



UP CHAPTER OF THE MCUL
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UP Chapter Executive Meeting
February 7, 2023
Zoom

I. Call to Order: Chapter Chair, David Black called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm EST. There was an approval of the agenda on a motion by Lynda Ellis and supported by Jim Veneskey, motion carried.

II. Roll Call

Present were: David Black, Connie Toensing, Lynda Ellis, Mindy Brezsko, Nicole Maki, Ray Theoret, Darcy McLean, and Jim Veneskey – Executive Committee. MCUL Rep. Tony Zorza. Becky Harding, Julie Johnson, Dylan Bloniarz, Tyler DuBord, and Jennie Gylock – Committee Chairs. Absent was: Katie Narhi, Govt Affairs

III. Minutes of Previous Meetings

a. Minutes from the previous Regular Meeting dated December 8, 2022 were approved on a motion by Ray Theoret supported by Mindy Brezsko, motion carried.

IV. Correspondence from group

- a. Any new chapter credit union leadership – Paula Megowen – New CEO Breakwater CU
- b. Retirements – none
- c. Mergers – none
- d. Other events – none
- e. Industry trends or issues – Credit card late fee changes

V. Reports:

- a. League Director: Connie Toensing – The last board meeting, went over Patty Corkery’s evaluation and she does a great job. 2022 Credit Union Difference Maker of the Year award went to Alpena Alcona Credit Union. The league is putting together a dues task force and MCUL ended the year in a good strong point. AC&E registration is opened now and also MCUL will be changing their website.
- b. Chapter Chair: David Black – Would like to streamline the agenda. Nicole Maki will fill the Nominating Committee Chair opening. Still have one open vacancy hope to fill with the election.
- c. Treasurer: Ray Theoret – A report was emailed prior. The Chapter balance as of December 31, 2022 is \$59,183.20. Executive Committee balance is \$29,456.65, Annual Meeting Committee balance is \$25,306.63, Golf Committee balance is \$5,004.53, and Education Committee is a balance of -\$584.61. The negative balance in Education Committee is due to a \$1,000.00 deposit to the Island House for Managers Conference. We will hold off until after the Managers Conference and see where we are at, if money needs to be transferred to the Education Fund.
- d. Budget: Ray Theoret – There is a higher, than normal, balance in the Executive Committee fund, mainly due to not meeting in person, during COVID. Different dues reduction options were discussed but a motion was made by Lynda Ellis and supported by Nicole Maki to lower the dues for 2023 by ½ and look at increasing our education allowance for Manager Conference, motion carried.
- e. Audit Committee: – Nothing to report
- f. Marketing/Website: Jennie Gylcok – The Annual Meeting registration will be going on the website.
- g. Education: Mindy Brezsko – We will extend nominations for CU Person of the Year and Distinguished Service Award.

- h. Events: Darcy McLean – Managers Conference plans are set.
 - i. Golf Committee: Tyler DuBord – Setting date for August 24, 2023 on a motion by Jim Veneskey and supported by Mindy Brezsko, motion carried. Tyler will get proposals to send to Exec Committee for final decision on the location.
 - j. Annual Meeting Committee: Becky Harding and Julie Johnson–Registration is now open on the website and David Black will send an email notification to all credit unions to announce.
 - k. Governmental Affairs: Katie Narhi was absent – Katie is still on maternity leave, but in back in the office on a limited basis. Dawn Taylor for SCCU is covering the Legislative Breakfast, working with MCUL on organizing.
 - l. Nominating Committee: David Black – We are looking to fill an executive committee position. As previously announced, Nicole Maki will be the Nominating Committee Chair.
 - m. 906 hYPe: Dylan Bloniarz is now the 906hYPe Ambassador and also have other new representatives. Trying something new this year at the Annual Meeting and having a mixer with the Crashers and Credit Union Executives/Managers.
 - n. League Consultant: Tony Zorza – Went over his report, which included CEO Changes, CU Mergers, and Chapter Mergers. Also, AC&E is open for registration and there are several other education events coming up. Lapel pins are out for purchase. Also, went over some of the service affiliates that MCUL has. Tony brought up Honor Credit Union wanting to have affiliation with our UP events. Midwest League Association is trying to partner with Cuna and getting the small asset size credit unions involved.
- VI. Old Business
- a. Master Plan updates will remain on as old business.
 - b. Policy for Education Scholarships was discussed with a few different options. A motion was made by Jim Veneskey and supported by Mindy Brezsko to award a \$700.00 scholarship for any credit union under \$50 million in assets (10 credit unions) per year for one event, motion carried.
- VII. New Business
- a. Chapter Events-
 - a. Education Committee-A motion was made by Lynda Ellis and supported by Nicole Maki to approve Education for Managers Conference to be Chris Czarnik at \$4,000.00 plus travel expenses, motion carried.
 - b. Golf Committee-Will look into charitable options vrs Honor Flight.
 - c. Person of the Year, Distinguished Service, and Pat Ruecker Scholarships will be voted on by email.
 - d. Annual Meeting – Venue needs to be booked out for April 2, 2025 and 2026 (same time frame), a motion was made by Jim Veneskey and supported by Ray Theoret, motion carried.
 - b. Budget-was approved previously
 - c. Nomination Committee appointment – Nicole Maki
 - d. Discussion of committees and how we engage with others going forward.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm
 Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Ellis, Secretary