

The CUrrent

Second Quarter

April 2023

BIG NEWS! WE HAVE A NEW CEO!



Annual Meeting Set

Our 85th Annual Meeting will be extra special this year as it is your first opportunity to meet Sarah, the new CEO. Come with your questions and of course your appetite because we will feed you and draw for door prizes when the festivities are over. It's here at the credit union—parking in the back or across the street in the Kaiser Permanente lot.

Wednesday June 7, 5-6 pm

We bid a very heartfelt farewell to Debie Keesee as she is leaving the credit union after 26 years to begin a much deserved retirement. A graduate of Western CUNA Management School, her accomplishments are many. Debie earned Development Educator designation from the National Credit Union Foundation (NCUF) and served on the boards for the NCUF and Northwest Credit Union Associations. The NWCU Association presented her their Lifetime Achievement award in 2019. She was inducted into the Credit Union House Hall of Leaders in 2020. These are just a few of the examples of her peers recognizing her for her amazing leadership and commitment to the credit union movement. Debie has been an esteemed mentor for others both here in Spokane and nationwide. She plans to enjoy post-work life with husband Jim, kids Aaron and Christy and her grandkids Ivy and Mac who bring her "unsurpassed joy!"

Our new CEO, Sarah Dahmen, is excited to serve our membership, taking up the helm as Debie retires. She brings 19-years experience in the financial services industry to the role. Born and raised near Spokane, she went to Riverside high school, completed her education at Eastern Washington University and has since spent nearly 2 decades working in financial services in the Spokane area. Her professional experience includes 14 years in the C-suite as Chief Compliance Officer for both Registered Investments Advisors (Northern Capital Management and Northern Capital Retirement Services) and a FINRA Registered Broker Dealer (NCM Securities). Most recently, she served as Chief Operating Officer for Packard Wheeler Succession in Spokane Valley. Personally, she and husband Henry McNulty spend a great deal of time supporting local arts and culture in the area. Sarah loves theater and spends time away from work directing and acting in local theater and film productions. She also volunteers her time for local arts organizations including TedX Spokane where she coaches speakers each year. The credit union movement is a perfect match for Sarah's professional expertise and personal values and passion to serve our community and membership. The board and staff are excited to have her here as we move forward together. If you find yourself near the branch, please pop by and say hello to our new CEO. She is eager to meet you!



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Memorial Day

Monday, May 29

Juneteenth Independence Day

Monday, June 19

Independence Day

Tuesday July 4

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

Thank you Debbie!



Enjoy Retirement

TIME TO ELECT YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

We are very grateful to our Board of Directors who volunteer their time and talents for the betterment of your credit union. We hold a yearly election to select our board. Here is the official ballot to elect the

2023 Board of Directors.

Please mail your ballot to the credit union or bring it by the credit union by **June 1**

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These individuals are running for election:

Jon Etherton



Angie Maxwell



Brad Banta



Vote for 3

Results announced at the annual meeting June 7

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