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Union Bankshares, Inc.

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April 15, 2011

Dear Shareholder,

The 120<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of Union Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") will be held Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. at the Stone Grill Restaurant meeting room located at 116 Vermont Route 15W, Morrisville, Vermont. You are cordially invited to attend. Enclosed are a notice of annual meeting, a proxy statement and a proxy card for voting your shares.

Two long-term directors are retiring from the Board at the annual meeting this year. Richard C. Sargent, Chairman, has served as a director of the Company or its subsidiary, Union Bank, since 1977. Robert P. Rollins has also served as a director and past Secretary since 1983. Their years of experience and valued service will be missed.

We are pleased that two of our newest Union Bank directors have agreed to stand for election to the Company's Board. Timothy W. Sargent, a Stowe resident, is the principal of Sargent Law Office located in Morrisville. David S. Silverman became President of Union Bankshares, Inc. and Union Bank on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. Prior to the promotion, Mr. Silverman was a Vice President of the Company and Senior Vice President and Senior Lender of Union Bank. He has been employed by the bank for 24 years and resides in Morrisville. Brief bios of all directors being nominated are contained in the proxy statement.

Enclosed with this mailing is a copy of the Annual Report of Union Bankshares, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2010, which includes a letter to shareholders, audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes, summary of financial highlights, management's discussion and analysis of financial results, and other information about the Company and its financial performance. Our proxy materials and Annual Report are also posted on a special internet website, as indicated in the Notice of Internet Availability section of the attached Notice of Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held through a broker, please note that the rules that govern how brokers vote your shares changed last year. Your broker may no longer vote your shares on the election of directors without your specific instructions. Therefore, it is especially important this year that you return your completed proxy card promptly so your votes can be counted.

We hope you will join us immediately following the meeting for an informal gathering of shareholders, directors and bank officers at the Stone Grill Restaurant, Route 15, Morrisville, VT.

Sincerely,

Kenneth D. Gibbons  
Chief Executive Officer



Union Bankshares, Inc.

NOTICE OF  
2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2011

To the Shareholders of Union Bankshares, Inc.:

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Union Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") will be held at 3:00 p.m., local time, on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at the Stone Grill Restaurant, 116 Vermont Route 15W, Morrisville, Vermont, for the following purposes:

1. To fix the number of directors at eight for the ensuing year and to elect eight directors (or such lesser number as circumstances may warrant), to serve a one year term and until their successor are elected and qualified;
2. To ratify the appointment of the independent public accounting firm of Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker as the Company's external auditors for 2011; and
3. To consider and act upon any other business that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof.

The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on March 31, 2011 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the meeting or any adjournment of the meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR 2011 ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

This notice of meeting and proxy statement, the accompanying proxy card and our 2010 Annual Report to Shareholders are available on the internet in a downloadable, printable and searchable format and may be accessed at <http://www.cfpproxy.com/6393>.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

John H. Steel  
Secretary

Morrisville, Vermont  
April 15, 2011

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED, WHETHER OR NOT YOU INTEND TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING IN PERSON. SHOULD YOU ATTEND THE MEETING, YOU MAY WITHDRAW YOUR PROXY AND VOTE IN PERSON IF YOU SO DESIRE.

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## PROXY STATEMENT

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## PROXY STATEMENT

Annual Meeting of Shareholders

May 18, 2011

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Why have I received these materials?

We are sending this proxy statement and proxy card on behalf of the Board of Directors to solicit your vote on matters to be voted on at the annual meeting of the shareholders of Union Bankshares, Inc. (the “Company,” “we” or “our”) to be held at 3:00 p.m. local time on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at the Stone Grill Restaurant meeting room, 116 Vermont Route 15W, Morrisville, Vermont. This proxy statement and proxy card are accompanied by the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders for the year ended December 31, 2010, which contains the Company's audited consolidated financial statements and footnotes. These materials were first sent to our shareholders on or about April 15, 2011. You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting and are asked to vote on the proposals to elect eight directors to the Company's Board of Directors (the “Board”) for the ensuing year and to ratify the selection of our independent auditors.

Who is entitled to vote at the annual meeting?

Only holders of record of the Company's \$2.00 par value common stock as of the close of business on March 31, 2011 (the record date for the meeting) will be entitled to vote at the annual meeting. On that date there were 4,457,204 shares of the Company's common stock outstanding, and each such share is entitled to one vote on each matter presented for vote at the annual meeting.

How do I vote my shares at the annual meeting?

If you are a shareholder of record of the Company's common stock, you may vote your shares by completing and signing the accompanying proxy card and returning it in the enclosed postage paid envelope. You are a shareholder of record if you hold your stock in your own name on the Company's shareholder records maintained by our transfer agent, Registrar and Transfer Co. of Cranford, New Jersey.

“Street name” shareholders of common stock, who wish to vote at the annual meeting will need to obtain a proxy card from the institution that holds their shares and follow the instructions on that form. Street name shareholders are shareholders who hold their common stock indirectly, through a bank, broker or other nominee.

Can I change my vote after I return my proxy card?

Yes, after you have submitted a proxy, you may change your vote at any time before the proxy is exercised at the annual meeting. Shareholders of record may change their vote by submitting a written



notice of revocation or a proxy bearing a later date. You may file a notice of revocation or request a new proxy by contacting our transfer agent, Registrar and Transfer Co., at the following address or toll free telephone number: Registrar and Transfer Co., Attn: Investor Relations Dept., 10 Commerce Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016, (800) 368-5948. You may also contact our Assistant Corporate Secretary, JoAnn Tallman, for assistance at the address and telephone number shown on page one of this proxy statement.

“Street name” shareholders who wish to change their vote must contact the institution that holds their shares and follow the applicable procedures prescribed by the institution.

Can I vote in person at the meeting instead of voting by proxy?

Yes, a ballot will be available at the annual meeting for shareholders of record who wish to vote in person. However, we encourage you to complete and return the enclosed proxy card to be certain that your shares are represented and voted, even if you should be unable to attend the meeting in person. If you wish, you may revoke your previously given proxy at the annual meeting and vote by ballot instead.

If you hold your shares through a bank, broker or other nominee, you must obtain a legal proxy from the bank, broker or nominee in order to vote your shares in person at the meeting.

What does it mean if I receive more than one proxy card?

If you receive more than one proxy card, your shares are registered differently in more than one account (for example, “John Doe” and “J. Doe”). To ensure that all your shares are voted, you should complete, sign and return all proxy cards. We encourage you to register all your accounts in the same name and address. You may do so by contacting our transfer agent, Registrar and Transfer Co., at the following address or toll free telephone number: Registrar and Transfer Co., Attn: Investor Relations Dept., 10 Commerce Drive, Cranford, NJ 07016, (800) 368-5948. You may also contact our Assistant Corporate Secretary, JoAnn Tallman, for assistance at the address and telephone number shown on the cover of this proxy statement.

What is a broker nonvote?

Under stock exchange rules and brokerage industry practices, a broker may generally vote the shares it holds for customers on routine matters, but requires voting instructions from the customer on other, non-routine matters. A broker nonvote occurs when a broker votes less than all of the shares it holds of record for any reason, including with respect to nonroutine matters where customer instructions have not been received. The “missing” votes in such a case are broker nonvotes.

Please note that the rules for broker voting of shares in an uncontested election of directors changed last year. All director elections, whether or not contested, are now considered nonroutine, and therefore, a broker may not vote a customer's shares in the election of directors without specific instructions from the beneficial owner. If you hold your shares through a broker, please be sure to follow your broker's instructions on how to direct the voting of your shares at the annual meeting.

The ratification of the appointment of the Company's independent auditors is considered to be a routine matter for purposes of a broker's discretionary voting authority under current stock exchange rules. Therefore, a broker may vote uninstructed shares on Proposal 2 under its discretionary authority.

What constitutes a quorum for purposes of the annual meeting?

The presence at the annual meeting in person or by proxy of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Proxies marked as “WITHHOLD AUTHORITY” on the election of directors (Proposal 1) or “ABSTAIN” on the ratification of the appointment of the independent auditors (Proposal 2) will be treated as present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum.

Broker nonvotes are counted for determining a quorum on routine matters (such as ratification of the appointment of the independent auditors) since the broker is entitled to vote those shares under its discretionary authority. On any matter considered to be nonroutine (such as the election of directors), broker nonvotes are not considered shares entitled to be voted by the broker without voting instructions from the beneficial owner, and therefore would not be counted in determining a quorum.

What vote is required to approve matters at the annual meeting?

The election of directors (Proposal 1) will require the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast. That means that the nominees who receive the highest number of vote totals for the number of vacancies to be filled will be elected as directors. Therefore, a vote to WITHHOLD AUTHORITY for any nominee or the entire slate will not affect the outcome of the election unless there are more nominees than there are vacancies to be filled.

Ratification of the appointment of the Company's independent auditors (Proposal 2) will require that more votes be cast FOR the proposal than AGAINST. Therefore, abstentions will not affect the outcome of the vote on Proposal 2.

If any other matter should be presented at the meeting, approval of such matter would require that more votes be cast in favor than opposed. Management of the Company is not aware at this time of any matter that may be submitted to vote of the shareholders at the annual meeting other than the election of directors and ratification of the appointment of the independent auditors.

