



**UP CHAPTER OF THE MCUL**  
**UNITED for PROGRESS**

UP Chapter Executive Meeting  
October 10, 2024  
Zoom

I. Call to Order: Chapter Chair, David Black called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm EST.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Executive Committee - David Black, Lynda Ellis, Hilary Fountain, Mindy Brezsko, Connie Toensing, Nicole Maki, Dawn Jahfetson, Joy Hill, absent was Darcy McLean. Committees – Katie Narhi, Julie Johnson, Frank Baublet, and Becky Harding, absent were Jennie Gylock, Bradley Bisdorf, and Dylan Bloniarz, also absent was MCUL Rep. Tony Zorza.

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated August 7, 2024, was approved on a motion by Nicole Maki and supported by Hilary Fountain, motion carried

IV. Correspondence and Discussion

- a. New credit union leadership, retirements, mergers, etc. - None
- b. Other events in the UP or League – None
- c. Industry trends or issues – Nothing new other than fraud, but a discussion regarding some type of financial crimes network for the UP would be nice. Delta County has one and Chippewa County had one at one time.

V. Reports:

- a. League Director: Connie Toensing was not at the last MCUL meeting, Joy Hill gave a report – MCUL had its annual audit the 1<sup>st</sup> week of April, all was great, with only 1 minor exception. The league sold a recent property and is looking for office space to purchase in Royal Oak this will also replace the current space leased at Zeal CU. An International study with World Council CU's for board members from the MCUL Board to participate, if it is feasible. Spoke of CU Spark Tank. MCUL dues increase had no negative comments. A new Marriott Hotel is going up in Detroit where the Joe Louis used to be and it will be large enough for future events. Joy and Connie, along with Jen Watson and Allisa from Limestone CU attended the Executive Summit in Detroit. Passed at a previous meeting, allowing credit unions outside MI to join the league for educational discounts to attend conferences only. This hasn't been advertised or highly recruited yet. 2024 Try a Credit Union Campaign has a portal to download advertising.
- b. Chapter Chair: David Black – No report, but items on the agenda to discuss.
- c. Treasurer: Nicole Maki – The Chapter balance as of October 7, 2024, \$89,202.15 made up of Executive Committee - \$34,554.97, Education Committee – negative \$3,247.99, Annual Meeting Committee - \$47,796.09, Golf Committee - \$9,538.93 and FUEL - \$560.15. Discussed negative balance for Education Committee. A motion was made by Lynda Ellis and supported by Dawn Jahfetson to transfer \$3,247.99 from the Executive Committee, motion carried.
- d. Budget: Nicole Maki – nothing to report
- e. Audit Committee: – Joy Hill – nothing to report
- f. Marketing/Website– Jennie Gylock, absent – no report

- g. Education: Mindy Brezsko – Discussed Virtual MLO training coming up in December and waiting for more to register. Also, we can get a \$500.00 discount if we hold the in-person meeting at the Chapter Annual Meeting.
- h. Events: Darcy McLean, absent – Christmas party will be December 12<sup>th</sup> in Marquette. An email will be coming out with further details on the block of rooms set and dinner reservations.
- i. Golf Committee: Brad Bisdorf, not present – no report
- j. Annual Meeting Committee: - Becky Harding and Julie Johnson – Contracts with the Island Resort have been signed for 2025, 2026, and 2027. The new addition being built will not be ready until year 2026. A new committee member, Abby Runkle from Peninsula FCU. Meeting again in December prior to the Executive Committee meeting.
- k. Governmental Affairs: - Katie Narhi – Over \$500.00 was raised for Legislative at the Golf Outing. Looking for volunteers to help with the committee.
- l. FUEL: Dylan Bloniarz – absent – sent a report, meeting held August 8 and a meeting coming up October 24 that will be both in-person and virtual with Patty Corkery.
- m. Reality Fair – Frank Baublet - This is a new committee, they touched base again today – looking at increasing the number of students in the UP that have participated in a reality fair.
- n. League Consultant: - Tony Zorza, absent – a report was emailed to all.

VI. Old Business

- a. 2025 Annual Meeting Agenda and Education – nothing to report
- b. October drawing, October training – drawing for CU Day information is going out and there is no October training, the MLO training is scheduled for December.

VII. New Business

- a. Donation request – A request was submitted by Brenda Lippens who is on the board of The Michigan Credit Union Foundation to donate \$1,000 to the [National Credit Union Foundation CUAid Fund](#), to help with disaster relief for Hurricane Helene. A motion to approve was made by Connie Toensing and supported by Lynda Ellis, motion carried.
- b. Spark Tank – this competition put on by MCUL is to challenge young professionals to showcase an idea at the chapter level and the winner moves on to the league level. A great opportunity for professional development. Discussed, how we can move forward with this and encourage participation to bring their ideas to be reviewed at Chapter Annual Meeting Convention.
- c. Chapter Policies: review, discussion, approval – The updated policies were presented and reviewed. A motion was made by Lynda Ellis and supported by Nicole Maki, to accept the changes as presented, motion carried.
- d. December dinner and meeting, including attendees – Attendees will include executive committee members and committee chairs, along with Ray, Jim, and Brenda, for their years of service to the committee. Executive committee meeting will also be that same day at 3:00 pm at Embers Corporate Office.

Motion to adjourn by Mindy Brezsko at 1:58

Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Ellis, Secretary