



UP Chapter Executive Meeting  
March 4, 2025  
Zoom

I. Call to Order: Chapter Chair, David Black called the meeting to order at 9:00 am EST.

II. Roll Call

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

III. Minutes of the Previous Meeting dated December 12, 2024, were approved on a motion by Darcy McLean and supported by Nicole Maki, 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 – None

V. Reports:

- a. League Director: Connie Toensing was absent, so Joy Hill, alternate director, reported – 2/19/25 was the last meeting. MCUL has moved into their new office after the sale of Outback Property and no longer renting space from Zeal Credit Union. The Global Bridge Program, partnering with credit union leagues internationally, has chosen The Bahamas League as their partner with a 3-year commitment. There should be at least 4 meetings per year and possibly a trip to the Bahamas. Connie was asked to be part of the committee. Over 100 delegates are attending the GAC in DC. Denise Schultheiss is retiring. The position is posted to apply for, it is not an appointed position. The Flint Chapter has changed its name to the Crossroads Chapter. AC&E is June 4-6, 2025, in Grand Rapids. MCUL Dues – Discontinue using NYCE Discount, 2.5% for 2026, small percentage yearly. Garnishment Law passed – but with many amendments. MCUL has a new mobile app available. Discussed the new Earned Sick Time Act 2-21-25 implementation date. Youth Month – April 2025 Book for this year – Save It! Distributed to credit unions and libraries, send pictures to MCUL of any classroom or library reading days.
- b. Chapter Chair: David Black – No report
- c. Treasurer: Nicole Maki – The Chapter balance as of February 27, 2025 is \$97,111.54 made up of Executive Committee - \$20,474.60, Education Committee – \$3,469.00, Annual Meeting Committee - \$70,162.86, Golf Committee - \$2,944.93 and FUEL - \$60.15. Sponsorship money has been coming in for the annual meeting.
- d. Budget: Nicole Maki – A discussion of the high balance in the fund. Also, discussed line items of delegate funding and legislative action, both set at \$2,500.00, Nicole will reach out to Ray on these items. A motion was made by Lynda Ellis and supported by Darcy McLean to only charge ½ dues again for 2025, motion carried. Nicole will send an email out with the final budget.

- e. Audit Committee: – Joy Hill – has received statements and spreadsheet from Nicole, in the process of reviewing. Will have final report for the annual meeting.
- f. Engagement– Jennie Gylock, absent, no report
- g. Education: Mindy Brezsko – In person MLO training is scheduled for October 2, 2025 in Marquette, the venue to be determined. Assisted with education for this year's chapter meeting, where we were able to use vendors for sessions. The speaker for the Managers Conference is booked and will be Scott Anderle from ServiStar Consulting, recommended by Dan with UP State.
- h. Events: Julie Johnson - focusing on annual meeting at this time. We will need to send in \$1,000.00 deposit to Island House for Managers Conference by April 1, shouldn't need a formal agenda at this time, but will send an email if need be.
- i. Golf Committee: Brad Bisdorf – Funds were disbursed at \$2,500.00 each to Superior Health Foundation and UP Honor Flight. They were very appreciative. 2025 event is scheduled for August 21, 2025.
- j. Annual Meeting Committee: - Becky Harding and Julie Johnson – Currently have 262 registered with 34 sponsors. Registration deadline is Friday, March 7.
- k. Governmental Affairs: Katie Narhi – The legislative breakfast is scheduled for April 11 and invitations went out this week. Katie, Dawn, and Dylan met this week to discuss different ideas for fundraising at the Chapter Event. A new committee member, Jasmine Schaffer of Integra, was referred by Frank Baublitt. Just waiting to see if she accepts. Report of PAC funds, \$3,915.00 Federal and \$5,386.00 State. Also, just under \$10,000.00 raised for ASFM.
- l. FUEL: Dylan Bloniarz – 15 Crasher apps and 5 Pat Ruecker Scholarship applications were received. 2025 FUELMI registration is now open.
- m. Reality Fair – Frank Baublet – no updated reality fair numbers to report. Tony mentioned that Iron Mountain High School is wanting to do a reality fair. Frank and/or Julie Johnson will reach out.
- n. MCUL Consultant – Tony Zorza – Conference attendance has declined for future education events, want to make note of events coming up, branch manager training in April.

VI. Old Business

- a. Spark Tank – So far, only 2 participants from the same credit union, still trying to get more interest. Participation issues are not isolated to our chapter, they are state-wide. If we only end with 2 from the same credit union, we will allow both entries to present their project.

VII. New Business

- a. Pat Ruecker Scholarship, 5 applicants were submitted and Fuel reviewed them with a recommendation to be awarded to Eliot Borst of Embers CU. A motion was made to accept the recommendation by Dawn Jahfetson and seconded by Hilary Fountain, motion carried.
- b. UP Chapter Awards, notice went out to submit nominations by 3/17/25 to the executive committee. We will review and vote by email.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 am

Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Ellis, Secretary