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Illinois League re-elects new chairman, table officers; Service Corp. new director; others elected to Foundation, PAC, Youth Council boards

Naperville, IL., April 24, 2009 – At its 79th Annual Convention last week, the Illinois Credit Union League (ICUL) elected its table officers for the coming year, each to their second one-year terms. In addition, the ICUL Service Corporation elected one new director to its board.

The Illinois Credit Union Foundation (ICUF), the Credit Union Political Action Council (CUPAC), and the Illinois Youth Involvement Council (IYIC) also elected officers and directors to their respective boards. The convention was held at the Chicago Hilton & Towers April 16 – 18, 2009.

John Bratsakis, senior vice president of business development for Baxter CU in Vernon Hills, was re-elected as chairman for a one-year term. He will also serve in this capacity for the ICUL Service Corporation (LSC). Bratsakis has served on the league board since 2001 representing the Thomas W. Doig Chapter of Credit Unions. During this time, he was also chairman of the legislative committee, a member of the executive committee, and a member of the Credit Union Support Group (CUSG) committee.

Dennis Hall, CEO of I.H. Mississippi Valley CU in East Moline, was re-elected as vice chairman. Hall started his credit union career more than 20 years ago and has been CEO for the past 11 years. He has been on the league board representing the Illinois Quad Cities Chapter of Credit Unions since 2001 and during this time was also a member of the legislative, executive, and Credit Union Support Group (CUSG) committees. Hall will also serve as LSC vice chairman.

In addition, Geraldine Burek, CEO of South Division CU in Evergreen Park, was re-elected as secretary/treasurer. Burek has served as ICUL director representing the Southeast Chapter of Credit Unions since 2003. During that time, she was also chairman of the annual convention and legislative committees, served on the executive committee, and on the CUPAC board for 21 years.

Libby Calderone, CEO of Earthmover CU, Oswego, was elected to a three-year term as director of the ICUL Service Corporation (LSC). The LSC is a subsidiary of ICUL that provides EFT, credit, debit, and prepaid card products, merchant, and collection services to more than 2,000 credit unions in 45 states.

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Also as part of the convention, the ICUF held its annual meeting and re-elected its officers and elected two new directors. Officers included: Ed Jacob, ICUF chairman and CEO, North Side Community FCU, Chicago; Greg Worthen, ICUF vice chairman and director of lending, Olin Community CU, