
2020 Board of Directors Candidate Biographies

Brian Burgfechtel

My name is Brian Burgfechtel and I am a Control Room Operator at Gadsby Power Plant. I desire to be on the Board of Directors of Utah Power Credit Union because I believe I could provide a voice for our members. I would also be of value by providing unique insight to their personal needs and desires from a financial institution.

I qualified for membership in Utah Power Credit Union when I was hired by PacifiCorp to work as a 'Helper' at Dave Johnson Power Plant in 2012. I have been a proud member for 7 years, and plan to continue banking with the Credit Union.

I quickly took advantage of training and advancement opportunities presented to me and am now a Control Room Operator. I moved to Salt Lake City this spring and transitioned to a new Union within the same great company.

My higher education includes an Associate of Applied Science in Power Plant Technology from Casper College, and as of May 2020, I will have completed a Bachelor of Applied Science in Energy Management from Bismarck State College.

My personal background, along with my education, makes me an excellent addition to the Board of Directors. I have taken collegiate classes concentrated on business and accounting. My long-time employment with the Company has allowed me to experience firsthand the benefits offered to employees and their families. I am passionate about serving the members of Utah Power Credit Union.

George Humbert

Greetings fellow Credit Union members! My name is George Humbert and I am Rocky Mountain Power's Director of Customer and Community Relationship Management. I would like to say that my first savings account was with the Credit Union but I grew up in Ohio. I can say, that for 38 years, it has been my source of financial stability and information.

When I was not listening to Bruce Springsteen, I worked for the Company in customer accounting, call center operations, regulation, project management, billing, and credit & collections. I would love to put my knowledge and experience to use as a Board Member.

My formal education includes a BS in Management & Organization from Idaho State University, with an emphasis in Finance and an MBA from Utah State University. I love to spend time with my family of two adult children, their spouses, and six granddaughters, and when they haven't extracted all of my energy with their stories, laughing and fighting, we love to ski, watch movies, and play games together. My wife and I love to ski, kayak, hike, read books, and travel whenever we can.

Passion is something every Board Member needs, and I have it for the Credit Union's purpose and mission. My passion as a Board Member shows as a member of the Utah Manufacturers Association and USU's College of Engineering Advisory Boards. My promise to you is hard work, passion, and commitment to the things that matter most by working to preserve the Credit Union's legacy and enrich it for the benefit of all members.

Russell Johnson (Incumbent)

My association with Utah Power Credit Union began in 1969 when I started my employment with the then Utah Power and Light Company. In 1976, I was asked to serve on the Credit Committee and participated in the review and approval of loans for fellow Credit Union members for 13 years. In 1989, I was invited to fill a vacancy in the Board of Directors and have since completed 31 years as a Director on the Board, serving since 2005 as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. It has been both educational and rewarding for me to serve as a volunteer for what I consider to be the premier Credit Union in the State of Utah. I know firsthand how UPCU has worked to provide members with the best services available and to fulfill their financial needs. It is important that our Credit Union continues to look at innovative means, including improvement of our cyber security, to help its members feel comfortable utilizing the services so ably provided by Utah Power Credit Union.

My education (BS/MBA), work, and volunteer backgrounds provide me with many of the tools I need to effectively continue my affiliation with Utah Power Credit Union. I am honored to serve, and I pledge that I will continue to use my experience and expertise to support both the Credit Union staff/management, and you as members, to ensure that Utah Power Credit Union continues to deliver superior financial services.

Bart Stanley Miller

I first became eligible for membership in Utah Power Credit Union in February of 2004 when I became an employee of PacifiCorp. At that time, I was in Portland and thus did not take advantage of the opportunity until I was rebased to Salt Lake City in February of 2006. I have maintained an account in good standing since that time.

I obtained both a bachelor's and master's degree in accounting from Utah State University. I have since obtained my CPA license and currently work as the CFO for Heber Light & Power Company in Heber City, Utah. I worked for PacifiCorp in both Portland and Salt Lake City for six years combined. I then took on a CIO position with a right-of-way company out of Oklahoma City for four years. I have been the CFO at Heber Light for almost six years now.

It is my desire to obtain a seat on the Utah Power Credit Union Board for three key reasons. First, I feel that my experience has put me into a place where I can bring solid oversight to a good organization. Second, I am a people person, and I feel like this position would provide me with an opportunity to expand my network. Finally, I feel like I can be better at my job and in my personal life by gaining a deeper understanding of the other side of the banking relationship. I feel like this position would provide a great challenge to my intellect.

Jason Moffat (Incumbent)

Serving on the Board of Directors for the past fifteen years, I have witnessed numerous changes in government, economic stability, and security threats that continue to intimidate consumer confidence. The silver-lining to the noticeable impact from these events is the stability of Utah Power Credit Union, due in whole to an incredible team that is working to ensure that each investment and account remains strong, safe, and protected. Additionally, we continue to experience positive asset-growth, strong and measured membership growth, a robust loan portfolio, and expanding service opportunities.

