



UP Chapter Executive Meeting
May 15, 2025
Zoom

I. Call to Order: Chapter Chair, David Black called the meeting to order at 2:03 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, Dylan Bloniarz, and Jake Stevens; absent were Jennie Gylock, Brad Bisdorf, and Frank Baublet. Also present was MCUL Rep. Tony Zorza.

III. Reorganizational meeting minutes dated April 12, 2025, were approved on a motion by Mindy Brezsko and supported by Darcy McLean, motion carried.

Minutes of the previous meeting dated March 4, 2025, were approved on a motion by Hilary Fountain and supported by Mindy Brezsko, motion carried. Minutes for the 2025 Annual Meeting were also handed out for review, but to be accepted at the next annual meeting in 2026.

IV. Correspondence and Discussion

- a. New credit union leadership, retirements, mergers, etc. – Torch Lake FCU is merging with Peninsula FCU.
- b. Other events in the UP or League – None
- c. Industry trends or issues – None

V. Reports:

- a. League Director: Connie Toensing – MCUL Board Meeting, April 29, 2025, was in person at the new Royal Oak space, but both Connie and Joy Hill, alternate director, joined remotely. MCUL Foundation assisted with financial aid after the ice storm in Northern Michigan. Audit reports and investment performance reviews were accepted. Authorization was approved to give Patty Corkery voting authority for the CUSG board elections. Top priorities are advocacy and taxation. There was a discussion on not holding the ACE in Traverse City, due to it not being convenient to navigate around that area. Try a CU Campaign videos are excellent and available for credit unions that did not pay the “full share”. The MCUL website traffic had 76,525 users. The top views are Cyber security at 23,125 and Find a CU at 21,374. MCUL gains \$750 million in cash, equity, and earn-out potential from the Gas Station TV, aka DMI Holdings LLC, investment.
- b. Chapter Chair: David Black – Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer: Nicole Maki – The Chapter balance as of April 30, 2025, is \$68,537.56 made up of Executive Committee - \$19,374.94, Education Committee – \$3,469.00, Annual Meeting Committee - \$42,688.54, Golf Committee - \$2,944.93, and FUEL - \$60.15.
- d. Budget: Nicole Maki – Nothing to report
- e. Audit Committee: – Joy Hill – Nothing to report
- f. Engagement– Jennie Gylock, absent, no report
- g. Education: Mindy Brezsko – The speaker for Managers Conference is set and October MLO training. Connie mentioned that other chapters are doing Zoom education, for additional education within their chapter and others. This is something to think about.

- h. Events: Julie Johnson – UP Managers conference is coming up 8/6/25 – 8/8/25, waiting on some information from the Island House. The Christmas party is on the radar.
- i. Golf Committee: Brad Bisdorf was absent, but Dylan relayed the date of August 21, 2025, at Terrace Bluff.
- j. Annual Meeting Committee: - Becky Harding and Julie Johnson – 458 attendees, and all comments are good.
- k. Legislative – None – discussion for new committee chair under New Business.
- l. FUELmi: Dylan Bloniarz – it was a good event at the annual meeting, Dylan will be stepping down as chair and has some replacements in mind, if you have anyone who is interested, let him know.
- m. Reality Fair – Frank Baublet not present – There is a meeting scheduled to discuss how to get the information out that the committee is here to support. Also, looking for information to update data.
- n. MCUL Consultant – Tony Zorza – Chapter leaders meeting, trying to incorporate more advocacy at the chapter level. League Rep update was sent, and one particular highlight is for the annual membership book, there is an “In Memoriam” section to honor past CU leaders who have passed away.

VI. Old Business

- a. ACE 25 Scholarship

VII. New Business

- a. Chapter elections were out of order, and Joy Hill should have been up for reelection in 2025 and Connie Toensing in 2026. It is all straightened away and will be back on track next year.
- b. New Committee chairs – Dylan Bloniarz from Embers CU for the Legislative Committee and Jazlyn Sarazin of TruNorth FCU for FUELmi.
- c. There is also a board opening for MCUF

Motion to adjourn at 2:33 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Ellis, Secretary