diversity**

The Board believes that the Company and its shareholders are best served by having a Board of Directors that brings a diversity of education, experience, skills, and perspective to Board meetings. The Governance Committee and the Board of Directors will consider such diversity in identifying director nominees. There are no specific or minimum qualifications or criteria for nomination for election or appointment to the Board.

**Independent Auditors**

**Fees**

The aggregate fees billed or to be billed by the Company's independent auditors to Macatawa and its subsidiaries for 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>
Audit Fees(1)	\$ 196,855	\$ 208,906
Audit-Related Fees(2)	11,000	0
Tax Fees(3)	15,950	29,470
All Other Fees(4)	0	0

- (1) Audit services consist of the annual audit of the financial statements and internal control over financial reporting, reviews of quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and related consultations, including the review of SEC Form S-1 registration statement for the Company's public stock offering in 2011.
- (2) Audit-related services consist principally of services related to the annual audit of the Bank's 401(k) plan in 2012.
- (3) Permissible tax services include tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice that do not impair the independence of the auditors and that are consistent with the SEC's rules on auditor independence. Tax compliance and preparation fees accounted for \$15,950 and \$16,174 of the total tax fees for 2012 and 2011, respectively. Tax fees for 2011 also included consultation under Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code related to the Company's public stock offering in 2011.
- (4) Includes other permitted consulting services.

**Audit Committee Approval Policies**

The Audit Committee has direct authority and responsibility to pre-approve all audit and permissible non-audit services provided to the Company by the Company's independent auditors. In accordance with this authority and responsibility, the Audit Committee pre-approved all services performed by the Company's independent auditors during 2011 and 2012.

All pre-approvals of audit and permissible non-audit services granted by the Audit Committee must be reasonably detailed as to the particular services to be provided and must not result in the delegation of the Audit Committee's pre-approval responsibilities to management. Pre-approvals of services granted by the Audit Committee must not use monetary limits as the only basis for pre-approval and must not provide for broad categorical approvals. Any pre-approval policies or practices adopted by the Audit Committee must be designed to ensure that the Audit Committee knows what particular services it is being asked to pre-approve so that it can make a well-reasoned assessment of the impact of the service on the independent auditors' independence.

The Audit Committee may delegate to one or more designated members of the committee the authority to grant pre-approvals of permissible non-audit services. The decisions of any member to whom this authority is delegated must be reported to the full Audit Committee.

Non-audit services provided by the Company's independent auditors must not include any of the following:

- Bookkeeping or other services related to the accounting records or financial statements of the Company;

- Financial information systems design and implementation;
- Appraisal or valuation services, fairness opinions, or contribution-in-kind reports;
- Actuarial services;
- Internal audit outsourcing services;
- Management functions or human resources;
- Broker-dealer, investment adviser, or investment banking services;
- Legal services and expert services unrelated to the audit; and
- Any other service that the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board determines, by regulation, is impermissible.

#### **Appointment of Independent Auditor**

The Audit Committee has direct authority and responsibility for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the work of any accounting firm engaged for the purpose of issuing an audit report and performing other audit, review or attestation services for the Company. The Audit Committee is also directly responsible for the resolution of disagreements between management and the independent auditors regarding financial reporting. The independent auditors report directly to the Audit Committee.

The Audit Committee must review the performance of the independent auditors of the Company at least annually. The Audit Committee must also review the independence, effectiveness and objectivity of the independent auditors of the Company at least annually.

The Audit Committee has direct authority and responsibility to oversee the independence of the independent auditors. The Audit Committee must require receipt of, and must review, a formal written statement of the independent auditors delineating all relationships between the independent auditor and the Company, consistent with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. The Audit Committee must discuss with the independent auditor the independent auditor's independence, including a discussion of any disclosed relationships or services that may impact the objectivity and independence of the independent auditor. If the Audit Committee is not satisfied with the independent auditors' assurances of independence, it must take or recommend to the full Board of Directors appropriate action to ensure the independence of the independent auditors.

The Audit Committee must discuss with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by applicable legal, regulatory, and stock exchange listing rule requirements relating to the conduct of the audit and any qualifications in the independent auditors' audit opinion.

The Audit Committee has appointed BDO USA, LLP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2013. BDO USA, LLP also served as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2012. Representatives of BDO USA, LLP are expected to be present at the annual meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so, and are expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions from shareholders.