Do broker nonvotes affect the outcome of the shareholder votes on Proposals 1 and 2?

Because the election of directors (Proposal 1) is not the subject of an election contest and is by plurality vote, broker nonvotes at the annual meeting will not affect the outcome of the election of directors.

Broker nonvotes are not considered to be “votes cast” and therefore will not affect the outcome of the vote on the ratification of the appointment of independent auditors (Proposal 2).

How does the Board recommend that I vote my shares?

The Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR Proposal 1 to set the number of directors for the ensuing year at eight and to elect the eight nominees listed in this proxy statement; and FOR Proposal 2, to ratify the appointment of the independent accounting firm of Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker as the Company's external auditors for 2011.

If you vote by proxy, your shares will be voted in the manner you indicate on the proxy card. If you sign and return your proxy card but do not specify how you want your shares to be voted, the persons named as proxy holders on the proxy card will vote your shares FOR Proposals 1 and 2, and in accordance with



the recommendations of the Board of Directors on any other matters that may be presented for vote of shareholders at the meeting.

How are proxies solicited?

Proxies are being solicited by mail. Proxies may also be solicited by directors, officers or employees of the Company or our wholly-owned subsidiary, Union Bank (“Union” or the “Bank”), in person or by telephone, facsimile, or electronic transmission. Those individuals will not receive any additional compensation for such solicitation.

Who pays the expenses for soliciting proxies?

The Company pays the expenses for soliciting proxies for the annual meeting. These expenses include costs relating to preparation, mailing and returning of proxies. In addition, we may reimburse banks, brokers or other nominee holders for their expenses in sending proxy materials to the beneficial owners of our common stock.

## SHARE OWNERSHIP INFORMATION

### Share Ownership of Management and Principal Holders

The following table shows the number and percentage of outstanding shares of the Company's common stock owned beneficially as of March 31, 2011 by:

• each incumbent director and nominee for director of the Company;  
• each executive officer named in the 2010 Summary Compensation Table included elsewhere in this proxy statement;  
• all of the Company's directors, nominees and executive officers as a group; and each person (including any “group,” as that term is used in Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), known to the management of the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of the Company's outstanding common stock.

Except as otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the table, the named individuals possess sole voting and investment power over the shares listed.

Shareholder or Group	Shares Beneficially Owned		Percent of Class
Directors, Nominees and Executive Officers			
Cynthia D. Borck	5,279	(1)	*
Steven J. Bourgeois	1,600	(2)	*
Kenneth D. Gibbons	65,157	(3)	1.46
Marsha A. Mongeon	3,983	(4)	*
Robert P. Rollins	8,133		*
Richard C. Sargent	562,426	(5)	12.62
Timothy W. Sargent	640		*
David S. Silverman	3,835	(6)	*
John H. Steel	6,000	(7)	*
Schuyler W. Sweet	7,500	(8)	*
Cornelius J. Van Dyke	208	(9)	*
All Directors, Nominees and Executive Officers as a Group (11 in number)	664,761		14.91
Other 5% or more Shareholders			
Genevieve L. Hovey Trust	422,908		9.49
Susan Hovey Mercia	603,713	(10)	13.54
Walter M. Sargent Revocable Trust	343,696	(11)	7.71

\* Denotes less than one percent (1%) of class.

(1) Ms. Borck has shared voting and investment power over 102 of the shares listed.

(2) Mr. Bourgeois has shared voting and investment power over all shares listed. All of such shares are held in the Bourgeois Family Trust.

(3) Mr. Gibbons has shared voting and investment power over 27,387 of the shares listed. Includes 9,000 shares Mr. Gibbons has the right to acquire under presently exercisable incentive stock options and 34,980 shares pledged as collateral to secure loans from two nonaffiliated banks.

(4) Ms. Mongeon has shared voting and investment power over 375 of the shares listed. Includes 3,000 shares Ms. Mongeon has the right to acquire under presently exercisable incentive stock options.

(5) Mr. Sargent has shared voting power over 560,663 of the shares listed. The total includes 162,000 shares held by the Copley Fund, a charitable trust of which Mr. Sargent serves as co-trustee. Mr. Sargent does not have any beneficial interest in the fund and disclaims beneficial ownership of all 162,000 shares held by the fund. The total also includes 343,696 shares held by the Walter M. Sargent Revocable Trust, of which Mr. Sargent and members of his family are beneficiaries and of which he is one of three trustees.

(6) Mr. Silverman has shared voting and investment power over 1,675 of the shares listed. Includes 660 shares held in an IRA for the benefit of Mr. Silverman's wife. Includes 1,500 shares Mr. Silverman has the right to acquire under presently exercisable incentive stock options.

(7) Mr. Steel has shared voting power over 2,000 of the shares listed.

(8) All shares are held in the Schuyler W. Sweet 2000 Revocable Trust, of which Mr. Sweet is settlor and trustee.

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- (9 ) All shares are held in the Cornelius J. Van Dyke Revocable Trust of which Mr. Van Dyke is settlor and trustee. Ms. Mercia has shared voting and investment power over 178,908 of the shares listed. She is the sole trustee
- (10 ) and a beneficiary of the Genevieve L. Hovey Trust, and all 422,908 of the shares held by the trust are included in Ms. Mercia's share total.
- All 343,696 shares are included in the share total disclosed elsewhere in this table as beneficially owned by
- (11 ) Richard C. Sargent, who is one of three co-trustees of the Trust and of which he and members of his family are beneficiaries.

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

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 requires the Company's executive officers, directors and ten percent or more shareholders to file with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") reports of their ownership and changes in ownership of the Company's equity securities and to furnish the Company with copies of all such reports. Based solely on its review of copies of Section 16 reports received by it, or on written representations from certain reporting persons that no filings were required for them, the Company believes that during 2010 all Section 16(a) filing requirements applicable to its officers, directors and ten percent or more shareholders were complied with.

#### PROPOSAL 1: TO ELECT DIRECTORS

The Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Association and Bylaws provide for a Board of at least three directors, with the exact number to be fixed by the shareholders at each annual meeting. The Board of Directors currently consists of eight individuals and the Board has recommended that the shareholders again fix the number of directors for the ensuing year at eight, or such lesser number as circumstances require should any of the nominees be unable to serve.

Last September, Director Franklin G. Hovey, Jr., who had served on the Board since 1999, died unexpectedly. As a result, the size of the Board was reduced from nine to eight. The Board considered filling the resulting vacancy by appointment last fall or by election at this year's annual meeting. However, in view of the impending retirement at this year's annual meeting of two long-serving directors, Board Chair Richard Sargent and Robert Rollins, and the Board's desire to maintain sufficient continuity of membership on the Board, the directors decided to recommend that only two new directors be added and that the number of directors be kept at eight for the ensuing year.

The table below contains certain biographical information about board nominees Sargent and Silverman and each of the six incumbent directors standing for reelection to the Board. Additional biographical information for each of them and for retiring Directors Rollins and Chairman Sargent is set forth following the table under the caption “Director Qualifications.”

Name and Age	Served as Director Since (1)	Principal Occupation for Past Five Years
Cynthia D. Borck, 61	1995	Principal, Consulting Services Information, Morrisville, VT (business consulting), since 2008. Previously, Vice President, Union Bankshares, Inc. and Executive Vice President, Union Bank (retired June 30, 2008) Morrisville, VT
Steven J. Bourgeois, 62	2005	Chief Executive Officer and Principal Owner, Strategic Initiatives for Business LLC St. Albans, VT (business consulting), 2002-present. Previously, Regional President, Banknorth-Vermont, Burlington, VT and President and Chief Executive Officer, Franklin-Lamoille Bank St. Albans, VT
Kenneth D. Gibbons, 64	1989	Chief Executive Officer, Union Bankshares, Inc. and Union Bank; prior to April 1, 2011, also President of both companies Morrisville, VT
Timothy W. Sargent, 35	-	Attorney at Law, Sargent Law Office Morrisville, VT
David S. Silverman, 50	-	President, Union Bankshares, Inc. and Union Bank; prior to April 1, 2011, Vice President of Union Bankshares, Inc. and Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer of Union Bank Morrisville, VT
John H. Steel, 61	2002	Owner, President and Treasurer, Steel Construction, Inc. Stowe, VT
Schuyler W. Sweet, 63	2008	Owner and Manager, Stony River Properties, LLC Littleton, NH (equipment leasing and property management)
Cornelius J. Van Dyke, 57	2010	President and General Manager,

Golden Eagle Resort  
Stowe, VT

(1) Each nominee and incumbent director is also a director of Union Bank; years of service do not include service on the Board of Union Bank.

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## Director Qualifications

Community banking is about being a good member of the communities we serve and providing quality customer service and products, while ensuring that the interests of our stockholders and employees are satisfied and our regulatory requirements are met. The Company's Board meets at least quarterly, and Union Bank's Board meets semi-monthly, to strategize, guide and monitor the activities of the Bank to achieve these goals. We rely on our directors for their strategic vision, business acumen and knowledge of local markets and opportunities. All of our directors live or work in the communities we serve and bring a unique set of talents, perspectives and backgrounds to our Board. They have been active members in organizations of their choice and interest over their lifetimes, usually in a leadership position, which has added to their reputations as respected individuals. Our incumbent directors include long-standing members of the Board who have served through many economic cycles, technological advancements, regulatory changes and periods of Company growth.

