



UP Chapter Executive Meeting
August 6, 2025
Island House Hotel, Mackinac Island

I. Call to Order: Chapter Chair, David Black, called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm EST.

II. Roll Call

Present were: Executive Committee - David Black, Lynda Ellis, Hilary Fountain, Darcy McLean, Mindy Brezsko, Connie Toensing, Nicole Maki, and Joy Hill; absent was Dawn Jahfetson. Committees – Julie Johnson, Becky Harding, Brad Bisdorf, Jazlyn Sarasin, Frank Baublet, and Jake Stevens; absent were Dylan Bloniarz, Jennie Gylock, and Kevin Dinser. Also present was MCUL Rep. Tony Zorza.

III. Minutes of the previous meeting dated May 15, 2025, were approved on a motion by Nicole Maki and supported by Joy Hill; the motion carried.

IV. Correspondence and Discussion

- a. New credit union leadership, retirements, mergers, etc. – Brad Swee is retiring from UP State CU in January 2026. Scholarship criteria from other Chapters was printed out and given to Dave Black for ideas.
- b. Other events in the UP or League – None
- c. Industry trends or issues – None

V. Reports:

- a. League Director: Joy Hill gave the report – Brad Willette is no longer with MCUL. The Executive Summit is at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac this year. MCUL Strategic at Crystal Mountain in October, and is now on an 18-month cycle. Facilitator, Kim Lear-Generation theory, a 3-year contract for MCUL events. Net income YTD is greater than the budget. Dylan took over Brenda Lippens position on the MCUF board. Great attendance at ACE. \$125,000.00 was raised for Children's Miracle Network. Patty had a good article in Crain's Detroit.com on interchange. MCUL and the Bahamas League are part of the Global Bridges Journey, which includes an in-person meeting in the Bahamas, along with virtual meetings, and Connie is a participant. MCUF had \$341,000.00 in contributions and \$166,000.00 given out in grants and scholarships. The Young Professionals Summit had 182 participants. Carma Peters is stepping down, and Jeff Benson is filling her position on the board.
- b. Chapter Chair: David Black – Make sure we are relevant in representing our credit unions, and how we put our money to work for the UP Chapter.
- c. Treasurer: Nicole Maki – The Chapter balance as of July 31, 2025, is \$91,234.61 made up of Executive Committee - \$27,204.51, Education Committee – \$17,076.56, Annual Meeting Committee - \$37,611.12, Golf Committee - \$9,282.27, and FUEL - \$60.15.
- d. Budget: Nicole Maki – Nothing to report
- e. Audit Committee: – Joy Hill – Nothing to report
- f. Engagement– Jennie Gylock, absent, a report was sent, ICU drawing for October, and emails will go out mid-September. Website is up to date with policies and events happening for the remainder of 2025.
- g. Education: Mindy Brezsko – MLO training, October in Marquette. Also, working with the UP Chapter Annual Meeting Committee to coordinate education for the event.

- h. Events: Julie Johnson – Now fully handling events. Sent a recap of events to include the UP Chapter Exec Christmas dinner at a different venue this year, due to price increases.
- i. Golf Committee: Brad Bisdorf – Current registration is similar to last year. We have enough funds at this time to commit \$2,500.00 to both Honor Flight and Up Health, this year.
- j. Annual Meeting Committee: - Becky Harding and Julie Johnson – Event date April 10-12, 2026. Wizard of Oz is the theme for 2026, and we will do a vendors competition for dressing up this year, as well.
- k. Legislative – Dylan Bloniarz – absent- report was sent with some political updates, including the preservation of credit union non-tax status. There will be a Pac the Pub event at the Ore Dock in Marquette on October 2, 2025.
- l. FUELmi: Jazlyn Sarasin – Welcome Jazlyn as a new committee member, and new co-chair Kevin Dinser (absent). Q3 meeting in Marquette with Christopher Germain, CEO of Lake Superior Community Partnership. Q4 Young Professionals Summit organized by Dylan Bloniarz at the Northern Center at NMU.
- m. Reality Fair – Frank Baublet not present – No report; however, the number of reality fairs held has increased significantly.
- n. MCUL Consultant – Tony Zorza – HR Suite Plus is offering special pricing.

VI. Old Business

- a. None

VII. New Business

- a. PAC the pub – October 2, 2025 in Marquette. We will have the next Executive Committee meeting the same day, so we can attend the event.

Motion to adjourn at 3:51 pm, motion by Lynda and supported by Darcy, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Ellis, Secretary