### **Audit Committee Report**

*The following is the report of the Audit Committee with respect to the Company's audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012. The information contained in this report shall not be deemed "soliciting material" or otherwise considered "filed" with the SEC, and such information shall not be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act") except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates such information by reference in such filing.*

The Audit Committee has reviewed, and discussed with management and the independent auditors, the Company's audited financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2012, management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and the independent auditors' attestation report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Audit Committee has discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by the Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended (AICPA, Professional Standards, Vol. 1 AU Section 380), as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board in Rule 3200T. The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditor's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent auditors the independent auditors' independence. This included consideration of the compatibility of non-audit services with the auditors' independence.

Based on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 for filing with the Commission.

Management is responsible for the Company's financial reporting process, including its systems of internal control, and for the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Company's independent auditors are responsible for auditing those financial statements. Our responsibility is to monitor and review these processes. It is not our duty or our responsibility to conduct auditing or accounting reviews or procedures, and therefore our discussions with management and the independent auditors do not assure that the financial statements are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We have relied, without independent verification, on management's representation that the financial statements have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and on the representations of the independent auditors included in their report on the Company's financial statements.

Mark J. Bugge

Arend D. Lubbers

Richard L. Postma

Robert L. Herr

Thomas P. Rosenbach

Thomas J. Wesholski

### **Executive Officers**

Our executive officers are appointed annually by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Board of Directors or the Chief Executive Officer.

Biographical information for Mr. Haan is included above under "Board of Directors". The following sets forth biographical information as of March 20, 2013 concerning our executive officers who are not directors:

**Jon W. Swets**, age 47, has been Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and the Bank since July 1, 2002. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Swets served as an audit partner at Crowe, Chizek and Company. Mr. Swets also served as Chief Financial Officer for several years at AmeriBank in Holland, Michigan until its acquisition by Fifth Third Bank. In addition to his public accounting and banking experience, Mr. Swets has also served in his community as a director at Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services, Grandville Christian Schools and Foundation, Camp Roger, and CRC Loan Fund.

**Jill A. Walcott**, age 46, has been Senior Vice President of the Company since 2002 and is currently Senior Vice President, Senior Retail Banking Officer of the Bank. Ms. Walcott began with the Bank in December of 1997 as Vice President, Branch Administrator and was promoted to Senior Vice President in 2002. Current areas of oversight include Branch Administration, Private Banking, Treasury Management, Retail Lending, and Marketing. Ms. Walcott also serves on the board of directors for Fredrick Meijer Gardens, Grand Rapids Opera and Heritage Home.

**Craig A. Hankinson**, age 45, has been the Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of the Company and the Bank since November 2010. Mr. Hankinson has more than 21 years of credit and lending experience in the West Michigan and broader Midwest regional market. Before joining the Company in 2010, he served as Senior Credit Officer of the business banking group for Fifth Third Bank. Previously, he served as Senior Affiliate Credit Officer, also with Fifth Third Bank, where he directed a commercial loan portfolio comprising middle market, commercial real estate and business banking credit relationships. Earlier in his career, he held retail, private and commercial banking positions with AmeriBank and Comerica Bank.

**Matthew D. Hoeksema**, age 41, has been Senior Vice President of the Company since May 2011 and Head of Business Banking of the Bank since March 2010. Mr. Hoeksema joined the Bank in 1998 and has spent his entire career in business lending. Mr. Hoeksema also serves as Chairman of the Lakeshore 504 and previously served as Treasurer of the Holland Area Arts Council.

**Executive Compensation**

**Compensation Overview**

Prior to the economic recession and financial crisis of 2008 and 2009, compensation for Macatawa's executive officers consisted of base salary, a performance-based annual bonus and periodic (usually annual) grants of long-term equity-based compensation. Since then and up until the end of 2012, compensation included only base salary as the other components were eliminated while the Company addressed the effects of the financial crisis on its performance. In December 2012, a stock-based compensation award was granted to executive officers for the first time in four years. Base salaries for named executive officers had been unchanged since March 1, 2008 with the exception of a \$50,000 reduction in base salary for Mr. Haan that was effective in September 2010. Mr. Haan's base salary was increased in the third quarter of 2012 to essentially restore his former rate of salary. A cost-of-living increase was implemented in 2012 for all bank employees. The Company's executive officers do not have any employment agreements or severance agreements. The Company does not believe that its compensation policies or practices present risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. No executive officer had any role in determining or recommending the amount or form of executive and director compensation for 2012.

**Summary Compensation Table**

The following table shows certain information concerning the compensation earned by each person who served as Chief Executive Officer during the most recently completed year and the Company's two most highly compensated executive officers, other than Chief Executive Officer, during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 (the officers identified in the table below are referred to in this proxy statement as the "named executive officers").

	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(1)	Option Awards (\$)(1)	Nonequity Incentive Plan Compensation	All Other Compensation (\$)(2)	Total (\$)
<b>Ronald L. Haan</b> Chief Executive Officer and President and a director of the Company and the Bank	2012	275,231	25,000	92,800	0	0	2,322	395,353
	2011	250,000	0	0	0	0	2,322	252,322
<b>Jon W. Swets</b> Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and the Bank	2012	202,923	0	49,300	0	0	642	252,865
	2011	200,000	0	0	0	0	632	200,632
<b>Craig A. Hankinson</b> Senior Vice President and Chief Credit Officer of the Company and the Bank	2012	182,631	0	34,800	0	0	569	218,000
	2011	180,000	0	0	0	0	372	180,372

- (1) Amounts in this column reflect the grant date fair value computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 718 (formerly FAS 123R). Assumptions used in the calculation of these amounts are included in the Notes to the Company's audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2012. The stock awards were granted on December 20, 2012, vest at a rate of one-third each year beginning on December 20, 2013, and fully vest on December 20, 2015. Before vesting, the shares are subject to restrictions as provided in the 2006 Stock Compensation Plan. No stock or options were awarded during 2011 because the Company's performance goals for that year were not met.
- (2) Includes term life insurance premiums paid for the benefit of the named executive officers.

**Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following table provides information concerning outstanding equity awards for each named executive officer as of December 31, 2012:

Name	Option Awards					Stock Awards	
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)
<b>Ronald L. Haan</b>	57,878	-	-	\$ 21.22	09/12/2015		
	9,920	-	-	\$ 22.77	12/14/2015		
	9,974	-	-	\$ 19.52	12/21/2016		
	20,000	-	-	\$ 8.57	01/17/2018	32,000	\$ 92,480
<b>Jon W. Swets</b>	2,514	-	-	\$ 10.15	02/20/2013		
	9,983	-	-	\$ 13.22	11/12/2013		
	9,506	-	-	\$ 15.14	11/18/2014		
	8,266	-	-	\$ 22.77	12/14/2015		
	8,399	-	-	\$ 19.52	12/21/2016		
	15,000	-	-	\$ 8.57	01/17/2018	17,000	\$ 49,130
<b>Craig A. Hankinson</b>	-	-	-	-	-	12,000	\$ 34,680

(1) All options listed have vested.

**Retirement, Termination or Change in Control Payments**

The Company sponsors a 401(k) plan which covers substantially all employees. Employees may elect to contribute to the plan up to the maximum percentage of compensation and dollar amount subject to statutory limitations. Prior to 2010, the Company made matching contributions equal to 100% of the first 3% of employee contributions and 50% of employee contributions in excess of 3%, up to 6%. Effective January 1, 2010, the Company suspended matching contributions until such time as the Board of Directors determined to reinstate them. Effective January 1, 2013, the Company reinstated matching contributions equal to 100% of the first 3% of employee contributions and 50% of the employee contributions in excess of 3%, up to 5%.

Named executive officers may participate in the Company's 401(k) plan, which will provide payment following retirement dependent on contributions by the officer and the Company during their term as an employee. Named executive officers are not eligible for any other Company benefits following resignation, retirement, termination of employment or change in control.

**Compensation of Directors**

During 2012, non-employee directors of the Company and the Bank received compensation according to the following fee structure. Employee directors did not receive any compensation for their service as a director during 2012.

*Director Fee Structure for the Company*

- Annual cash retainer of \$5,000.
- Per meeting fee of \$750.
- Audit Committee annual fee of \$2,000 (instead of per meeting fee).
- Compensation Committee per meeting fee of \$450.
- Governance Committee per meeting fee of \$450.

*Director Fee Structure for the Bank*

- Annual cash retainer of \$10,000.
- Per meeting fee of \$750.
- Loan Committee annual fee of \$3,000 (instead of per meeting fee).
- Trust Committee annual fee of \$1,000 (instead of per meeting fee).
- Asset Liability Management Committee annual fee of \$1,000 (instead of per meeting fee).

The Company's Chairman of the Board, Mr. Richard L. Postma, does not accept compensation of any kind for his service as a director or as Chairman of the Board of the Company or the Bank.

The following table sets forth the compensation paid to Company directors for services rendered during 2012.