The information below summarizes the specific experience, qualifications, attributes and skills that led our Board to conclude that the individual should serve on the Company's Board. We believe that in their professional and personal lives and through their Board service, each has demonstrated sound judgment, leadership capabilities, high ethical standards and a strong commitment for service to the Company.

Cynthia Borck has been a Director since 1995 and was employed for twenty two years by the Company's subsidiary, Union Bank, prior to her retirement in 2008 from her position as Executive Vice President. During her career at the Bank, Cynthia worked in and managed operations, retail lending, secondary market loan sales and branch administration. Cynthia has also been active in the Vermont Bankers Association (VBA), serving on various VBA committees and its executive council and is a past VBA Chair. Following her retirement from the Bank in 2008, she established Consulting Services Information, a business consulting firm which she owns and operates, in addition to working with a CPA firm periodically. Cynthia has also been active in both civic and church organizations. Her in depth understanding of Union and community banking adds strength and consistency to the Board. She serves on Union's 401K Committee and Chairs its Trust Committee.

Steven Bourgeois began his career in banking in 1969. He served as the President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of Franklin Lamoille Bank in St. Albans, Vermont from 1991 to 2001 when the Company was acquired. He continued as Regional President of Banknorth until 2002 and as an Advisory Board member until 2004. He is the owner and CEO of Strategic Initiatives for Business LLC, a business consulting firm he founded in 2002. Steve has served as an officer/board member of the Vermont Economic Development Authority from 1996 until present, as a member of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisors since 2002, and has served on many statewide councils at the Governor's request. Steve has numerous other business, community, civic and banking industry group memberships in Vermont and Franklin County. He joined the Company's Board in 2005, and is the Chair of the Audit Committee. Steve is the designated "audit committee financial expert" as defined by the regulations of the SEC, and is also the Audit Committee representative on the Company's Disclosure Control Committee. He is also a member of Union's St. Albans Advisory Board.

Kenneth Gibbons has served as CEO and, prior to April 1, 2011, also as President, of both the Company and Union since 1991. We expect Ken will assume the Chairmanship of the Board upon Richard Sargent's retirement at the annual meeting. Ken began his banking career in 1965 in Massachusetts and has worked in all areas of banking during the intervening years. Ken moved to Vermont in 1975 and joined Union in 1984 as Vice President of Commercial Lending. Ken has served on many committees of the VBA and is a past VBA Chair. He has also been actively involved with the American Bankers Association and is a

former member of the board of directors of the Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) and currently sits on the Board of ICBA's political action committee. Ken has been very active in numerous civic organizations and serves on the board of the Vermont Educational and Health Buildings Finance Agency and on various Copley Hospital committees and boards. Ken joined the Company's Board in 1989, and serves on Union's Pension Committee and all three of Union's local Advisory Boards.

Robert Rollins has been an active member of the business communities within Lamoille County and the Hardwick area, as the owner for many years of an independent full service insurance agency in Morrisville. Bob holds a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Vermont, where he studied accounting and finance. Bob's understanding of local businesses and their operations is an invaluable asset in evaluating credit applications before the Board. His business background in risk management has proven valuable to the Board as risk management and oversight is increasingly viewed as a critical component of the Board's responsibilities. Bob also has been active in many civic organizations. Since the sale of his insurance agency, Bob's business interests have revolved around investments and real estate management. He joined the Board in 1983. Bob is "financially sophisticated" within the meaning of the NASDAQ rules and serves on the Company's Audit Committee and is its former Chair. Bob is also a member of the Compensation Committee.

Richard Sargent is Chairman of the Boards of Directors of the Company and Union. He was born and raised in Morrisville, Vermont where his father and grandfather both served as President of Union Bank. Dick has practiced law in Morrisville since his graduation from George Washington Law School, and for the last six years with his son, Company Board nominee Timothy Sargent. He has served as a Director of the Company since its formation in 1982 and has been on the Board of Union since 1977. His knowledge of the law, local businesses and the community gives him a unique perspective which he continues to bring to the Board. Dick's involvement in many local charitable and civic organizations over the years and his military service, retiring as a Colonel, add to the respect he has garnered as a local businessman. Dick serves as Chair of the Compensation Committee.

Timothy Sargent is an attorney in Morrisville who has a long family association with Union. Tim was born and raised in Morrisville and has practiced law there since 2004 with his father, Chairman Sargent. His practice focuses principally on transactional issues, commercial law, environmental and land use law and consultation, probate and estate planning, municipal law and general litigation. Tim is active in his community and currently serves as a trustee of the Village of Morrisville and its Water and Light Department and is the President of the Morrisville Rotary Club. In considering Tim for nomination to the Board, the directors deemed his familiarity with the Bank and its primary market area, as well as his legal expertise, to be especially important attributes. With Tim's addition to the Board, the directors will retain the valuable perspective of a practicing attorney, which would otherwise have been lost upon the retirement of Chairman Sargent. Tim was appointed to Union Bank's Board in July, 2010 and is standing for election to the Company's Board for the first time at the annual meeting.

David Silverman was selected last fall as successor to CEO Kenneth Gibbons. In accordance with the management succession plan adopted by the Board last year, David became President of the Company and the Bank on April 1, 2011 and will become CEO in May 2012 when Ken retires. David was appointed to the Bank's Board of Directors last November upon his selection as Ken's successor, and will stand for election to the Company's Board for the first time at the annual meeting. David has been with the Bank for 24 years and before becoming President, served in many capacities, most recently as Vice President of the Company and Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer of the Bank. David has been active in the community having served as a trustee of the Hardwick Electric Department, on the Boards of the Stowe Area Association, Lamoille County Health Services, and as a member of the Morrystown

Development Review Board. He is currently Chairman of the Board of Community Health Services of Lamoille Valley, a federally qualified health center serving Lamoille County. In nominating David to stand for election to the Board, the directors considered his long tenure as an officer with the Bank, his thorough knowledge of our business and markets and the sound judgment he has demonstrated throughout his career with the Bank. David serves on the Bank's Pension and 401K Committees.

John Steel learned the construction business from the ground up and founded Steel Construction in Stowe, Vermont in 1981 and is now one of the premier builders in Stowe. He has a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration from the University of Denver. John has been a leader in many educational and civic organizations in Stowe, including service on the Copley Hospital executive committee, and the Copley Woodlands board where he serves as Chair and Treasurer. His business, trust and investment knowledge brings valuable insight to the Board. John joined the Board in 2002 and serves on the Company's Compensation Committee, as well as on Union's Trust, 401K and Pension Committees. He became Secretary of the Company in October, 2010.

Schuyler Sweet is the owner and Manager of Stony River Properties, LLC, an equipment leasing and property management company in Littleton, New Hampshire. Schuyler has owned and operated a number of businesses over the years, including busing companies, a travel agency and leasing companies. Schuyler joined the Board in 2008, has been on Union Bank's Littleton Advisory Board since 2005 and is very active in local civic and business organizations. His considerable experience in managing small businesses, his in-depth familiarity with the Littleton market and his inquisitive nature adds strength to the Company's Board. Schuyler's knowledge of the New Hampshire banking market will be especially important as Union completes its pending acquisition of three New Hampshire branches from Northway Bank and continues to grow its franchise in the state. He serves on the Company's Audit and Compensation Committees, as well as on Union's Pension Committee.

Neil Van Dyke from Stowe, Vermont was appointed to the Board of Union Bank in 2009 and elected to the Company's Board in 2010. He adds a unique perspective to the Company's complement of Board members as the part owner of a large resort property in Stowe. Neil holds a Bachelor's Degree from Dartmouth College and a Master of Science with a concentration in recreation management from SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry. Neil joined the staff of the Golden Eagle Resort in 1979 and is currently the President and General Manager. Neil has been actively involved on the board of the local Chamber of Commerce since 1982, currently serving as its Vice President and Treasurer and is the founder of Stowe Mountain Rescue, where he has been a team leader since 1980. He also was elected as a member of the Stowe Select Board in 2010. Neil served as a director of the Franklin Lamoille Bank and on the Vermont advisory board of Banknorth from 1998 until 2006. Neil's extensive education and experience in the travel and tourism business, which is an important business segment in our markets, as well as his prior bank board involvement, add further depth to the Union Bank Board. Neil serves on the Bank's Trust Committee.

#### Directors' Compensation

Directors' fees, committee fees and advisory board member fees are determined annually by the Company's Board of Directors for the Company and Union. The appropriateness of the fees paid is reviewed on a periodic basis by the Compensation Committee or the Company's Board based on published surveys, consultant recommendations and knowledge of other financial institutions' director compensation practices. Although there was no increase in Board fees in 2009, historically, directors' fees have increased annually by approximately the same percentage as the overall wage percentage increase for the Bank's employees, which was 3% for 2010. Consistent with the historic pattern, directors' fees for the Company and the Bank for 2010 were increased by the same 3%.

