
2018 Board of Directors Candidate Biographies

Aaron Calderwood

My father opened up a savings account for me at Utah Power Credit Union while he was working as an engineer for Utah Power back in December of the year 2000. I have happily had an account at the Credit Union ever since. Utah Power Credit Union helped me purchase my first motorcycle and our first family car, which now allows the things most precious to me, my wife Jill and son Henry, to get around town safely. I've been so impressed with the growth of Utah Power Credit Union and its ability to give the same great service to its members no matter the location. After recently graduating from the University of Utah with my MBA, I have been looking for ways to be more involved with my community and with businesses. I feel with my years as an accountant, and now with my MBA degree, I can help continue the growth of Utah Power Credit Union. Also, I feel my years working at Wells Fargo as a teller and banker, could help me better relate to issues within the branches and what the employees may encounter on a day-to-day basis. Overall, I look forward to being a new Board member for Utah Power Credit Union and continuing to keeping members excited to see what the future brings.

Claudia Conder

Thank you for the opportunity to submit my application for nomination to the Board of Directors of Utah Power Credit Union. I worked for PacifiCorp and its predecessor companies for 40 years, beginning in 1976. Shortly after becoming a permanent employee, I became a member of the Credit Union. My father, Phil Conder, was also a member and was employed with Utah Power & Light for 43 years.

I worked in various capacities while at the Company, beginning with meter reading as my first job. I advanced to a draftsman, customer service representative, and an estimator. In 1994, I transitioned to a non-union position in the property department acquiring rights of way, selling and purchasing property, and property management. Beginning in 2001 I was responsible for managing the Company's water rights along with the other property management responsibilities. My formal education consists of high school, one year at Utah State University and several semesters at a junior college. I am currently engaged with Windermere Real Estate as a real estate agent. I am licensed in Utah and currently studying to become an agent in Idaho. I also consult independently on water right matters.

The Credit Union is a great institution and I have personally benefited from several loans for personal needs, cars, and homes, over the years. I welcome the opportunity to provide diversity to the Board as an active participant.

Blake Dowding (Incumbent)

I have been a member of Utah Power Credit Union since 1998 when I was hired to manage the computer systems and accounting operations of the Credit Union. After a short time, I gained the trust of senior management and was promoted to Vice President of Finance & Information Technology. Over my years of employment I obtained valuable experience in all aspects of running a successful credit union including information technology, credit union financials, asset liability management, and day-to-day operations. During my tenure at the Credit Union I graduated from Credit Union Management School which further enhanced my knowledge of credit union philosophy and management. I graduated with high honors from Westminster College in Salt Lake City and earned an MBA with an emphasis in Finance. I hold the Certified Treasury Professional (CTP) designation which is highly regarded in the financial institution industry. I'm currently employed by the LDS Church and work in the Treasury Division. My previous employment experience with the Credit Union and my professional background has allowed me to make an immediate positive impact on the Credit Union board where I have faithfully served the past two years.

Utah Power Credit Union holds a special place in my heart. If given the opportunity to continue to serve, I will work hard to ensure the Credit Union continues a successful path and remains viable and relevant in the future. I would appreciate your vote.

Larry A. Ellertson (Incumbent)

I became a member of the Credit Union in 1977 shortly after beginning my employment with Utah Power & Light Company. I have enjoyed my membership in the Credit Union over the past 40 years as my needs for financial services have been well cared for by the management and staff of the Credit Union.

I have a degree in accounting and I am a Certified Public Accountant. I have held various supervisory and managerial positions with Utah Power, served as Mayor of Lindon City for over eight years and as County Commissioner in Utah County for 12 years. In addition, I have served on various boards and committees in a variety of leadership roles. These opportunities have given me a wide array of experience which I utilize as I serve on the Board of Directors of Utah Power Credit Union.

I look forward to the opportunity to use my experience and judgment in serving the best interests of the members of this great Credit Union. I have enjoyed the opportunity of participating in the growth in both size and services of the Credit Union over the past several years. I will continue to participate in making sound reasoned decisions on behalf of the members of the Credit Union as we move forward in providing beneficial financial services to our Credit Union members.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Cindy Nagasawa-Cruz

I was employed by Utah Power & Light from 1982-1990 and joined the Credit Union soon after I began working for the Company. During my employment I was privileged to have served for a short time on the Credit Union Credit Committee. I have been a member of Utah Power Credit Union for thirty-five years.

I hold dual Bachelor Degrees in Business Administration and Economics and Computer Science with a minor in Mathematics. I have worked in the information technology field for thirty-five years of which twenty-six years were spent as a technology director in a public education school district. As a result, I learned to balance many needs and priorities during an era of explosive technological advancement while remaining accountable to taxpayers. Over the years, opportunities to serve have included: a start-up member of the UP&L Information Center and the PacifiCorp Executive Information System teams, a member of a state Digital Teaching and Learning Task Force, a representative of public education on various federal and state legislative issues, and a former board member of the Utah TECH CORPS and the Utah Education and Telehealth Network.

With much admiration, I have been impressed with the steady growth and excellent performance of Utah Power Credit Union. I consider this to be the direct result of strong leadership and sound financial planning. I believe in the UPCU vision and focus on family and community. I would be honored to serve the members of such a well-managed financial institution.

Rohit Nair

I am a first generation Utah Power Credit Union member and I can claim without any hesitation that it is one of the best financial institutions I have ever worked with, both in the U.S. and elsewhere. Since June 2011 - my first day of employment at Rocky Mountain Power - being a member of UPCU has been a sheer privilege. I couldn't be more proud of the outstanding value and customer service provided to me for more than six years.

I have a Masters in Electrical Engineering and a Masters in Business Administration and I currently work in the engineering department at Rocky Mountain Power. In my role, I evaluate cutting-edge technologies to better serve our customers and prepare for the changing energy landscape. UPCU continues to provide excellent customer service but I respectfully believe there is always scope for improvement. As a Board member, I will tap into my professional experience and strive to find strategic solutions that are in the best interest of its members. I would like to work with the team to continue its efforts of adapting to the changing industry without compromising its reputation of providing excellent value and exceptional service to all its members, many of whom have proudly been part of this institution for many decades and generations.

It would be an honor and my privilege to serve on the UPCU's high-caliber board, and if chosen, I assure you that I will put my knowledge and skills to use for the benefit of the organization and its most important asset - its members.

W. Brent Parkin (Incumbent)

I am a member of Utah Power Credit Union because as an employee I see the value and benefits of Utah Power Credit Union. I joined in 1987 when I was hired as a full-time employee. I have an engineering degree and have been involved in this Credit Union for many years. I am a Board member because I believe everyone is important and deserves to be treated fairly. We are a solid financial institution and I intend to keep our Credit Union strong.