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United Bankshares, Inc. Holds Annual Meeting

Washington, DC and Charleston, WV--United Bankshares, Inc. (NASDAQ: UBSI), an \$8 billion regional banking company headquartered in Charleston, WV, held its Annual Meeting of Shareholders today at The Blennerhassett Hotel in Parkersburg, WV. Initiating the meeting was Richard M. Adams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

During the business portion of the meeting, it was announced that the following directors were elected by the Shareholders to serve on the Board of Directors until the next Annual Meeting in 2009: Richard M. Adams, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; Robert G. Astorg, Managing Principal, H&R Block Tax and Business Service; W. Gaston Caperton, III, President, The College Board, New York, NY, President, Caperton Group, and Former Governor, State of West Virginia; Lawrence K. Doll, President, The Lawrence Doll Co., President, Lawrence Doll Homes, LLC; Theodore J. Georgelas, Commercial Real Estate Developer and Managing Director, Georgelas Group LLC; F. T. Graff, Jr., Attorney-at-Law, Partner, Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graff & Love; John M. McMahon, Chairman, Miller & Long Co., Inc.; J. Paul McNamara, Former Vice Chairman, United Bank; G. Ogden Nutting, Chairman, The Ogden Newspapers, Inc.; William C. Pitt, III, Hotel and Resort Developer; Donald L. Unger, President Shenandoah Valley, United Bank; Mary K. Weddle, Executive Vice President, Long & Foster Real Estate, Inc.; and P. Clinton Winter, Jr., President, Bray and Oakley Insurance Agency. The shareholders also approved the appointment of Ernst & Young as the company auditors for the fiscal year 2008.

Mr. Adams then presented the performance highlights of the company for 2007. He stated, "2007 was a successful year for our Company. We celebrated our 20th anniversary of becoming a NASDAQ listed company and during this 20-year period, we grew assets from \$784 million to a record \$7.9 billion. In 2007, we increased the dividend to shareholders for the 34th consecutive year. We also closed the 27th acquisition of the current administration – Premier Community Bankshares, with assets of \$900 million, expanding our market share in the Metro-DC area. The Premier acquisition makes United Bank-VA the 2nd largest headquartered Virginia bank and the 2nd largest independent banking franchise in the nation's capital MSA. More than half of our revenues and deposits are now coming from the high growth, high per capita income markets in Virginia and Washington, DC."

He continued, "In 2007, Bank Director Magazine ranked United in the 30 top financial performers in the country. Of the 150 largest US banking companies, UBSI was ranked 28th

based upon profitability, capital adequacy, and asset quality. United outranked such well known banking companies as Wells Fargo, BB&T, Fifth Third, Bank of America, Wachovia, and SunTrust.”

On May 5, 2008, it was announced that United had been added to the Dow Jones U.S. Select Dividend Index. This Index is derived from the Dow Jones U.S. Index, which covers approximately 95% of U.S. market capitalization and tracks the top 100 highest dividend paying U.S. companies. This recognition demonstrates United’s long history of consistent, strong, financial performance. This is further reflected in the current Moody’s rating of “Superior Credit Quality” and “Low Credit Risk.”

Mr. Adams introduced the United Bankshares Board of Directors and additional board members in attendance to the shareholders. A 2007 highlights video was shown, and then the meeting was adjourned.

United Bankshares, with 114 full-service offices in West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Ohio, and Washington, D.C., is traded on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the quotation symbol "UBSI."

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