All directors of the Company receive an annual retainer of \$8,216 but do not receive any fees for attendance at regular or special meetings of the Board. Directors who serve on the Company's Compensation or Audit Committees are paid an annual retainer of \$1,000, while the Committee Chairs are paid an annual retainer of \$1,500. In addition, all members of the Audit Committee are paid a \$50 per meeting fee for regularly scheduled meetings and \$200 per meeting for special meetings. The Audit Committee member who sits on the Company's Disclosure Control Committee, which meets quarterly, also receives an additional annual retainer of \$1,500.

Each incumbent director of the Company and nominees Sargent and Silverman also serve as directors of Union Bank. Nonemployee directors of Union Bank receive an annual retainer of \$6,339 and a per meeting fee of \$628. Nonemployee directors of the Bank who serve on the Bank's Trust Committee receive an annual retainer of \$1,000, other than the Committee Chair, who receives an annual retainer of \$1,500.

During 2010, Mr. Gibbons, who is a full-time employee of the Bank, served as a Director of both the Company and Union Bank, and received the annual retainer fee for serving on the Company's Board. Mr. Gibbons was not separately compensated for his service as a Director of Union Bank or as a member of the Advisory Boards. All Company director fees paid to Mr. Gibbons are disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table and footnotes contained elsewhere in this proxy statement under the caption "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION-2010 Summary Compensation Table."

Nominee Silverman, who is a full-time employee of the Bank, was appointed to the Bank's Board of Directors in November, 2010, following the announcement of his selection as Mr. Gibbons' successor as President and, eventually, CEO, of the Bank and the Company. Mr. Silverman was not separately compensated for his service on the Bank's Board.

Directors may also serve on one of the Bank's three regional advisory boards, for St. Johnsbury or St. Albans, Vermont or Littleton, New Hampshire. Nonemployee directors who serve on any of these advisory boards receive a per meeting fee of \$250.

Company directors are eligible to participate in the Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan. The plan is a defined contribution plan designed to provide a means by which participants may elect to defer receipt of current compensation from the Company or its subsidiary in order to provide retirement or other benefits as selected in the individual adoption agreements. Additional information about the plan is contained elsewhere in this proxy statement under the caption "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION-Deferred Compensation Plans."

The Company also maintains the 2008 Amended and Restated Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, which was closed to new participants in 1998 and closed to new deferrals in 2004. Two nonemployee directors are currently receiving annual payouts under the plan, and are entitled to future annual payments. In addition, one employee director is a participant in the plan and is entitled to future annual payments. The Company and the Bank have jointly purchased insurance on the lives of the participants for the purpose of recouping in the future the benefit payments made under the plan. Additional information about the plan is contained elsewhere in the proxy statement under the caption "EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION-Deferred Compensation Plans."

Except as described above, the Company's nonemployee directors were not eligible to receive any other form of compensation during 2010.





The following table lists the annual compensation paid to or earned during 2010 by the Company's incumbent nonemployee directors for service on the Boards of the Company and the Bank and by nominee Timothy Sargent for his service as a director of the Bank:

## 2010 Director Compensation Table

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$) (1)(2)	All Other Compensation (\$) (3)	Total (\$)
Cynthia D. Borck	\$31,377	\$ -	\$31,377
Steven J. Bourgeois	32,927	2,750	35,677
Franklin G. Hovey, II (4)	23,720	2,250	25,970
Richard C. Marron (5)	13,961	-	13,961
Robert P. Rollins	32,377	-	32,377
Richard C. Sargent	31,377	-	31,377
Timothy W. Sargent (6)	9,171	-	9,171
John H. Steel	31,127	-	31,127
Schuyler W. Sweet	31,560	3,000	34,560
Cornelius Van Dyke	27,037	-	27,037

- (1) Includes fees paid for service on the Boards of Directors and committees of both the Company and Union Bank, including fees deferred under the Company's Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan. Does not include annual benefit payments paid to two nonemployee directors under the Company's 2008 Amended and Restated Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, attributable to compensation deferrals in prior years.
- (2) Amended and Restated Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, attributable to compensation deferrals in prior years.
- (3) Regional Advisory Board fees.
- (4) Deceased, September, 2010.
- (5) Retired from Company and Bank Board, May, 2010.
- (6) Union Bank Board only; partial year.

## Attendance at Directors' Meetings

During 2010, the Company's Board of Directors held 14 regular meetings and no special meetings. All incumbent directors attended at least 79% of the aggregate of all such meetings and meetings of Board committees of which they were members. In addition to serving on the Company's Board, each of the Company's incumbent directors and nominees Sargent and Silverman also serve on Union Bank's Board, which meets twice monthly.

## Director Independence

The Board of Directors has determined that each of the incumbent directors and nominees is independent within the meaning of The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC (NASDAQ) rules for listed companies, except Messrs. Gibbons and Silverman and Ms. Borck, due to their status as current or former employees of the Company. Under these rules, a director is generally not considered to be independent if he or she has a material relationship with the listed company that would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment. An employment relationship with the Company or the Bank within the past three years is deemed to constitute such a material relationship.



## Board Committees and Corporate Governance

As further described below, the Company's Board of Directors has two standing committees, the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee. The Company does not have a standing nominating committee; rather, all independent directors on the Board serve the function of such a committee.

**Audit Committee.** The Audit Committee comprises Directors Steven Bourgeois (Chair), Robert Rollins and Schuyler Sweet. NASDAQ rules for listed companies and applicable securities laws require that the Company have an Audit Committee consisting of at least three directors, each of whom is independent. NASDAQ rules also require that all members of a listed company's audit committee be able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including a company's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement, and require that at least one member of the committee qualify as "financially sophisticated," based on past employment experience in finance or accounting, professional accounting certification or other comparable experience or background. Similarly, SEC rules require that at least one member of a listed company's audit committee qualify as a "financial expert." The Board of Directors, in its discretion, and based on all of the information available to it, has determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee is independent under applicable legal standards, that each is able to read and understand fundamental financial statements and that Mr. Bourgeois, with his extensive bank management experience, including formerly as a community bank President and CEO, is "financially sophisticated" within the meaning of the NASDAQ rules and is an "audit committee financial expert" within the meaning of applicable SEC rules.

The Audit Committee is responsible for selecting the independent auditors and determining the terms of their engagement, for reviewing the reports of the Company's internal and external auditors, for monitoring the Company's adherence to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for overseeing the quality and integrity of the accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices of the Company and its system of internal controls. In addition, the Audit Committee has established procedures for the confidential reporting of complaints (including procedures for anonymous complaints by employees) on matters of accounting, auditing or internal controls. A copy of the Audit Committee's charter, as revised in 2011, is posted on the Investor Relations page of the Company's website, at [www.unionbankvt.com](http://www.unionbankvt.com).

During 2010, the Company's Audit Committee met 6 times. A report of the Audit Committee on its 2010 activities is included elsewhere in this proxy statement under the caption "AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT."

**Compensation Committee.** The Compensation Committee comprises Directors Richard Sargent (Chair), Robert Rollins, John Steel and Schuyler Sweet. The Board has determined that each of such directors is independent under applicable NASDAQ rules for listed companies. The Compensation Committee evaluates, reviews and makes decisions or recommendations on executive salary levels, bonuses, stock option awards and benefit plans. The Compensation Committee adopted a written charter in 2008, a copy of which is posted on the Investor Relations page of the Company's website at [www.unionbankvt.com](http://www.unionbankvt.com).

During 2011, the Compensation Committee met 8 times. A report of the Compensation Committee on its 2010 activities is set forth elsewhere in this proxy statement under the caption "COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT."

**Board Nominating Functions.** In lieu of a separate committee, the functions of a nominating committee are performed by all of the Company's independent directors (all directors other than Mr. Gibbons and Ms. Borck, who are, respectively, current and former executive officers of the Company and Union

Bank). The Board has elected not to establish a separate nominating committee at this time in order to obtain the widest possible input on the nominations process from all of the independent, nonmanagement directors.

The independent directors have adopted a resolution addressing the process for director nominations, including recommendations by shareholders and minimum qualifications for director nominees. In accordance with these criteria, directors and director candidates should possess the following attributes:

- Strong personal integrity;
- Previous leadership experience in business or administrative activities;
- Ability and willingness to contribute to board activities, committees, and meetings;
- Willingness to apply sound and independent business judgment;
- Loyalty to the Company and concern for its success;
- Awareness of a director's role in the Company's corporate citizenship and image;
- Willingness to assume broad, fiduciary responsibility;
- Familiarity with the Company's service area; and
- Qualification as an independent director under applicable NASDAQ rules for listed companies.

Although the Board does not have a formal policy with regard to the consideration of diversity in identifying director nominees, the director nomination process is designed to ensure that the Board consists of members with diverse backgrounds and viewpoints, including diversity of skills and experience, with a focus on appropriate financial and other expertise relevant to the Company's business, as well as geographic location throughout our market area and community service. The goal of this process is to assemble a group of directors with deep, varied experience, sound judgment, personal integrity and commitment to the Company's success. For a discussion of the individual experience and qualifications of our directors, please refer to the section above under caption "Director Qualifications."

