



UP Chapter Executive Meeting
August 5, 2026
Mackinac Island

I. Call to Order: Chapter Chair, David Black, called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm EST.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Executive Committee - David Black, Hilary Fountain, Darcy McLean, Mindy Brezsko, Connie Toensing, Nicole Maki, Dawn Jahfetson, and Joy Hill. Absent was Lynda Ellis. Committees – Becky Harding, Jake Stevens, Jennie Anderson, Bradley Bisdorf, and Julie Johnson. Absent were Dylan Bloniarz, Jazlyn Sarasin, Frank Baublitz, and Kevin Dinser. Also present was Kelly Armbruster, MCUL Consultant.

III. Minutes of the previous meeting dated June 2, 2026, were approved on a motion by Nicole Maki and supported by Connie Toensing; the motion carried.

IV. Correspondence and Discussion

- a. New credit union leadership, retirements, mergers, etc. – Lynda Ellis plans to retire in spring 2027. Melissa Atkinson has been named as her successor.
- b. Other events in the UP or League - none
- c. Industry trends or issues – TruStage continues to address its cybersecurity incident and is in the process of implementing temporary workarounds to maintain affected services.

V. Reports:

- a. League Director: Connie – CUSG is now operating under the name Navari. Jennifer Watson of LFCU has been re-elected to the Foundation as the small-asset credit union representative. MCUL, in collaboration with WCUL, will offer a virtual lending school on September 22. The league is also exploring opportunities to partner with influencers. TruStage is currently experiencing issues related to stablecoin services.
- b. Chapter Chair: David Black – Appreciation was expressed to those who attended the Managers Conference. It was also noted that he was pleased to be here. The upcoming Pheedloop contract was discussed.
- c. Treasurer: Nicole Maki – The Chapter balance as of July 31, 2026, is \$99,571.50, made up of Executive Committee - \$30,586.81, Education Committee – \$19,738.27, Annual Meeting Committee - \$38,534.90, Golf Committee - \$9,004.28, and FUEL – \$1,707.24.
- d. Budget: Nicole Maki – Nothing to report
- e. Audit Committee: Joy Hill – Nothing to report
- f. Nominating Committee: Jake Stevens – Nothing to report
- g. Engagement– Jennie Anderson – The chapter website will be receiving a refreshed design in the near future. International Credit Union Day will be observed on Thursday, October 15th.
- h. Education: Mindy Brezsko – MLO training, held in conjunction with the Growth Summit, is scheduled for Thursday, October 15, at Northern Michigan University. A PAC U.P. the Pub event will follow the training.
- i. Events: Julie Johnson – Upcoming events include the U.P. Chapter Golf Outing on August 27, 2026; educational events and the PAC U.P. the Pub event on October 15, 2026; and the U.P. Chapter Holiday

Party, tentatively scheduled for December 17, 2026. The chapter is also exploring venue options for the 2027 Managers Conference.

- j. Golf Committee: Brad Bisdorf – This year's golf event is scheduled for August 27, with nearly 100 golfers currently registered. A putting competition and silent auction are also planned as part of the event.
- k. Annual Meeting Committee: - Becky Harding and Julie Johnson – The U.P. Chapter Annual Meeting is scheduled for April 9–11, 2027. The theme for the event will be "80s Music."
- l. Legislative – Dylan Bloniarz – Discussion was held regarding the 2026 keynote speaker for the Growth Summit. A motion was made by Darcy McLean and supported by Joy Hill to book Debbie Peterson as the keynote speaker for \$5,500 and to provide two scholarships covering registration and travel expenses for the Growth Summit. Motion carried.
- m. FUELmi: Jazlyn Sarasin and Kevin Dinser – The FUELmi report included upcoming events scheduled for August 12, September 14, and October 7. Future discussion will include the possibility of providing scholarships to FUELmi participants to attend additional credit union events.
- n. Reality Fair: Frank Baublitz – Julie Johnson reported that Frank Baublitz is looking into if the MCUL is redoing the app.
- o. MCUL Consultant – Kelly Armbruster – The August League Representative Report has been released. The report includes information regarding Navari webinar workshops, MCUL's new partner, Rippleshot, TruStage solutions, and upcoming training opportunities.

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business

- a. Jen Watson's Escape Room - Discussion was held regarding the potential use of NetCov's Escape room training for an upcoming staff training session. Mindy Brezsko will contact a rep at NetCov to coordinate arrangements.

Meeting adjourned at 4 pm on a motion by Hilary Fountain and supported by Mindy Brezsko.

Respectfully submitted by: Rebecca Harding, Acting Secretary