Nominating Committee submits list of three candidates for Board of Directors

Heath Tuttle, Chris Tran, and Cheryl Hassler were appointed to serve on the nominating committee for the credit union. Together, they have submitted for consideration the names of three candidates for the three open positions on the Board of Directors.

These candidates have provided their qualifications and reasons they desire to serve on the Board of Directors for the credit union for your review. No additional nominations for vacancies on the Board of Directors will be accepted from the floor at the meeting; however, additional nominations may be made by petition signed by one percent of the credit union's members.

Nominees by petition must include a statement of qualifications and biographical data with their petition, as well as a signed certificate stating they are agreeing to the nomination and will serve if elected to the office. The closing date for receiving nominations by petition is February 1, 2022.

If no additional nominations are received, no election by ballot will be held and a motion will be made at the meeting to accept the slate as presented. If additional nominations are received by petition, a vote will be taken by ballot prior to the Annual Meeting.

Candidates for Board of Directors Candidate bio information

Kim Phelps, Board Chair



Associate Vice Chancellor - Emeritus UNL Business & Finance
B.S. Math Education - UNL
M.A. Accounting - UNL
PhD. Education Administration - UNL
Past NUFCU Board Member (2007 - 2013,

2018 - 2022) NUFCU ALCO Committee Member NUFCU Board Chair 2019 - 2022

As a member of the credit union since 1984 and having served on the credit union's Board of Directors and Assets & Liabilities Committee in recent years, I understand the complex nature of credit unions and the challenges ahead for many financial institutions.

I am pursuing another term on the credit union Board because I believe in the member-focused mission of credit unions and have great respect for all organizations seeking to improve their financial literacy. The university's credit union offers its members a full service financial partner and emphasizes responsible money management.

It would be my privilege to continue serving on the University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

Andrea Childress, Board Member



Chief Information Officer - UNK
Assistant Vice President of Information Technology - NU
M.B.A. - UNK
B.S. Comprehensive Business Administration -

I am interested in the opportunity to use my strengths to serve the University of Nebraska Federal Credit Union. As a long time, dedicated employee of the University of Nebraska at Kearney, I feel the NUFCU is a natural fit.

I have a B.S. in Business Administration and an M.B.A., both from UNK, and have worked in the information technology department for 27 years, focused on application development, cybersecurity and now serve as the Chief Information Officer for UNK and Assistant Vice President of University of Nebraska Information Technology Services.

Ben Lennander, Board Member



Business Processes & Transformation Director-UNI

B.S. Accounting - Iowa State University Graduate Certificate Data Analytics - UNL

I moved to Lincoln in 2001 right after college to start a small business called Exceed Services. During the great recession of 2007-2008 I lost my business. I was fortunate to get a job at the university during the summer of 2008 as an accounting associate. Throughout my career at the university, I have applied an entrepreneurial mindset to the positions I have held. I have always sought to better serve our customers and increase the efficiencies of business processes through utilizing technology, data integration and data analytics. In August of 2019, after spending five years as a Business Manager, I moved into my current position as the Director of Business Processes & Transformation.

I've been a member of the credit union since 2011. The credit union is a wonderful and personal banking experience. I see a huge opportunity to expand our customer base by marketing the experience to potential new customers.

With my background in business process improvement, I can put my skills to work for the credit union. I would like to have the opportunity to help the credit union increase efficiencies, utilize data, and leverage technology to better serve its members while expanding its member base.