In reviewing the composition of the Board and potential Board nominees, the directors are also mindful of the requirement that at least a majority of the directors must be independent under NASDAQ criteria for listed companies, and of the requirement under SEC rules and NASDAQ listed company criteria that at least one member of the Audit Committee must have the qualifications and skills necessary to be considered an "audit committee financial expert."

The process followed by the nonemployee directors to identify and evaluate director candidates includes requests to Board members and others for recommendations, meetings from time to time to evaluate biographical information and background material relating to potential candidates and, if warranted following preliminary evaluation, interviews of selected candidates.

All nominees for election at the annual meeting, except Timothy Sargent and David Silverman, are incumbent directors of the Company and all incumbent directors and nominees were deemed by the nonemployee directors to meet the criteria for Board membership.

#### Board Leadership Structure and Role in Risk Oversight

With the imminent retirement of Board Chair Richard Sargent and the two-year phased in retirement of CEO Kenneth Gibbons, the Board in 2010 reevaluated the Company's Board leadership structure. As a result of that review, the Board determined that it would be beneficial to have CEO Gibbons assume the chairmanship of the Board upon Mr. Sargent's retirement at this year's annual meeting. Although in recent years the positions of CEO and Board Chair have been held by different individuals, the

decision to combine or separate the positions is made by the Board on a case-by-case basis. In view of the management succession in process, the Board believes that having Mr. Gibbons serve as both CEO and Board Chair pending his retirement from the CEO position at the 2012 annual meeting will provide desirable continuity. The Board plans to review its leadership structure periodically in conjunction with evaluation of Board composition and effectiveness.

Risk is inherent in every business, particularly financial institutions. We face a number of risks, including credit risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk, operational risk, strategic risk and reputational risk. As a one-bank holding company much of our risk management process takes place at the Bank level, where all of the Company's incumbent directors and nominees Silverman and Sargent also serve on the Bank's Board. Union Bank's enterprise-wide risk management processes are designed to bring to the Board's attention material risks and to facilitate the Board's understanding and evaluation of those risks, as well as its decision-making process in overseeing how management addresses them.

The Board performs its risk oversight function in several ways. The Board establishes standards for risk management by approving policies and procedures that address and mitigate the Company's most material risks. These include policies addressing credit and investment risk, interest rate risk, liquidity risk and risks relating to Bank Secrecy Act/Anti-Money Laundering compliance. The Board also monitors, reviews and reacts to our risks through various reports presented by management, internal and external auditors and bank regulatory examiners.

In addition, Board committees, both at the Bank and Company Board level, provide risk oversight in discrete areas. In particular, at the holding company level the Audit Committee plays a central role in risk oversight in connection with the Company's accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices and its system of internal controls. A description of the Audit Committee's 2010 activities is contained elsewhere in this proxy statement under the caption "AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT."

#### Codes of Ethics

The Board expects all of its directors, officers and employees to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and business ethics. All directors, officers and employees are required to adhere to the Company's Code of Ethics, which is contained in the Union Bank Employee Handbook. In addition, CEO Kenneth Gibbons and Vice President, Treasurer and CFO Marsha Mongeon are subject to a separate Code of Ethics for Senior Financial Officers and the Chief Executive Officer. Copies of both Codes of Ethics are posted on the Investor Relations page of the Company's website at [www.unionbankvt.com](http://www.unionbankvt.com).

#### Shareholder Recommendations for Board Nominations

Shareholders of record wishing to recommend individuals to the independent directors for consideration as possible director nominees should submit the following information, in writing, at least ninety days before the annual meeting of shareholders:

- the name, address and share ownership of the shareholder making the recommendation;
- the proposed nominee's name, address, biographical information and number of shares beneficially owned (if available); and
- any other information that the recommending shareholder believes may be pertinent to assist in evaluating the nominee.

The information should be delivered in person to the Assistant Corporate Secretary, JoAnn Tallman, at the main office of Union Bank, 20 Lower Main Street, Morrisville, Vermont, or mailed to: Chairman, Union Bankshares, Inc., P.O. Box 1346, Morrisville, VT 05661. The independent directors will use the same criteria to evaluate an individual recommended by a shareholder as they do other potential nominees. The recommending shareholder will be notified of the action taken on his or her recommendation.

Any beneficial owner of shares who is not a shareholder of record who wishes to recommend a person for consideration as a board nominee must make appropriate arrangements with such owner's nominee (record) holder to submit the recommendation through such nominee.

During the course of evaluating a potential nominee, the independent directors may contact him or her for additional background and other information as they deem advisable, and may choose to interview the potential nominee in an effort to determine his or her qualifications under the specified criteria, as well as his or her understanding of director responsibilities. The independent directors will then determine if they will recommend the nominee to the shareholders. No person will be nominated unless he or she consents in writing to the nomination and to being named in the Company's proxy statement and agrees to serve, if elected.

#### Attendance at Annual Meeting of Shareholders

The Board of Directors has adopted a policy stating that incumbent directors and nominees are expected to attend the annual meeting of shareholders, absent exigent circumstances, such as illness, family emergencies and unavoidable business travel. Last year, all eight of the incumbent directors attended the annual meeting.

#### Communicating with the Board

Shareholders who wish to do so may communicate in writing with the Board of Directors, its committees, or individual directors regarding matters relating to the Company's business operations, financial condition or corporate governance. Any such communication should be addressed to the Board of Directors, or Board committee or individual director, as applicable, Union Bankshares, Inc., P.O. Box 1346, Morrisville, VT 05661. The correspondence will be forwarded to the addressee for review and response, as appropriate in the circumstances.

#### Transactions with Management and Directors

Some of the incumbent directors and executive officers of the Company, and some of the corporations and firms with which these individuals are associated, are customers of Union Bank in the ordinary course of business, or have loans outstanding from the Bank, and it is anticipated that they will continue to do business with Union Bank in the future. All loans to such persons or entities were made in the ordinary course of business, do not involve more than normal risk of collectibility or present other unfavorable features, and were made on substantially the same terms, including interest rates and collateral, as those prevailing at the same time for comparable transactions by Union Bank with unaffiliated persons, although directors and executive officers were generally allowed the lowest interest rate given to others on comparable loans.

#### Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The Company is not aware of the existence of any interlocking relationships between the senior management of the Company and that of any other company.

#### Vote Required to Approve Proposal 1

Election of directors is by a plurality of the votes cast.

Unless authority is withheld, proxies solicited hereby will be voted to fix the number of directors at eight and in favor of each of the eight nominees listed above to serve a one year term expiring at the 2012 annual meeting of shareholders, or until their successors are elected and qualify. If for any reason not now known by the Company any of such nominees should not be able to serve, proxies will be voted for a substitute nominee or nominees designated by the Board of Directors, or will be voted to fix the number of directors at fewer than eight and for fewer than eight nominees, as the Board may deem advisable in its discretion.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 1.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

In accordance with its written charter adopted by the Board of Directors (“Board”), the Audit Committee of Union Bankshares, Inc. (the “Company”) assists the Board in fulfilling its responsibility for oversight of the quality and integrity of the accounting, auditing and financial reporting practices of the Company.

The Audit Committee is comprised of Mr. Bourgeois (Chairman), Mr. Rollins and Mr. Sweet. The Board has determined that each member of the Committee satisfies the independence requirements of the NASDAQ listing standards, that each member of the Committee is financially literate, knowledgeable and qualified to review financial statements, and that Mr. Bourgeois has the attributes of an “audit committee financial expert” as defined by the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

In 2010, the Audit Committee appointed Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker (BDMP), an independent registered public accounting firm, to perform the audit of our consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010. The appointment was ratified by the Board and the shareholders.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed both with management and with BDMP, the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010. The Audit Committee has also discussed with management its assertion on the design and effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010. Management has the responsibility for the preparation of the Company's consolidated financial statements and for assessing the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting; the independent auditor has the responsibility for the audit of the consolidated financial statements. The independent auditor reports directly to the Audit Committee, which meets with the auditor on a regular basis, in separate executive sessions when appropriate. In 2010, the Audit Committee met six times.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the Company's December 31, 2010 audited consolidated financial statements with management and with the Company's independent auditors. The Audit Committee has also discussed with the independent auditors the matters required to be communicated to the Audit Committee in accordance with professional standards. The Audit





Committee has received the written disclosures from the independent auditors required by the applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCOAB) regarding the independent auditors' communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with the independent auditors their independence. The Committee has determined that the services performed by BDMP are compatible with maintaining that firm's independence in connection with serving as the Company's independent auditors. A description of the fees billed to the Company for the services of the independent auditors for 2010 reporting is included in the proxy statement under the caption "INDEPENDENT AUDITORS."

Relying on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors, and the Board has approved, that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010 for filing with the SEC.

Submitted by the Union Bankshares, Inc. Audit Committee

Steven J. Bourgeois (Chair)

Robert P. Rollins

Schuyler E. Sweet

#### COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee (the "Committee") of the Board of Directors of Union Bankshares, Inc. (the "Company") is made up of four nonemployee directors, Robert Rollins, Richard Sargent (Chair), John Steel and Schuyler Sweet. Each of the members of the Committee was determined by the Board to be independent within the meaning of applicable listing standards of the NASDAQ stock exchange.

