



UP Chapter Executive Meeting
October 2, 2025
Embers Credit Union, Corporate Office, Marquette

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 (by Zoom), Darcy McLean, Mindy Brezsko, Connie Toensing, Nicole Maki, and Joy Hill; absent was Dawn Jahfetson. Committees – Julie Johnson, Becky Harding, Brad Bisdorf, Jazlyn Sarasin, Kevin Dinser, and Jake Stevens (by Zoom); absent were Dylan Bloniarz, Jennie Anderson, and Frank Baublet. Also present was MCUL Rep. Tony Zorza.

III. Agenda was approved on a motion by Lynda Ellis and supported by Nicole Maki; the motion carried.

IV. Minutes of the previous meeting dated August 6, 2025, were approved on a motion by Joy Hill and supported by Darcy McLean; the motion carried.

V. Correspondence and Discussion

- a. New credit union leadership, retirements, mergers, etc. – none
- b. Other events in the UP or League – PAC UP the Pub tonight at Ore Dock
- c. Industry trends or issues – Govt Shut Down

VI. Reports:

- a. League Director: Connie - MCUL Strategic planning will be in two weeks at Crystal Mountain Resort. On behalf of the UP Chapter, a money order for \$500.00 was mailed to the PAC from the corn hole tournament at the Managers Conference.
- b. Chapter Chair: David Black – Nothing to report
- c. Treasurer: Nicole Maki – The Chapter balance as of September 15, 2025, is \$70,893.46 made up of Executive Committee - \$26,157.91, Education Committee – \$3,920.44, Annual Meeting Committee - \$37,349.85, Golf Committee - \$3,405.11, and FUEL - \$60.15.
- d. Budget: Nicole Maki – Nothing to report
- e. Audit Committee: – Joy Hill – Nothing to report
- f. Engagement– Jennie Anderson, absent, a report on ICU day, and the website is up to date with policies and events for the remainder of 2025.
- g. Education: Mindy Brezsko – MLO training is today in Marquette, with approximately 30 attendees. We will have another in-person training at the 2026 Chapter Annual Meeting. Also, discussed breakout sessions for the annual meeting event.
- h. Events: Julie Johnson – Executive Committee Christmas Party will be at the Ore Dock on December 11, a block of rooms will be available at Explore Marquette, within walking distance of the Ore Dock. The Managers Conference will be on Mackinac Island, staying at the Island House, but possibly changing the meeting space.
- i. Golf Committee: Brad Bisdorf – The event had 15 more golfers and 3 new credit union participants. One of the silent auction items was \$2,000.00 worth of TV advertising, which did not get any bids. It was discussed to donate the equivalent of this advertising to both Superior Health and UP Honor Flight, along with \$2,000.00 monetary donation each. Leaving a balance in the fund of \$969.82. A motion was

made by Lynda Ellis and supported by Nicole Maki; the motion carried. They are also looking at additional sponsorship levels for next year and different options for the dinner.

- j. Annual Meeting Committee: - Becky Harding and Julie Johnson – Event date April 10-12, 2026, with the same format as last year, and The Wizard of Oz is the theme. We will meet in December to get things rolling more.
- k. Legislative – Dylan Bloniarz – Pac UP the Pub event at the Ore Dock tonight. HYPE the Hill in Lansing in November, and GAC.
- l. FUELmi: Jazlyn Sarasin and Kevin Dinser – Leadership summit today at NMU. 1st quarter to sign up for Fuel, our goal is to increase to 35 members from our current membership total of 20. More events around Q1 in the Houghton area, and looking for other areas as well. Discussed having a focus on joining FUEL (booth or something) at the Chapter annual meeting.
- m. Reality Fair – Frank Baublet not present – No report, but a meeting is planned for next week.
- n. MCUL Consultant – Tony Zorza – A report was sent the listed upcoming events, information on CU Spark Tank. Just completed merging 3 systems into one, Sales Force. Signed a new partnership with Pulse 8.

VII. Old Business

- a. None

VIII. New Business

- a. None

The next meeting will be on December 11, 2025, at Embers Corporate Office.

Motion to adjourn at 4:04 pm, motion by Lynda and supported by Darcy, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Ellis, Secretary