As the Board of Directors, we filter numbers and decisions that translate into real actions for real people, our members, for maximum benefit. I have worked to represent each member to maintain competitive dividend rates, low loan rates, effectively manage costs, and partner with a superb management team to sustain a strong capital position.

As a member of the Technology Committee, we attempt to keep security and account accessibility solid and effective. I use my experience in consumer and corporate credit portfolios, collections, and legal recovery to advise on pertinent issues. I have a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah in Business Administration, a master's degree in Intelligence Operations and I work full-time for the Utah Air National Guard. I am pleased to be a member of such an outstanding financial institution for 31 years through my father who retired from Rocky Mountain Power. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue my service on the Board of Directors for the next three years.

Cindy Nagasawa-Cruz

The success of our Credit Union is characterized by:

1. A clear focus and unwavering commitment to its mission,
2. Sound financial planning,
3. Effective leadership.

I would be proud to serve on a Board that keeps each Credit Union member at the forefront of this vision, and I will readily assimilate into this existing culture of success.

Membership - Credit Union member for 36+ years.

Employment

- » 35 years working in the field of Information Technology.
- » 26 years serving as the technology director in a public school district.

Value to UPCU Members

- » Currently serving on the UPCU Supervisory Committee for 1+ years.
- » Past member of the credit committee during my employment at UP&L.
- » Professional experience in technology; especially when it comes to balancing expectations with protecting the security of our assets.
- » Ability to contribute a diverse and unique perspective to the Board.

Service and Background

- » Past board member:
 - Utah Education and Telehealth Network (UETN)
 - Utah TECH CORPS
- » Member of the State of Utah Digital Teaching and Learning Task Force.
- » Represented public education on federal and state legislative issues.
- » Start-up member of the PacifiCorp Executive Information Systems team.
- » Start-up member of the UP&L Information Center for personal computing.
- » Past chair and co-chair of various education/technology committees.
- » Born and raised in Utah.

Education - Dual Bachelor of Science Degrees:

- Business Administration and Economics
 - Computer Science
- » Minor Mathematics

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 PacifiCorp - 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 eight years.

I have a master's in electrical engineering and a master's in business administration, and I am currently the Director of engineering standards at PacifiCorp. In my role, I lead a team of engineers that ensure standards are current and aligned with industry standards and safety practices. In addition, my team also evaluates 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 is 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 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.

Chris Spencer (Incumbent)

I joined the Credit Union over thirty years ago when my father, a long time PacifiCorp employee, opened my first savings account. I now work for Rocky Mountain Power as Managing Director, T&D Operations, and have been an employee for sixteen years.

I earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Utah and a master of business administration from the University of Utah.

For the past three years, I have had the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors of Utah Power Credit Union. This has been a great learning experience for me and provided me opportunities to grow and develop both personally and professionally. I have had the opportunity to learn from and develop a relationship with a team of dedicated professionals and volunteers. I am lucky to be associated with this fine institution. I would like to continue to utilize my talents and knowledge I have gained these last three years to uphold the culture and traditions that have been created while keeping an eye towards the future. I hope to accomplish this by setting strategic goals around a well-capitalized balance sheet, prioritization of security of sensitive personal information through physical and cyber security programs, driving a culture of compliance through transparency and continued improvement, listening to staff and members stories that drive customer satisfaction, helping others that are in need, and last but not least, ensuring our members still receive the benefit of a healthy dividend.

Steven Troop

Our family has loved Utah Power, and our connection began when my father-in-law opened an account for my wife when she was a little girl. When we were married in December 2001, I became a member too.

I attended high school in Utah and graduated from Weber State University with a Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice and a minor in Sales. Recently, I became a licensed continuing education instructor for Utah real estate as a way to give back to real estate and lending clients.

In my 15 year career as a licensed title and escrow agent, I continually work with the lending and real estate departments of several banks and credit unions. As an escrow officer, I have to be familiar with the controls and systems of several financial institutions as well as many of the rules and regulation relating to banking, insurance, real estate, and financial services.

I am active in my community and I enjoy serving others. I would appreciate the opportunity to the other members of the Credit Union as a member of the Board of Directors.

Richard Walje

As a 30-year employee of Utah Power and PacifiCorp, I have been a long term member of the Credit Union. Today, my membership includes a personal and business account, with a credit card, and two home mortgages. During this time, I closely followed the evolution of the Credit Union to its position today as a superior financial institution.

I started in the industry as an IBEW journeyman lineman, was a field engineer for General Electric, and held senior management and executive positions during the various iterations of the Company, starting with Utah Power. Those positions included CIO of ScottishPower and President and CEO of Rocky Mountain Power.

I have a BS degree in Electrical Engineering, with honors, and an MBA, both from the University of Utah. I was recognized as a distinguished alumnus of the University's Electrical and Computer Engineering college.

As the Credit Union expands in both its size and financial offerings, it would be a privilege for me to be able to provide support to efforts. My desire to be a Board Member is based on my experience and admiration for Utah Power Credit Union employees and their support of Credit Union members.