During 2010, the Company did not have any salaried employees at the holding company level, but the Company's three executive officers received compensation in their capacity as employees of the Company's subsidiary, Union Bank ("Union"). The Committee's recommendations on compensation for the executive officers were, therefore, implemented by the Board of Directors of Union, rather than the Company. However, during 2010, the same individuals served as directors of the Company and Union with the following exceptions: Cornelius J. (Neil) Van Dyke served on the Union Board throughout 2010 and on the Company's Board after his election on May 19, 2010; Timothy W. Sargent was appointed to the Union Board on July 21, 2010; and David S. Silverman was appointed to the Union Board on November 17, 2010.

The Committee has adopted a Compensation Philosophy which is intended to provide a total compensation package that is competitive with market practice. The objectives of the compensation program are to: attract, retain and motivate talented members of senior management; provide a competitive total compensation and benefits package; reward superior performance in a manner consistent with prudent risk management; and, align management interests with those of shareholders, with the ultimate goal of enhancing overall shareholder value.

Kenneth D. Gibbons served as President and CEO of the Company and Union and as a Director of the Company and Union throughout 2010. Marsha A. Mongeon served as Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and as Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Union throughout 2010. David S. Silverman served as Vice President of the Company and as Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer of Union throughout 2010.

At a joint meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, David S. Silverman was unanimously selected by the Company and Union Boards to become President of both companies as of April 1, 2011 and CEO of both companies in May, 2012. Mr. Gibbons will remain CEO of both companies until May, 2012 when he is projected to retire in accordance with the management succession plan adopted by the Company's Board in July, 2010. Mr. Silverman will stand for election to the Company's Board of Directors at the May 18, 2011 annual meeting.

Salary and performance reviews for executive officers are normally done on an annual basis in January of each year. The Committee and Union's Board, consistent with the Compensation Philosophy, attempt to structure compensation packages for executive officers that will assist in attracting, retaining and motivating competent senior management and will provide appropriate rewards for both personal and Bank performance. Discretionary short-term incentive programs and stock-based, long-term compensation are also utilized as a means to increase senior management's focus on future growth in corporate earnings and shareholder value. The Committee and Union's Board do not believe that the current compensation policies and practices of Union incur risk that would be reasonably likely to have a material or adverse effect on the Company.

Union utilizes data available from the FDIC, Bank Analysis Center, the accounting firm of Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker and other vendors to assess and compare compensation practices. The Committee and Union's Board also considered salary surveys prepared by other companies which specialize in compiling data on compensation and benefit packages for banks. Based on prior practices and recommendations, the Company continues to offer a plan which will allow for the granting of incentive stock options to the three executive officers and to certain senior officers of Union.

In November 2010, the Committee and Union's Board engaged Pearl Meyer and Partners ("Pearl") to review officer compensation at Union and director compensation for the Company and Union. This analysis continues in early 2011 with the expected outcome to be for Pearl to recommend improvements to existing compensation practices to determine appropriate officer salary and benefit compensation levels and director fee compensation levels. In advising the Committee and Board, Pearl has developed a peer group consisting of 17 banks in the New England area ranging in size from approximately \$250 million to \$1 billion in assets. Pearl will use compensation data from these peer banks, along with other public and proprietary data available to them, to benchmark Union's existing compensation and benefit levels. Pearl will then provide the Committee and the Company's and Union's Boards with recommendations for more closely aligning Union's compensation package to its financial performance in relationship to the peer group.

Amalfi Consulting, LLC had previously provided consulting services to the Company and Union in 2008. Amalfi did not provide any consulting services in 2009 or 2010.

On June 25, 2010, final guidance governing incentive compensation for financial institutions was issued by the Federal Reserve Board, joined by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and other banking regulatory agencies. The guidance is designed to promote safety and soundness of the institution by appropriately balancing the risk and reward of an incentive compensation arrangement, by implementing effective controls and risk-management, and by having strong corporate governance through active and effective oversight by the Company's Board. An important component of the ongoing analysis with Pearl will be to ensure that current or proposed compensation practices, including any incentive compensation arrangements that may be considered, do not promote excessive risk taking that would have a material or adverse effect on the Company.

On January 25, 2011, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) adopted final rules concerning shareholder approval of executive compensation and "golden parachute" compensation arrangements as required under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (Dodd-Frank Act). The Company and Union do not currently offer golden parachute packages to any executive officers. The SEC's new rules specify that "say-on-pay" non-binding advisory votes required under the Dodd-Frank Act must occur at least once every three years and "say-on-frequency" non-binding advisory votes must occur at least once every six years beginning with the first annual shareholders' meeting taking place on or after January 21, 2011. The SEC also adopted a temporary exemption for smaller reporting companies (public float of less than \$75 million), which includes the Company. These smaller companies are not required to conduct say-on-pay and frequency votes until annual meetings occurring on or after January 21, 2013. The Company elected on March 2, 2011 to wait until the annual meeting after January 21, 2013 to conduct say-on-pay and frequency votes.

In January 2010, President and CEO Gibbons met with the Board of Directors of Union for his annual review and the Compensation Committee presented its compensation recommendation to the full Union Board. At that time Mr. Gibbons' salary was increased from an annual rate of \$240,000 to \$250,000, representing an increase of 4.2%. In determining Mr. Gibbons' 2010 salary level, the Board of Directors of Union and the Committee considered the Company's and Union's financial performance for 2009. Return on average equity of 13.29%, return on average assets of 1.21% and an efficiency ratio of 69.16% for the Company were attained. The ratios were considered favorable within the context of the state of the economy and peer bank performance. In setting Mr. Gibbons' overall compensation, the Committee and Union's Board also considered the fees he received for serving as Director of the Company (\$7,977 in 2009) as well as the use of a bank owned vehicle.

Consistent with the approach taken in compensating Mr. Gibbons, it has been the policy of the Compensation Committee to establish salary and benefit levels for the two other executive officers, in a manner designed to reflect the individual's performance and contributions to the overall profitability of the Company. For 2010, Ms. Mongeon received a salary increase from \$133,000 to \$137,000, a 3.0% increase and Mr. Silverman received a salary increase from \$130,600 to \$135,600, a 3.8% increase. The overall compensation for Mr. Silverman took into consideration the use of a bank owned vehicle.

In January 2010, certain senior Union officers were awarded a discretionary cash bonus based on the Bank's and their individual performances for 2009. Ms. Mongeon and Mr. Silverman each received a \$3,500 bonus. In September 2010, Mr. Gibbons was awarded a discretionary cash bonus of \$21,787, which represented 0.75% of the net income earned by Union in the first six months of 2010. Payment of a midyear discretionary bonus to the CEO based on subsidiary level net income for the first six months of the fiscal year is consistent with Union's practice in previous years, although this practice was suspended in 2009 due to the economic downturn at the time. This bonus has been paid only to Mr. Gibbons in light of his unique role as President and CEO of the Company and Union.

The Committee believes that stock-based compensation is an appropriate element of the overall compensation package of its executive officers in that it helps to further align their financial interests with those of the stockholders. During 2010, the Committee awarded Mr. Gibbons and the two other executive officers incentive stock options under the Company's 2008 Incentive Stock Option Plan. The per share exercise price of these options was \$17.15, which was the per share fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of the award, January 20, 2010. Mr. Gibbons was awarded an option to purchase 3,000 shares (50% of the total number of shares awarded) and Ms. Mongeon and Mr. Silverman were each awarded an option to purchase 1,500 shares. Under the Plan, eligible employees are selected by the Committee from time to time to receive stock options, as provided in the Plan. During 2010, no awards were made under the Plan other than to the three executive officers.



The Company maintains two nonqualified deferred compensation plans, one of which is closed to new participants and the other (the 2006 “Excess” Plan) is open to participation by certain key employees, including the three executive officers. These plans were adopted because of regulatory limitations relating to both the Company's tax qualified Defined Benefit Pension and Employee Savings [401(k)] Plans on the amount of deferrals or benefits our executives can make to or receive from those bank wide plans. The two nonqualified deferred compensation plans were designed to permit our executives to supplement their retirement savings in order to help them maintain the standard of living in retirement that they have built up throughout their working career.

Each of the Company's three executive officers participated in one or both of the nonqualified deferred compensation plans during 2010. Above market or preferential earnings on compensation that has been deferred on a nonqualified tax basis is disclosed in the Summary Compensation Table. Both nonqualified deferred compensation plans have been brought into compliance with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code. Refer to the “EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION - Deferred Compensation Plans” section of this proxy statement for further details.

The Compensation Committee continues to operate under a Compensation Committee Charter which was approved at the Company's Board of Directors meeting on May 21, 2008. This charter outlines the purpose, composition, duties and responsibilities of the Committee. Review and possible revision of this Charter by the Compensation Committee will be part of the compensation analysis conducted by Pearl.

