



ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD NOMINEE NOTICE

OUR 57TH ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON **MARCH 11TH AT 6:00PM**
ERLENE DARBY LEARNING CENTER | 49249 HWY 30 | WESTPORT, OR

*The Board of Directors has approved four nominees for four positions on the Board of Directors from applications submitted by members. Their names and biographical information are included below. There will be an option to watch this meeting virtually but **members must be present to vote.***

GEORGE DUNKEL

MEMBER SINCE 2009 • SCAPPOOSE, OR

George, born in Astoria and raised in both Wauna and Scappoose, is a retired fire chief. A graduate of Linfield College, he began his fire service career as a volunteer firefighter with Scappoose Rural Fire District. He was later hired as a career firefighter by Washington County Fire District #1 (now Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue) and served as Fire Chief of Columbia River Fire & Rescue (St. Helens Rural Fire District) for seven years. Throughout his 35 years in Oregon's fire service, he managed all facets of the fire department including budget, administration, human resources, operations, training, and community & support services. His enthusiasm for community service is evident in his high level of involvement; he currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Oregon Fire Chiefs Foundation. He has served as a Board Member of the International Fire Service Training Association, and an active member of the Kiwanis Club of St. Helens. He continues to work with local governments as a Senior Consultant for the Consulting Services Program of Special Districts Association of Oregon. He is a strong proponent of cooperation between various disciplines and agencies, and he believes his experience, good natured personality, and proactive approach to challenges will assist WCU in achieving its mission and vision. George and his wife of 51 years, Vicki, have 3 daughters and sons-in-law and 9 grandchildren.

BETH VAN ELSWYK

MEMBER SINCE 2018 • ASTORIA, OR

In 2025 Beth will begin a new role as the Director of the Clatsop Community College Foundation. She has held sales and business development roles for more than two decades. When she joined Wauna CU, she was creating profitable dispensaries and ancillary businesses while navigating the banking and compliance challenges. Beth helped guide the expansion of several traditional and nontraditional businesses, including Hemp & Cannabis. Beth thrives in the chaos of growth and change with a focus on customer service & collaborative campaigns to create ROI. While at Panasonic, one such campaign yielded a 300% increase in sales for a PNW regional retailer during the recession. She credits her ongoing success in challenging business climates to a combination of Matshushita and Drucker Management principles as well as an understanding of TRIZ - The Theory of Inventive Problem Solving. Strategic Planning is a cornerstone of creating Data Driven Decisions and creating SMART goals, something she embraces with a keen eye on succession planning for long term growth and support for Wauna CU and all the organizations she supports. After a long-term commitment with SMMR Sergeant McDowell's Military Relief as VP, she now currently serves both the Wauna CU board and her local Astoria Rotary. Beth has a community focus that has her and her wife travelling the North Coast regularly to support fundraisers, events and local activities. You also can find her out on the golf course on sunny days!

JILL HULT

MEMBER SINCE 2007 • VERNONIA, OR

Jill has served on the Wauna Credit Union Board of Directors since 2019. She completed her Master of Communication degree from PSU in June 2013 and currently works at Clackamas Community College as an Associate Professor teaching Public Speaking and Interpersonal Communication courses. Jill is proud to serve the members of Wauna Credit Union as part of the Board and is committed to maintaining strong community ties and exceptional service for those WCU serves by continuing to learn, grow, remain agile, and carry a unified voice to uphold our mission and values. In her spare time, Jill enjoys spending time with family and friends, writing and participating in Vernonia Writer's Group, hiking, riding bicycles or four wheelers, and playing some pickleball. Jill also enjoys puzzles, dancing, and yes, admittedly, karaoke!

PAUL LEWICKI

MEMBER SINCE 2009 • WARRENTON, OR

Paul retired after 25 years as the Inventory and Control Manager for the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority in 2009. When Paul and his wife relocated to Knappa, they became members of Wauna Credit Union, and soon, he was appointed to fill a vacancy on WCU's Board. He served on the WCU Board and on various committees for about five years, while also joining and, later, chairing the Board of the Sunset Empire Transportation District. In 2017, he became the Chief Operations Officer for the Sunset Empire Transportation District. He retired a second time in 2022 and was again appointed to the Transit District's Board. In 2024, Paul was offered the opportunity to serve on the Wauna CU Board to fill a vacancy. He currently serves on the Policy and Bylaws Committee, the Capital Projects Committee, and as a member of the Wauna Credit Union Board. It has been his honor to twice serve our members and Wauna Credit Union in this capacity.

An election will not be conducted by ballot, and there will be no nominations from the floor at the annual meeting when the number of nominees equals the number of positions to be filled, which is currently the situation. Any member who desires to run for the Board may do so now only by a nomination by petition signed by **294** credit union members in good standing 18 years of age or older. An application may be requested by calling **1-800-773-3236, Ext 3124**. Completed applications may be mailed to ATTN: **Governance Committee P.O. Box 67 Clatskanie, OR 97016** or delivered in person to any branch. Petition applications must be received by close of business on **January 30, 2025**.



FEE CHANGES: EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 28, 2025

Personal Accounts

Low Balance Fee	\$5.00	per month
Single service accounts* < \$300 during the month. Applies to estate and trust accounts. Does not apply to personal accounts owned by individuals age 17 and under or 65 and older.		

Business Accounts

Low Balance Fee	\$5.00	per month
Single service accounts* < \$300 during the month.		

*Single service accounts are defined as accounts that have only a share savings account and no other account type affiliated with the account number.

"We are honored to be part of your individual journey and take pride in serving you. As we look ahead to 2025 and beyond, we remain committed to your financial well-being—because to us, **you're a valued neighbor, not just a number.**"

— **Robert Blumberg**, President & CEO

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