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)(1)	Stock or Option Awards (\$)(2)	All Other Compensation	Total
Mark J. Bugge (3)	38,450	-	-	38,450
Wayne J. Elhart	36,250	-	-	36,250
Charles A. Geenen	37,300	-	-	37,300
Robert L. Herr	41,250	-	-	41,250
Birgit M. Klohs	29,950	-	-	29,950
Arend D. Lubbers	34,950	-	-	34,950
Douglas B. Padnos	38,700	-	-	38,700
Richard L. Postma	-	-	-	-
Thomas P. Rosenbach	40,700	-	-	40,700
Thomas J. Wesholski	40,000	-	-	40,000

(1) Amounts in this column reflect amounts paid in cash for services as a director in 2012.

(2) Option Awards were not granted in 2012. The aggregate number of option awards outstanding at December 31, 2012 for each named director were as follows: Mr. Lubbers 27,758 and Mr. Wesholski 4,192.

(3) Fees paid to VA Enterprises for Mr. Bugge's services as a director.



**Ownership of Macatawa Stock**

**Five Percent Shareholders**

The following table sets forth the number of shares of Macatawa common stock reported to be beneficially owned by each person or group which is known to the Company to be a beneficial owner of 5% or more of Macatawa's outstanding shares of common stock as of December 31, 2012.

<b>Name of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Sole Voting Power</b>	<b>Sole Dispositive Power</b>	<b>Shared Voting or Dispositive Power</b>	<b>Total Beneficial Ownership</b>	<b>Percent of Class(1)</b>
White Bay Capital, LLLP(2) 3133 Orchard Vista Drive, S.E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546	3,654,202	3,654,202	0	3,654,202	13.4%
Richard L. Postma (3) 201 Ionia Avenue SW Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503	1,516,843	1,516,843	0	1,516,843	5.6%

- (1) The percentages set forth in this column were calculated on the basis of 27,203,825 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2012.
- (2) Based on a Schedule 13D dated as of June 29, 2011 filed by White Bay Capital, LLLP and additional information provided to the Company by the holder. White Bay Capital, LLLP owns 20,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock that is convertible into common stock, subject to a limitation that it cannot be converted into common stock to the extent such conversion would cause the holder to own more than 9.9% of the Company's outstanding common stock at the time. If White Bay Capital, LLLP converted all 20,000 shares of Series A Preferred stock, the 2,234,636 resulting shares of common stock along with the 1,419,566 shares of common stock it also owns would represent 13.4% of the Company's outstanding common stock. The Stephen A. Van Andel 2009 WBC Trust is the general partner of White Bay Capital, LLLP. Stephen A. Van Andel is the sole trustee of the Trust and has the authority to vote any common stock into which the Series A Preferred Stock may be converted. The Company is not responsible for the accuracy of this information.
- (3) Based on a Schedule 13D dated June 29, 2011 filed by Richard L. Postma, updated by Forms 4 filed by Richard L. Postma on August 10, 2012 and November 2, 2012. The Company is not responsible for the accuracy of this information.

**Ownership of Management**

The table below sets forth the number of shares of Macatawa common stock that each of our directors and nominees for director, each named executive officer in the Summary Compensation Table above, and all directors, nominees for director and named executive officers of Macatawa as a group are deemed to have beneficially owned as of December 31, 2012. Ownership of less than 1% of the outstanding shares of common stock is indicated by asterisk.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership(1)			Percent of Class(4)
	Sole Voting and Dispositive Power(2)	Shared Voting or Dispositive Power(3)	Total Beneficial Ownership(2)	
Mark J. Bugge	10,670	0	10,670	*
Wayne J. Elhart	1,464	72,104	73,568	*
Charles A. Geenen	115,722	0	115,722	*
Ronald L. Haan	279,811	0	279,811	*
Craig A. Hankinson	12,000	7,500	19,500	*
Robert L. Herr	1,000	9,000	10,000	*
Birgit M. Klohs	2,567	0	2,567	*
Arend D. Lubbers	27,758	14,889	42,647	*
Douglas B. Padnos(5)	65,865	9,597	75,462	*
Richard L. Postma	1,516,843	0	1,516,843	5.4%
Thomas P. Rosenbach	37,000	0	37,000	*
Jon W. Swets	121,176	1,995	123,171	*
Thomas J. Wesholski	4,192	21,612	25,804	*
All directors, nominees and executive officers as a group (13 persons)	<b>2,196,068</b>	<b>136,697</b>	<b>2,332,765</b>	<b>8.5%</b>

- (1) The number of shares stated is based on information provided by each person listed and includes shares personally owned by the person and shares which, under applicable regulations, are considered to be otherwise beneficially owned by the person as of December 31, 2012.
- (2) These numbers include shares held directly, shares subject to options that are currently exercisable or that will be exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2012, and common shares issuable upon the conversion of preferred stock. Each listed person with such stock options and the number of shares subject to such stock options, or with such preferred stock and the number of common shares into which the preferred stock is convertible, is shown in the chart below:

	<u>Stock Options</u>	<u>Conversion of Preferred Stock</u>
Mark J. Bugge	0	0
Wayne J. Elhart	0	0
Charles A. Geenen	0	0
Ronald L. Haan	97,772	0
Craig A. Hankinson	0	0
Robert L. Herr	0	0
Birgit M. Klohs	0	0
Arend D. Lubbers	27,758	0
Douglas B. Padnos(5)	0	55,865
Richard L. Postma	0	0
Thomas P. Rosenbach	0	0
Jon W. Swets	53,668	0
Thomas J. Wesholski	4,192	0
All directors, nominees and executive officers as a group (13 persons)	<b>183,390</b>	<b>55,865</b>

- (3) These numbers include shares over which the listed person is legally entitled to share voting or dispositive power by reason of joint ownership, trust or other contract or property right, and shares held by spouses, children or other relatives over whom the listed person may have influence by reason of relationship.
- (4) The percentages set forth in this column were calculated on the basis of 27,203,825 shares of common stock outstanding as of December 31, 2012, plus shares of common stock subject to options held by the applicable listed person or persons that are currently exercisable or that will be exercisable within 60 days after December 31, 2012 and shares of preferred stock that are convertible into common stock.
- (5) Mr. Padnos also holds sole and total beneficial ownership of 500 shares of Series A Preferred Stock representing 1.6% of that class of stock. No other director or named executive officer has beneficial ownership of any shares of Macatawa preferred stock.

#### **Transactions with Related Persons**

Directors, officers, principal shareholders and their associates and family members were customers of, and had transactions (including loans and loan commitments) with, the Bank in the ordinary course of business during 2012 and 2011. All such loans and commitments were made in the ordinary course of business, on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the time for comparable transactions with persons not related to the lender and did not involve more than a normal risk of collectability or present other unfavorable features. Similar transactions may be expected to take place in the ordinary course of business in the future. None of these loan relationships presently in effect are in default as of the date of this proxy statement.

The Audit Committee Charter requires the Audit Committee to review and approve all transactions between the Company and related persons which are required to be reported under Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-K, Item 404.

### **Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance**

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires Macatawa's directors and officers and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of the outstanding shares of Macatawa common stock to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership of shares of common stock with the SEC. Directors, officers and greater than 10% beneficial owners are required by SEC regulations to furnish Macatawa with copies of all Section 16(a) reports they file with the SEC. Based solely on our review of the copies of such reports received by us, or written representations from certain reporting persons that no reports on Form 5 were required for those persons for 2012, we believe that all reports were filed by such persons during the last fiscal year, except as follows: officer Hoeksema filed one late report covering one transaction related to the purchase of the Corporation's Common Stock.

### **Shareholder Proposals**

Any proposal of a shareholder intended to be presented for action at the 2014 annual meeting of the Company must be received by the Company on or before November 20, 2013, if the shareholder wishes the proposal to be included in the Company's proxy materials for that meeting. For all other proposals, notice must be received by the Company, before March 8, 2014 but after February 6, 2014. All proposals must be mailed to the Company at P.O. Box 3119, Holland, Michigan 49422-3119.

### **Solicitation of Proxies**

We will initially solicit proxies by mail. In addition, directors, officers and associates of Macatawa and its subsidiaries may solicit proxies by telephone or facsimile or in person without additional compensation. Proxies may be solicited by nominees and other fiduciaries who may mail materials to or otherwise communicate with the beneficial owners of shares held by them. We will bear all costs of the preparation and solicitation of proxies, including the charges and expenses of brokerage firms, banks, trustees or other nominees for forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners.

**Additional Information**

An Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, including the financial statements and the financial statement schedules, will be provided free of charge to shareholders upon written request. Write to Macatawa Bank Corporation, Attention: Jon W. Swets, Secretary, P.O. Box 3119, Holland, Michigan 49422-3119. The Form 10-K may also be accessed under the "Investor Relations" section of our website, [www.macatawabank.com](http://www.macatawabank.com), by clicking the "Documents/SEC Filings/Annual Report" link. The Form 10-K and certain other periodic filings are filed with the SEC. The SEC maintains an Internet web site that contains reports and other information regarding companies, including the Company, that file electronically. The SEC's web site address is <http://www.sec.gov>.