Submitted by the Union Bankshares, Inc. Compensation Committee

Richard C. Sargent (Chair)  
 Robert P. Rollins  
 John H. Steel  
 Schuyler W. Sweet

#### EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The following table sets forth certain information regarding all individuals who served as executive officers of the Company during 2010:

Name and Age	Position(s) with the Company and Subsidiary and Occupation for the Past Five Years
Kenneth D. Gibbons, 64	Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Company and Union Bank; prior to April 1, 2011, also President of both companies Morrisville, VT
Marsha A. Mongeon, 55	Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Union Bank Morrisville, VT
David S. Silverman, 50	President of the Company and the Bank, effective April 1, 2011; previously, Vice President of the Company and Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer of Union Bank Morrisville, VT



## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The following table sets forth for 2010 and 2009 the total remuneration for services in all capacities paid to, earned by, or awarded to the Company's President and CEO, and its two other most highly compensated executive officers who were employed by the Company as of December 31, 2010:

## 2010 Summary Compensation Table

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (1)	Bonus	Options Awards (\$)(2)	Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)(3)	All Other Compensation (4)	Total (\$)
Kenneth D. Gibbons President, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Company and Union Bank	2010	\$ 250,000	\$ 21,787	\$ 12,510	\$ 1,765	\$ 15,566	\$ 301,628
	2009	\$ 240,300	\$ -	\$ 5,820	\$ 1,765	\$ 15,178	\$ 263,063
Marsha A. Mongeon Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer of the Company and Senior Vice President and Treasurer of Union Bank	2010	\$ 137,550	\$ 3,500	\$ 6,255	\$ 15,470	\$ 4,112	\$ 166,887
	2009	\$ 133,350	\$ -	\$ 2,910	\$ 15,470	\$ 3,993	\$ 155,723
David S. Silverman Vice President of the Company and Senior Vice President and Senior Loan Officer of Union Bank	2010	\$ 136,160	\$ 3,500	\$ 6,255	\$ -	\$ 4,070	\$ 149,985
	2009	\$ 130,850	\$ -	\$ 2,910	\$ -	\$ 3,918	\$ 137,678

- (1) Includes voluntary salary deferrals by certain of the named executive officers under the Company's Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan.
- (2) Represents the estimated weighted average grant date fair value of the 2010 and 2009 incentive option awards of \$4.17 and \$2.91 per share, respectively, calculated using the Black-Scholes model and assumptions in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718 (formerly SFAS 123R). Stock options were granted on January 20, 2010 with a per share exercise price of \$17.15, as follows: Mr. Gibbons, 3,000 shares; Ms. Mongeon, 1,500 shares; and Mr. Silverman, 1,500 shares.
- (3) Stock options were granted on January 7, 2009 with a per share exercise price of \$19.19, as follows: Mr. Gibbons, 2,000 shares; Ms. Mongeon, 1,000 shares; and Mr. Silverman, 1,000 shares. The exercise price for each such option grant represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant as reported on the NASDAQ Stock Exchange. All options granted became exercisable one year after the date of grant.
- (3) Partial vesting under the 2008 Amended and Restated Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan resulting from voluntary compensation deferrals in prior years and above market earnings on deferred compensation under that plan.

- (4) Includes Company match on 401(k) plan salary deferrals. For Mr. Gibbons, also includes Company director's fees of \$8,216 for 2010 and \$7,977 for 2009, all of which were deferred into the Company's Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan.



## Stock-Based Compensation

The Company's only stock-based compensation plan is the 2008 Incentive Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"), which was adopted following expiration of an earlier incentive stock option plan containing similar terms. The purpose of the Plan is to link senior management compensation more closely to corporate performance and increases in shareholder value, and to assist the Company in attracting, retaining and motivating executive management. Eligible employees consist of only those senior officers and other key employees of the Company or the Bank who are in a position to contribute significantly to profitability and who are recommended by the Compensation Committee, which administers the Plan.

Awards under the Plan consist of options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock at a fixed price, at least equal to 100% of the fair market value of the shares on the day the option is granted. The options may be exercised for a period of time established by the Board at the time of the grant, but no longer than ten years from the date of option grant. The optionee may pay for the option shares with either cash or other shares of the Company's common stock (valued at their fair market value), including shares withheld upon exercise of the option.

The options granted are subject to a one year vesting period before they become exercisable. All outstanding grants under the Plan, as well as outstanding grants under the prior plan, expire five years after the date of grant or four years after they became exercisable. All outstanding grants are subject to early termination following the optionee's termination of employment during the option period, and to early vesting if the individual retires, dies or is disabled.

Options granted under the Plan must contain various provisions and limitations intended to qualify them as incentive stock options under federal income tax laws. Generally, the optionee will not recognize gain at the time the option is granted or exercised, but only upon later sale of the shares received upon exercise. The total number of shares of the Company's common stock that could be awarded under the plan is 50,000, subject to standard antidilution adjustments in the case of stock dividends, stock splits, recapitalization and similar changes in the Company's capitalization.

There were 6,000 options granted in 2010 and 4,000 options granted in 2009, all to the three executive officers named in the 2010 Summary Compensation Table.

In assessing the grant date values for option grants in 2010 and 2009, as shown in the 2010 Summary Compensation Table above, readers should keep in mind that no matter what theoretical value is placed on a stock option on the date of grant, its ultimate value will be dependent on the market value of the Company's stock at a future date and that value will in large part depend, in turn, on the efforts of the Company's management team.

During both 2010 and 2009, no options were exercised. Option awards were forfeited or expired with respect to 2,500 shares in 2010 and 2,500 shares in 2009.

The following table sets forth certain information regarding outstanding incentive stock options held at December 31, 2010 by the three executive officers named in the 2010 Summary Compensation Table:

Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2010

Name	Option Awards		Option Exercise Price (\$) (2)	Option Expiration Date
	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options - Exercisable (#) (1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options - Unexercisable (#) (1)		
Kenneth D. Gibbons	2,000	-	\$ 22.50	12/19/2011
	2,000	-	20.42	12/18/2012
	2,000	-	19.19	1/6/2014
	-	3,000	17.15	1/19/2015
Total	6,000	3,000		
Marsha A. Mongeon	250	-	\$ 22.50	12/19/2011
	250	-	20.42	12/18/2012
	1,000	-	19.19	1/6/2014
	-	1,500	17.15	1/19/2015
Total	1,500	1,500		
David S. Silverman	250	-	\$ 22.50	12/19/2011
	250	-	20.42	12/18/2012
	1,000	-	19.19	1/6/2014
	-	1,500	17.15	1/19/2015
Total	1,500	1,500		

- (1) All options were granted under the Plan, or the predecessor incentive stock option plan. The options shown in the table represent all of the options outstanding under those plans as of December 31, 2010.
- (2) Represents the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant, as reported on the applicable stock exchange on which the Company's common stock was then listed (currently NASDAQ; prior to September, 2008, the American Stock Exchange.)

Deferred Compensation Plans

Union Bankshares, Inc. and Union Bank sponsor two nonqualified deferred compensation plans for Directors and certain key officers. Promised benefits under the plans are general unsecured obligations of the Company and/or the Bank. No assets of the Company or the Bank have been segregated to meet the payment obligations under the plans. However, the Company and the Bank have jointly purchased life insurance and mutual funds to fund substantially all of the benefit payments under the plans. As of December 31, 2010, all executive officers named in the 2010 Summary Compensation Table were participants in at least one of the plans.

The Company's Executive Nonqualified Excess Plan is a defined contribution plan, which provides a means for participants to elect to defer receipt of current compensation from the Company or the



Bank in order to provide retirement or other benefits as selected in the individual adoption agreements. Participants may select among designated reference investments consisting of investment funds, with the performance of the participant's account mirroring the selected reference investment. Distributions are made only upon a qualifying distribution event, which may include a separation from service, death, disability or unforeseeable emergency or (in the case of distributions from an in-service withdrawal account or education funding account) upon a date specified in the participant's deferral election form.

The Company also maintains the 2008 Amended and Restated Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan, a defined benefit plan, which was frozen in 1998 to new participants and in 2004 to additional deferrals. The plan was amended and restated in 2008 in order to comply with the provisions of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code, added by the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004. Two nonemployee directors and two executive officers are participants in the plan and are entitled to future annual payments with respect to compensation deferred by them in prior years.

#### Defined Benefit Pension Plan

The Union Bank Defined Benefit Pension Plan covers all eligible employees of the Bank. Employees are eligible who are not classified as "summer" or "temporary" and who have completed more than 1,000 hours of service in a consecutive twelve month period. The plan is noncontributory, nondiscriminatory and nonconvertible. An employee generally becomes 100% vested in the plan after 7 years. The plan is designed to provide retirement benefits to all eligible employees and in certain instances would also provide a disability benefit. Benefits begin on retirement after age 65, although early retirement may be taken after age 55, with an actuarially reduced benefit. Mr. Gibbons and Ms. Mongeon are eligible for early retirement and their monthly life annuity payments if they had retired on December 31, 2010 would have been \$8,993 and \$2,518, respectively. Benefit calculations disregard any years of service over 20 (which all three executive officers have exceeded) and are subject to the limitations under the Internal Revenue Code on the amount of compensation that may be considered in such calculations (\$245,000 for 2010) and on the amount of the annual benefit payable under the plan (\$195,000 for 2010). Covered compensation for purposes of the benefit calculations includes salary and cash bonuses, but not other forms of compensation. Employees choose the form of annuity payout at the point of retirement or disability and do not have the option of a lump sum payout. As of December 31, 2010, each of the three executive officers had attained the maximum 20 years of credited service under the plan for the purpose of benefit calculations with actual years of service as follows: Mr. Gibbons, 26 years; Ms. Mongeon, 21 years; and Mr. Silverman, 24 years.

