

Credit Union Advisory Council

Member Biographies

Chairperson, Robin Romano currently serves as Chief Executive Officer of MariSol Federal Credit Union, a CDFI in Phoenix, Arizona. She has been at MFCU for over 17 years. Previously Ms. Romano served as a Principal Examiner for National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) for over 7 years. Prior to NCUA, she was the Loan Manager for Western Horizons Federal Credit Union in Mesa, AZ. Ms. Romano is active in her community serving on several non-profit boards and even teaching financial education in the Maricopa County jail system. Ms. Romano currently serves as Board Secretary for Federation of Community Development Credit Unions.

Vice Chairperson, David Seely has led Kirtland Federal Credit Union in Albuquerque, New Mexico as President and CEO since 1990. The credit union has over \$750 million in assets, and serves more than 47 thousand members. His industry and community activities include serving as chairman of CU Anytime, LLC and CU ATM Services, LLC, as vice chair of Kirtland Partnership Committee, and on the boards of the Greater Albuquerque Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Central New Mexico, and DataPrint Services, LLC. He is the past chairman and former board member of Quality New Mexico, Albuquerque Economic Forum, Rotary Club of Albuquerque Del Sol, and Roadrunner Food Bank.

Daniel Berry is CEO of Duke University Federal Credit Union which has \$130 million in assets and serves the financial needs of over 15,000 members. In 2008, he was selected by the National Association of Federal Credit Unions as “Professional of the Year” for his asset category. Mr. Berry has served a variety of credit union related organizations. He is currently serving on the Supervisory Committee of Latino Community Credit Union, Credit Committee of First Carolina Corporate Credit Union, Regulatory Committee of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions, Board of Management Association of Carolinas Credit Unions, and Board of Education Credit Union Council. He is also active in his church.

Gail DeBoer is President and CEO of SAC Federal Credit Union, the largest credit union in Nebraska. She began her credit union career at SAC FCU in 1988, holding several positions before becoming President/CEO in 2007. Under her leadership SAC FCU has seen assets grow from \$312 million to over \$860 million and total membership growth to over 98,000. DeBoer currently serves on the NAFCU Legislative Committee, Boards of the Women’s Fund of Greater Omaha, the Greater Omaha Chamber of Commerce, and the Omaha Ethics Alliance, to name a few. She has been honored with many awards and recognitions over her career such as NAFCU’s CEO of the Year Award and most recently a 2015 Women’s Center for Advancement (WCA) Tribute to Women Honoree. Gail’s community involvement represents both her commitment to the community and to the credit union philosophy of “People Helping People.”

Robert “Bob” Donley has been the Executive Vice President of Members Credit Union since July 1, 1995 and has been a member of the Board of Directors of Members Credit Union since March 1996. As the Executive Vice President, Mr. Donley has direct supervision of Branch Operations, Collections, Human Resources, Information Technology, Member Services, Lending and is Chairman of the Asset & Liabilities Committee. Members Credit Union has 18 North Carolina branches, has total assets of approximately \$273 million and serves over 52,000 members located all across the United States.

Patrick F. Harrigan is the Chief Risk Officer and General Counsel for Service Credit Union, the largest New Hampshire state chartered financial institution, with more than 220,000 members and nearly \$3 billion in assets, headquartered in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. Mr. Harrigan joined Service Credit Union in February of 2010 as the Vice President of Regulatory Compliance and General Counsel, and became the Chief Risk Officer and General Counsel in November of 2015. Before joining the credit union Mr. Harrigan served as a Director of Service Credit Union for over five years and on the credit union's Credit and Supervisory Committees. Mr. Harrigan also currently serves on NAFCU's Regulatory Committee and the CO-OP Association's Legislative Committee.

Gregory W. Higgins is Senior Vice President/Chief Administration Officer/General Counsel of Wings Financial Credit Union, a \$4.1 billion institution headquartered in Apple Valley, Minnesota. Prior to joining the credit union, Mr. Higgins was a partner in a Fort Worth, Texas law firm, where he represented clients in real estate, lending, and corporate matters. Prior to his tenure with the law firm, Mr. Higgins was general counsel for a financial institution in Fort Worth, Texas.

Maria A. LaVelle is the Chief Executive Officer of Westmoreland Community Federal Credit Union. She has been the CEO of the credit union for the past fourteen years. The credit union currently serves over 14,000 members with \$66 million in assets. Mrs. LaVelle is currently serving as the Chairman of the Pennsylvania Credit Union Foundation. She served as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Credit Union Association from 2013-2015 and the Vice-Chairman from 2011-2013. Mrs. LaVelle has also served as the President of the Greensburg Chapter of Credit Unions.

Ricardo Ledezma currently serves as the Corporate Compliance Assurance Manager for San Antonio Federal Credit Union (SACU), a Low-Income Designated Credit Union which serves over 250,000 members nationwide and holds over \$2.7 billion in assets. Mr. Ledezma has over 17 years of financial services experience with both credit unions and community banks. Mr. Ledezma also served as the Internal Controls Manager for SACU's Manufactured Housing Division serving low-to-moderate income members nationwide. Mr. Ledezma served on the Board of Directors from 2010-2012 for the Alamo Chapter of Credit Unions, a sub-chapter of the Corner Stone Credit Union League.