As permitted by Securities and Exchange Commission rules, only one copy of this 2013 Proxy Statement and the 2012 Annual Report to Shareholders is being delivered to multiple shareholders sharing the same address who have notified us of their election to receive only one copy of such documents. We will deliver on a one-time basis, promptly upon written or oral request from a shareholder at a shared address, a separate copy of our 2013 Proxy Statement and the 2012 Annual Report to Shareholders. Shareholders sharing an address who are currently receiving multiple copies of the proxy statement and annual report to shareholders may instruct us to deliver a single copy of such documents on an ongoing basis. Such instructions must be in writing, must be signed by each shareholder who is currently receiving a separate copy of the documents, and will continue in effect unless and until we receive contrary instructions as provided below. Any shareholder sharing an address may request to receive and instruct us to send separate copies of the proxy statement and annual report to shareholders on an ongoing basis by written or oral request. We will begin sending separate copies of such documents within thirty days of receipt of such instructions. All requests or instructions should be addressed to Macatawa Bank Corporation, Attn: Bryan Barker, 10753 Macatawa Drive, Holland, Michigan 49424.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Jon W. Swets  
Secretary  
March 20, 2013

**Your vote is important. Even if you plan to attend the meeting, PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY PROMPTLY. See the information in the Introduction section of our proxy statement regarding how to revoke a proxy and how to vote in person.**

**REVOCABLE PROXY  
MACATAWA BANK CORPORATION**

**Annual Meeting of Shareholders  
This Proxy is solicited on behalf of the Board of Directors.**

The undersigned hereby appoints Ronald L. Haan and Jon W. Swets, or either of them, of Macatawa Bank Corporation ("Macatawa"), with full power of substitution, to act as attorneys and proxies for the undersigned to vote all shares of common stock of Macatawa that the undersigned is entitled to vote at Macatawa's Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Meeting"), to be held on May 7, 2013, at the Pinnacle Center, located at 3330 Highland Drive, Hudsonville, Michigan 49426, at 10:00 am local time, and any and all adjournments and postponements thereof of the Meeting, on all matters that come before, and on all matters incident to the conduct of, the Meeting and any and all adjournments or postponements of the Meeting.

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**IMPORTANT ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION**

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 7, 2013.

THE PROXY STATEMENT AND THE ANNUAL REPORT ARE AVAILABLE AT:  
<http://www.cfpproxy.com/5088>

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1. Election of four directors, to hold office for a three year term.

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<b>Wayne J. Elhart</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Charles A. Geenen</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Robert L. Herr</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Thomas J. Wesholski</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

2. Advisory approval of executive compensation.

For  Against  Abstain

3. Advisory vote on frequency of advisory approval of executive compensation.

One Year  Two Years  Three Years  Abstain

4. Ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013.

For  Against  Abstain

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" all of the director nominees, "FOR" Proposal 2, "One Year" for Proposal 3 and "FOR" Proposal 4.

**THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED AND DELIVERED, WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED, BUT IF NO DIRECTIONS ARE SPECIFIED, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR ALL OF THE DIRECTOR NOMINEES, "FOR" PROPOSAL 2, "ONE YEAR" FOR PROPOSAL 3 AND "FOR" PROPOSAL 4. THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED IN THE DISCRETION OF THE NAMED PROXIES ON ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY COME BEFORE, AND ON ANY MATTER INCIDENT TO THE CONDUCT OF, THE MEETING.**

This proxy may be revoked at any time before it is voted by: (i) filing with the Secretary of Macatawa at or before the Meeting a written notice of revocation bearing a later date than this proxy; (ii) duly executing a subsequent proxy relating to the same shares and delivering it to the Secretary of Macatawa at or before the Meeting; or (iii) attending the Meeting and voting in person (although attendance at the Meeting will not in and of itself constitute revocation of this proxy). If this proxy is properly revoked as described above, then the power of such attorneys and proxies shall be considered terminated and of no further force and effect.

Please be sure to date and sign this proxy card in the box below.

Date

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Sign above \_\_\_\_\_ Co-holder (if any) sign above \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign exactly as your name appears on this card. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee or guardian, please give your full title. If shares are held jointly, each holder should sign.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt from Macatawa, prior to the execution of this proxy, of Notice of the Annual Meeting and a Proxy Statement.