#### Defined Contribution Retirement Savings Plan

Union Bank maintains a contributory, tax qualified Employee Savings [401(k)] and Profit Sharing Plan covering all employees who meet certain eligibility requirements. Participants may elect to contribute up to the IRS maximum dollar amount limitations of their eligible compensation to their 401(k) plan account on a tax deferred basis. The plan provides for matching contributions by Union Bank, in the sole discretion of the Bank's Board of Directors. During 2010, Union Bank made a discretionary 401(k) matching contribution of fifty cents for every dollar of compensation deferred by the participant, up to 6% of each participant's eligible compensation. Discretionary matching contributions made for the account of the three executive officers named in the 2010 Summary Compensation Table are included in the table under "All Other Compensation." Although the plan also contains a discretionary profit sharing component, to date Union Bank has not elected to make a profit sharing contribution under the plan.

## PROPOSAL 2

## RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The independent registered public accounting firm of Berry, Dunn, McNeil & Parker, (“BDMP”) was engaged to serve as the Company's independent accountants to audit the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2010 upon recommendation of the Audit Committee.

BDMP has advised the Audit Committee that they are independent accountants with respect to the Company within the meaning of standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the PCAOB, the Independence Standards Board and federal securities laws administered by the SEC. A representative of BDMP is expected to be present at the annual meeting. He will have the opportunity to make a statement if he so desires, and he is expected to be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The Audit Committee has appointed BDMP to serve as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm to audit the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2011, and to perform such other appropriate accounting services as may be required. Although ratification by the stockholders is not required by law, consistent with evolving corporate practices the Board has determined that it is desirable to request stockholder approval of the appointment. The Audit Committee has not determined what action it will take if the stockholders do not ratify the appointment of BDMP. In such event, the Committee could decide to continue to retain the services of BDMP for 2011 and consider a change in auditors for 2012. Moreover, even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent registered public accounting firm at any time if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

BDMP has audited the Company's consolidated financial statements for the last two calendar years. The Company's prior independent registered accounting firm, UHY LLP (“UHY”), was dismissed during the first quarter of 2009. UHY leases all its personnel, who work under the control of UHY Partners, from wholly-owned subsidiaries of UHY Advisors, Inc. (“Advisors”) in an alternative practice structure.

## Audit Fees

Aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered to the Company by (i) BDMP for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and (ii) UHY and/or Advisors for the year ended December 31, 2009, are detailed in the table below. Neither UHY nor Advisors rendered any professional services to the Company during 2010.

Services Provided	BDMP		UHY
	2010	2009	2009
Audit	\$ 118,698	\$ 110,146	\$ 5,860
Audit Related	14,099	12,413	1,575
Tax	13,699	11,076	-
All Other	575	1,712	1,280
Total	\$ 147,071	\$ 135,347	\$ 8,715

Audit fees in both years for BDMP were for the audits of the annual consolidated financial statements of the Company included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K and review of quarterly financial statements included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, filed with the SEC. The Audit fees in 2009 for UHY related to the reissuance of their audit opinion on the December 31, 2008 consolidated financial statements.

Audit Related fees for BDMP in both years were for assurance and related services relating to Union Bank's trust operations, attendance at the annual shareholders meeting and other accounting matters, and for 2010 also included assistance regarding the pending acquisition of three branch offices from Northway Bank. Audit related fees for UHY in 2009 were for attendance at the 2009 annual shareholders meeting.

Tax fees for BDMP in both years were for services related to tax compliance, including the preparation of tax returns, review of estimates, consulting and tax planning, and tax advice.

All Other fees in both years for BDMP were for participation in the Tri-State Financial Institutions Compensation Survey, and for 2009 also included advice regarding settlement of a loan. All other fees for UHY in 2009 were for services related to the change in auditors for 2009.

#### Audit Committee Preapproval Guidelines

All audit and nonaudit services provided by the two registered independent accounting firms during the preceding two fiscal years were approved in advance by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee has adopted Preapproval Guidelines relating to the provision of audit and nonaudit services by the Company's external auditors. Under these Guidelines, the Audit Committee preapproves both the type of services to be provided by the external auditor and the estimated fees related to these services. During the approval process, the Audit Committee considers the impact of the types of services and the related fees on the independence of the auditor. The services and fees must be compatible with the maintenance of the auditor's independence, including compliance with SEC rules and regulations.

In order to ensure timely review and approval, the Audit Committee has delegated to the Chair of the Committee the authority to amend or modify the list of preapproved services and fees, subject to prompt reporting to the full Committee of action taken pursuant to such delegated authority.

#### Vote Required to Approve Proposal 2

Ratification of the appointment of BDMP as the Company's independent auditors for 2011 will require that more votes be cast "FOR" than "AGAINST" the proposal.

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSAL 2.**

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Under SEC rules, management of the Company will be permitted to use its discretionary authority conferred in the proxy card for the annual meeting to vote on a shareholder proposal even if the proposal has not been discussed in the Company's proxy statement, unless the shareholder-proponent has given timely notice to the Company of his or her intention to present the proposal at the meeting. In order to be considered timely for consideration at the 2012 annual meeting, the shareholder-proponent must have furnished written notice to the Company of the proposal no later than March 1, 2012. If timely notice is received, the Company may exercise its discretionary authority under the proxy in connection with such proposal only if otherwise permitted to do so under applicable SEC rules.



There is a separate process under SEC rules, with an earlier notification deadline, if a shareholder seeks to have his or her proposal included in the Company's proxy materials for the annual meeting. In order to be eligible for inclusion in the Company's proxy material for the 2012 annual meeting, shareholder proposals must be submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Company no later than December 16, 2011 and must comply in all respects with applicable SEC rules relating to such inclusion. Any such proposal will be omitted from or included in the proxy material at the discretion of the Board of Directors, subject to such SEC rules.

#### OTHER MATTERS

As of the date of this proxy statement, management knows of no business expected to be presented for action at the annual meeting, except as set forth above. If, however, any other business should properly come before the meeting, the persons named in the enclosed proxy form will vote in accordance with the recommendations of management.

Union Bankshares, Inc.  
Morrisville, Vermont



REVOCABLE PROXY  
UNION BANKSHARES, INC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
MAY 18, 2011

The undersigned hereby appoints JoAnn A. Tallman and Karyn J. Hale, and each of them individually, as his or her lawful agents and proxies with full power of substitution in each, to vote all of the common stock of Union Bankshares, Inc. that the undersigned is (are) entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of the Shareholders to be held at the Stone Grill Restaurant conference room, 116 Vermont Route 15W, Morrisville, Vermont on Wednesday, May 18, 2011, at 3:00 p.m., local time, and at any adjournment thereof.

1. TO FIX THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS AT EIGHT (OR SUCH LESSER NUMBER AS CIRCUMSTANCES MAY WARRANT) FOR THE ENSUING YEAR AND TO ELECT THE NOMINEES LISTED BELOW. (All terms expire at the next annual meeting.)

For	Withhold	For All Except
c	c	c

Cynthia D. Borck, Steven J. Bourgeois, Kenneth D. Gibbons, Timothy W. Sargent, David S. Silverman, John H. Steel, Schuyler W. Sweet and Cornelius J. Van Dyke

INSTRUCTION: To withhold authority to vote for any individual nominee, mark "For All Except" and write that nominee's name in the space provided below.

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2. TO RATIFY THE SELECTION OF THE INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM OF BERRY, DUNN, MCNEIL & PARKER AS THE COMPANY'S EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2011.

For	Against	Abstain
c	c	c

In their discretion, the persons named as Proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the meeting. If any such business is presented, it is the intention of the proxies to vote the shares represented hereby in accordance with the recommendations of management.

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THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND MAY BE REVOKED AT ANY TIME BEFORE IT IS EXERCISED. THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR PROPOSALS 1 AND 2. SHARES WILL BE VOTED AS SPECIFIED. IF THE PROXY IS SIGNED AND DATED, BUT NO VOTING SPECIFICATION IS MADE, THE SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED FOR PROPOSALS 1 AND 2.

PLEASE CHECK BOX IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND THE MEETING.

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

Date

Shareholder sign above

Co-holder (if any) sign above

Detach above card, sign, date and mail in postage paid envelope provided.

UNION BANKSHARES, INC.

PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE AND SIGN THIS PROXY CARD IN THE SPACE PROVIDED AND RETURN IT IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON.

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) on this proxy card. If shares are held jointly, both holders should sign. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, or other representative capacity, please give full title as such. If a corporation, please sign in full corporate name by President or other authorized officer. If a partnership or entity, please sign in partnership or entity name by authorized person.

PLEASE ACT PROMPTLY - SIGN, DATE & MAIL YOUR PROXY CARD TODAY

IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED, PLEASE CORRECT THE ADDRESS IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW AND RETURN THIS PORTION WITH THE PROXY IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED.

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