

Steve Everson – Incumbent - Candidate

I have been a member of Area Federal Credit Union for approximately 20 years. I have served on the Board of Directors for the past 3 years and I would like to continue with my service. In my time on the BOD, we have made some great strides, and we are on a path for continued growth and success. I am employed in the insurance industry as a Regional Claims Manager for the state of South Dakota for Farmers Mutual of Nebraska. In this position, I have gained experience in problem solving, analyzing and understanding financial documents, managing personnel, and aspects of customer service. I am a volunteer member for the Aberdeen Hockey Association Disciplinary Committee. I am also active in the Knights of Columbus and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. In my time away from work, I enjoy golf, hunting, yard work, cross fit workouts, spending time with my wife and 3 grown children and cheering for the Dallas Cowboys!! I believe my work and life experiences allow me to be a great fit to continue to serve on the Area Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.

Doug Thompson – Incumbent - Candidate

I was the President/CEO of Aberdeen Federal Credit Union, now know as AREA Federal Credit Union until my retirement in 2012. After my retirement, I did consulting work for eight credit unions in North and South Dakota.

I ran for a Board of Directors position in 2022 and was elected at the annual meeting. I was honored that the membership of our credit union would allow me to again become involved in the credit union at this level. The reason I ran in 2022 is the same reason I am running again this year. That reason is to be sure that we remain true to the mission of serving our members. I believe we are now doing that and I am asking for your vote to allow me to stay on this mission for another 3 years.

Luke Malsom - Candidate

I am a resident of Aberdeen, and have lived here for 7 years since graduating from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 2017. I grew up in Aberdeen, and plan to make this area my permanent home. That being the case, I am interested in joining the AFCU Board of Directors as a way to directly make a positive impact in our community. Since my return to Aberdeen, I have worked as a Mechanical Engineering consultant in the HVAC and plumbing industry, and have worked on numerous construction projects in Aberdeen and the surrounding areas. In addition to engineering, I also work on contracts between contractors and clients, and deal with proposals and pay applications during the construction process. I enjoy improving the livability of communities by enhancing structures and the functionality of spaces for community members, and being able to see the physical difference my work makes. Having grown up on a farm, my hobbies outside of work still revolve around working with my hands. My interests revolve around all things mechanical, but I am interested in learning more about business and finance to have a more well rounded skill set.

Mary Anne Whitman - Candidate

I have a bachelor's degree in business management and an associate's degree in psychology. While working at EAC as a Marketing Manager, I worked with student loans and their impact on students' ability to ensure access to education. I developed a Financial Literacy program for college students and used it at Presentation College.

It has always been important to me to have accounts at both a bank and a credit union. When I lived in Michigan, I had accounts at both and have been a member of this credit union for a couple of years now.

Understanding the value of credit unions, it is important to me that they remain viable institutions and people become more aware of the benefits they offer. I believe that my knowledge of marketing and presentation skills in bringing information to various populations gives me the ability to offer the Board an insight into opportunities to increase membership with a wide range of population groups in our demographic areas.

Also, I have worked in the legal arena as a paralegal and understand the importance of confidentiality and maintaining systems that protect individuals' privileged information.