



UP CHAPTER OF THE MCUL
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UP Chapter Executive Meeting
December 8, 2022
Embers Credit Union Corporate Office
Marquette, MI

I. Call to Order: Vice Chapter Chair, Jim Veneskey called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm EST

II. Roll Call

Present were: Lynda Ellis, Mindy Brezsko, David Black, Nicole Maki, Ray Theoret and Darcy McLean – Executive Committee. MCUL Rep. Tony Zorza. Becky Harding and Dylan Bloniarz sat in for Katie Narhi – Committee Chairs.
Absent was: Connie Toensing.

III. Minutes of Previous Meetings

- a. Minutes from the previous Regular Meeting dated September 21, 2022 were approved on a motion by David Black supported by Nicole Maki, motion carried.

IV. Review of Chapter Calendar of Events – Discussed upcoming items. Annual Meeting Committee met prior to this meeting. Mindy will get notice of Chapter Award Nominations out. The next scheduled Executive Committee meeting will be held by Zoom on February 7, 2023 at 3:00 pm.

V. Correspondence from group

- a. Any new chapter credit union leadership – none
- b. Retirements – Wayne Johnson will be retiring in the spring. We will send a gift and a card out to Wayne.
- c. Mergers – none
- d. Other events – none
- e. Industry trends – Credit Card Competition Act and Mortgage trends were discussed.

VI. Reports:

- a. League Director: Connie Toensing was absent, but Jim Veneskey discussed the September planning session for MCUL and same priorities to be focused on this coming year as prior. There is a board meeting next week with an opportunity to evaluate Patty, she does a great job and MCUL is in good hands. They are fairing the economy well.
- b. Chapter Chair: Jim Veneskey – Nothing to report, David Rautiola has resigned from the Chapter Executive Committee, effective immediately and has also resigned from Breakwater FCU.
- c. Treasurer: Ray Theoret – A report was emailed prior. The Chapter balance as of December 1, 2022 is \$63,414.36. Executive Committee balance is \$33,313.36, Annual Meeting Committee balance is \$25,681.08, Golf Committee balance is \$5,004.53, and Education Committee is a balance of -\$584.61. After a discussion of the increasing costs for speakers, a motion was made by Lynda Ellis and support by Mindy Brezsko to transfer \$1,000.00 from Executive Committee to Education Committee, motion carried.
- d. Budget: Ray Theoret – There is nothing to report until after year end.
- e. Audit Committee: – Nothing to report, Jim Veneskey will audit the books in the first quarter of 2023.

- f. Marketing/Website: Jennie Gylcok – Discussed Credit Union Day and all thought this year’s change to the drawing was well received. The winning credit unions were as follows:

- \$500 – Chippewa County Credit Union
- \$300 – Limestone Federal Credit Union
- \$100 – Great Lakes First Federal Credit Union
- \$100 - Federal Employees of Chippewa County CU
- \$100 – Peninsula Federal Credit Union
- \$100 – Baraga County FCU
- \$100 – Soo Co-op Credit Union
- \$100 – Embers Credit Union
- \$100 – Marquette Community FCU

Also discussed was the chapter policy, website updates, and social media.

- g. Education: Mindy Brezsko – There will be a Cyber Security training in Marquette some time in February.
- h. Events: Darcy McLean went over the increasing costs for Managers Conference and recommended changing the registration fee structure. We also discussed the increasing costs for speakers and will discuss at February’s meeting, once Mindy does some cost research.
- i. Golf Committee: Tyler Dubord was absent. A discussion of the \$5,000.00 balance left in the fund after the donation and expenses were paid. The general consensus is the fund is fine for now.
- j. Annual Meeting Committee: Becky Harding – The committee met in person and the process is under way for the 2023 event. A CEO survey will be sent out to see what the wish for future events may be, before we schedule out for 2025 and beyond. There will be no BSA training on Friday this year.
- k. Governmental Affairs: Katie Narhi was absent – there was no report, but a list of political candidates the MCUL sponsored went out to all.
- l. Nominating Committee: David Black – We are looking to fill an Executive Committee position.
- m. 906 hYPe: Dylan Bloniarz was present for Kati Narhi – There are 3 new representatives for hype. A social was held at Peninsula CU that was very good. They are looking into webinars during the day and socials at night for the group. Also planning a 906 Summit, young professionals conference.
- n. League Consultant: Tony Zorza – Our new representative, sent a report of information, and also wanted us to share what our needs will be from him. Highlighted upcoming events, Virtual Lending and Marketing Conference, also looking to do some type of in person mixer for attendees a few days after the conferences, Marquette and Gaylord areas.

VII. Old Business

- a. The Chapter policy was reviewed, a motion was made by Darcy McLean and supported by Mindy Brezsko, as presented, motion carried. The Master policy will be discussed in February with full committee input.
- b. Scholarships for credit unions to participate in events were discussed and Ray and Darcy will work on and come up with some suggestions.

VIII. New Business

- a. David Rautiola has resigned and a discussion was had on filling his position. A motion was made by Lynda Ellis and supported by Mindy Brezsko to appoint David Black as the new Chair of Exec Committee, motion carried.

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm on a motion by Darcy McLean and supported by Nicole Maki.
Respectfully submitted by: Lynda Ellis, Secretary