The Georgia Association of Business Brokers (GABB) added 11 members to its Million Dollar Club in 2014.

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According to the GABB, the 11 brokers sold more than \$58 million in this year. "In 2014, not only did the economy continue to strengthen, but business owners became more confident in their optimism about the economy," said GABB's 2014 President <u>C. David Chambless</u>, in a statement. "With that increasing optimism, we believe that 2015 will be a banner year in the sale of businesses. Members of the GABB are uniquely positioned to provide professional guidance to business owners and business buyers in successfully transacting the sales of businesses."

Topping the GABB's 2014 Million Dollar Club is <u>Matt Slappey</u>, owner of the Decatur branch of Murphy Business & Financial Corp. and past president of the GABB. Rounding out the top-five producers are <u>Jeff Merry</u>, owner and founder of Gainesville-based the BUSINESS HOUSE Inc.; GABB Treasurer <u>Jon Merry</u>, an associate of the BUSINESS HOUSE Inc.; GABB President <u>C. David Chambless</u>, president of Abraxas Business Services Inc.; and <u>Matt Wochele</u>, president of Preferred Business Brokers Inc.

Multi-Million Dollar Club business brokers include <u>Eric Gagnon</u>, founder of We Sell Restaurants Inc; <u>David Still</u> of Capital Endeavors Inc.; J. Snypp of Preferred Business Brokers Inc.; and <u>Steven Josovitz</u>, vice president of <u>The Shumacher Group</u>.

Rounding out the club are GABB Secretary <u>Kent Reed</u> of Murphy Business & Financial Corporation; and <u>Art Lennig</u>, regional director of Murphy Business & Financial Corporation of Georgia.

Additionally, Wochele was honored with the GABB's Phoenix Award because he has been a Million Dollar Club member ten times.

The Georgia Association of Business Brokers is the state's professional organization dedicated to buying and selling businesses and franchises.

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