



UP Chapter Executive Meeting
March 6, 2026
Zoom

- I. Call to Order: Chapter Chair, David Black, called the meeting to order at 12:04 pm EST.
- II. Roll Call

Present were: Executive Committee - David Black, Lynda Ellis, Mindy Brezsko, Nicole Maki, and Joy Hill. Absent were Hilary Fountain, Darcy McLean, Connie Toensing, and Dawn Jahfetson. Committees – Dylan Bloniarz, Jennie Anderson, Becky Harding, Jazlyn Sarasin, and Jake Stevens. Absent were Julie Johnson, Bradley Bisdorf, Kevin Dinser, and Frank Baublet. Also present was Stephanie Heidt, representing the MCUL.
- III. Minutes of the previous meeting dated December 11, 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. – Zeal CU is coming to the UP.
 - b. Other events in the UP or League – none
 - c. Industry trends or issues – none
- V. Reports:
 - a. League Director: Joy Hill reported A small asset size CU initiative-collaboration sessions, next week, April 6 and May 4. Sponsorship for the dog sled race in UP. The new league rep to replace Tony Z. will be announced on Monday. 168 Michigan credit unions have affiliated with MCUL in 2026.
 - b. Chapter Chair: David Black – Nothing to report
 - c. Treasurer: Nicole Maki – The Chapter balance as of February 23, 2026, is \$77,979.85, made up of Executive Committee - \$18,748.93, Education Committee – \$600.27, Annual Meeting Committee - \$57,703.30, Golf Committee - \$1,020.11, and FUEL – negative 92.76. FUEL’s negative balance will be taken care of as new membership dues will come in soon.
 - d. Budget: Nicole Maki – A discussion on the excess funds we have in the account, also a goal of no lower than \$25,000.00 would be an adequate minimum balance. A motion was made by Lynda Ellis to collect ½ dues fees from each credit union for this year, and supported by Mindy Brezsko, the motion carried.
 - e. Audit Committee: Joy Hill – Nothing to report, to be done by the annual meeting.
 - f. Nominating Committee: Jake Stevens – Discussed the terms up for election this year.
 - g. Engagement– Jennie Anderson – Website enhancements, registration updates, vendor information.
 - h. Education: Mindy Brezsko – List of speakers, adding detail to award descriptions for the Credit Union Person of the Year and Distinguished Service.
 - i. Events: Julie Johnson – absent, but sent a report of events information.
 - j. Golf Committee: Brad Bisdorf – absent, date is set for August 27, 2026.
 - k. Annual Meeting Committee: - Becky Harding, Julie was absent – Things are coming together, registration ends today, 36 vendors signed up. Current contract through 2027. Looking at future contract dates and checking with MCUL to help support contract negotiations. Looking at having the executive committee re-org meeting off-site.
 - l. Legislative – Dylan Bloniarz – report given that covered State, Federal PAC, and advocacy program updates and events. Also, the 2026 elections to watch.

- m. FUELmi: Jazlyn Sarasin and Kevin Dinser – 18 members with 3 credit unions represented, at this time. The meeting will be at the end of March in Munising. Will have a table at vendor night and also be doing an activity on Saturday.
- n. Reality Fair: Frank Baublet – absent, but a report was sent, 7 reality fairs so far in 2026, impacting 722 students.
- o. MCUL Consultant – Stephanie Heidt – She went over the March report that is coming. Credit Union's name change, Community Financial CU, is now Orsa CU. A CEO change at Michigan Educational CU, Jeff Cusmano is replacing Bob Sandercock, who retired. A student lending town hall on 3/11/26, learning about loan caps with federal aid. Two new reps were hired. Monday, one of them will be starting and announced; she lives in Interlochen. Small CU Success Playbook, also a breakout session at ACE. Stablecoin series is coming up. MCUF has a Save to Win grant. A Save to Win youth program is coming up.

VI. Old Business

- a. CU Spark Tank – 2 candidates so far
- b. Annual Meeting – All set

VII. New Business

- a. Managers Conference – Julie is not present, but we will discuss rates in the future
- b. Golf Committee charity – we will need to pick a charity in the future, will table until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Ellis, Secretary