Faith Lleva Anderson is the Senior Vice President & General Counsel for American Airlines Federal Credit Union based out of Fort Worth, Texas. The credit union serves more than 263,000 member-owners located throughout the United States and has over \$6.1 billion in assets. Anderson is currently Vice-Chair of CUNA's Consumer Protection Subcommittee, a member of NAFCU's Legislative Committee and Chair of Cornerstone Credit Union League's Regulatory Subcommittee. She has served as Chair of the American Bar Association Business Law Section's Credit Unions Committee. Anderson also previously served as the sole credit union representative for the Federal Reserve Board's Consumer Advisory Council. Prior to joining the credit union, she was in private practice and a former Chapter 7 bankruptcy trustee.

Sarah Marshall currently serves as the CEO of North Side Community Federal Credit Union in Chicago, IL. North Side Community Federal Credit Union is small-asset sized CDFI credit union, serving over 3200 members and holding \$8.4 million in assets. Over its history, the credit union has launched a number of progressive products to meet the needs of underserved communities. Sarah holds an MBA from North Park University with a concentration in community development, and a CCUE certification from CUNA. She is active in her community, serving on various boards and committees that support the expansion of financial access and inclusion.

Dayatra T. Matthews is Senior Vice President of Legal and Compliance at Local Government Federal Credit Union, a \$1.6 billion credit union in Raleigh North Carolina. Prior to joining the Credit Union, Ms. Matthews was a partner in a civil defense law firm in Raleigh where she represented insurance companies, lenders, mortgage servicers and individuals at both the trial and appellate levels in state and federal court. Ms. Matthews currently serves as President-Elect of the North Carolina Association of Defense Attorneys, is a member of the Board of Directors of the Wake County Bar Association, Past-President of the Capital City Lawyers Association, and current Secretary and Board Member of EarthShare North Carolina. Additionally, Ms. Matthews is a fierce proponent of community advocacy and service, volunteering her time over the last 10 years as an “on-call” pro-bono attorney and law student supervising attorney for Legal Aid of North Carolina, a state-wide non-profit organization that provides free legal services in civil matters to low-income residents of North Carolina.

Amy Nelson is President and CEO of Point West Credit Union, a \$97 million community chartered CDFI, serving the Portland-Metro area in Oregon. In recent years with Amy’s leadership, the credit union received its Low Income Designation (LID) from the NCUA, and Juntos Avanzamos Designation, demonstrating Point West’s commitment to serving and empowering Hispanic and non-citizen consumers. Ms. Nelson engages in credit union political advocacy work via the Northwest Credit Union Association, serving on regulatory advocacy and political advocacy committees. Amy is actively involved in her community, serving as Board Member and Classroom Educator for Portland-Based financial literacy non-profit, Financial Beginnings. Prior to joining Point West, Ms. Nelson specialized in human resources at Advantis Credit Union, and currently maintains her certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

Carrie O’Connor currently serves as the Chief Lending Officer for CommunityAmerica Credit Union, a community credit union based in Lenexa, KS and serving the Kansas City metro, where she is responsible for developing and driving the strategic vision for all areas of lending, credit/debit cards, and collections. The Credit Union serves more than 200,000 members and offers financial solutions for both individuals and businesses within its field of membership. Ms. O’Connor has been with CommunityAmerica for four years and previously served at Summit Credit Union in Madison, WI for nearly 20 years. Additionally, she has served on a variety of boards and advisory councils throughout her career, including her service as President of Center for Families, a high-impact nonprofit committed to partnering with parents to strengthen families, Member of WWBIC’s Advisory Board, a CDFI focused on helping women and minorities achieve their financial goals and dreams through entrepreneurship, and Vice President of the Madison Area Chapter of Credit Unions.

Thomas O'Shea currently serves as President/CEO of Aspire FCU based in Clark, NJ. Mr. O'Shea has been at Aspire since 2005. Aspire serves the employees of over 200 companies and has more than 25,000 members located in all fifty states. Previously Mr. O'Shea was President/CEO of Raritan Bay FCU for 17 years. Raritan Bay is a community-charts credit union in central New Jersey. He was awarded the New Jersey Credit Union League "CEO of the Year" award in 2008, and the Leagues "Distinguished Service Award" in 1998. He was also the Sayreville, NJ Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year in 1997. He received his Certified CU Executive designation in 1988. Mr. O'Shea is also a former board member of the NJ Credit Union League. His credit union career began in 1982.

Katey Proefke has been the Assistant Vice President, Compliance Officer for Chevron Federal Credit Union in Oakland, CA since 2008. Chevron serves over 106,000 members worldwide and holds over \$2.93 billion in assets. With over 30 years of experience in the industry, Ms. Proefke has been responsible for compliance for a number of financial institutions including San Francisco Federal Savings and World Savings. She currently serves as the Vice President of the Credit Union Compliance Professionals, an educational and networking organization for credit union compliance officers in southern California.

James "Jim" Spradlin is the President and CEO of Park Community Credit Union in Louisville, Kentucky. He has been with Park for over 20 years, previously holding several leadership positions in the organization including oversight of Lending, IT, and Finance. Park has over \$800 million in assets and is a progressive leader in innovative services to over 80,000 members. Mr. Spradlin currently serves as the Chairman of the Kentucky Credit Union Leagues PAC and is a member of the League's Governmental Affairs Committee and Emerging Leaders Committees. In addition, he has been involved in multiple local civic groups.

Raynor Zillgitt currently serves as Vice President of Risk Management & General Counsel for Lake Trust Credit Union. Lake Trust, headquartered in Brighton, Michigan, serves over 170,000 members and has assets in excess of \$1.7 billion. Prior to joining Lake Trust, Mr. Zillgitt was a equity shareholder in an East Lansing, Michigan law firm and specialized in financial institution law and real estate law. After graduating from law school, Mr. Zillgitt served as a law clerk in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan for the Honorable Charles E. Binder.