
2017 Board of Directors Candidate Biographies

Blake Christensen

My father was a Utah Power employee for 15+ years, and because of his financial influence, I have been a Utah Power Credit Union member since I was a child.

I am currently the Corporate Controller for a publicly-traded pharmaceutical company and have held finance leadership and accounting positions in industries including auto safety, mining, and technology. I started my career in public accounting and had audit clients in highly regulated industries like financial services and broker/dealers.

Compared to big banks, I am a strong advocate of the credit union concept. I appreciate the member focus and attention to members' needs. I value characteristics like favorable credit union interest rates, and I personally benefited from participating in Utah Power Credit Union's first time home-buyer program.

I have admired the Credit Union's sound financial management, and I look forward to the Credit Union's further success. I would welcome the opportunity to give back to the Credit Union membership by serving as a member of the Board of Directors.

Russ 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 on the Board of Directors and have since completed 28 years as a Director on the Board, serving since 2005 as the Chairman of the Board of Directors. It has been both an educational and a rewarding experience for me to serve as a volunteer for what I consider to be one of the premier credit unions 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 the members navigate through the challenging economic times we are experiencing.

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.

Josh Migliori

My name is Josh Migliori I was born and raised in Price Utah. I grew up working hard for my family's business where I continue to work to this day. I became eligible for membership through my father and have been a member for 7 years. I attended Southern Utah University receiving a bachelor's degree in business. I have helped the local chamber of commerce with projects, and I have a passion for analyzing and trading the stock market.

My family and I have a personal stake with the Credit Union, having done an extensive amount of business over the years. I have a strong belief that people need to have more control over their finances and a credit union provides that ability. I also believe in the community structure of credit unions. The "not for profit" gives its members a fair cost for their financing needs. This is where my desire for serving on the Board comes from. It will give me the opportunity to work with nonprofit organizations and financial institutions. In this modern age where more of the world's assets are being swallowed up by super-corporations and super-banks it is even more important for the everyday people to step forward and protect their self-interests.

Jason Moffat (Incumbent)

Serving on the Board of Directors for the past twelve 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 28 years through my father who works for Rocky Mountain Power. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue my service on the Board of Directors for the next three years.

Chris Spencer

I joined the Credit Union over twenty years ago when my father, a long time PacifiCorp employee, opened my first savings account. I now work for PacifiCorp as the director of technical services and have been an employee for twelve years.

I earned a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Utah and a master's of business administration from the University of Utah. Prior to becoming the director of technical services I worked as a substation operations manager, distribution engineer and transmission engineer.

I'm interested in serving on the Credit Union Board for a few reasons. First, I have enjoyed my membership in the Credit Union from when I was young. I always knew that I was putting my money in a safe haven where it would grow. Second, I have always enjoyed the family feel the Credit Union offers. I'm always greeted in a professional friendly manner when I enter the doors. It makes me feel like my money is safe. The final reason I'm interested in being on the Board is that I have always had a love for finance. I attribute this to when my father opened my first savings account over 20 years ago and taught me the importance of being fiscally responsible. I recognize the great success the current Board has achieved and feel I can learn many things from them while providing a new and different perspective.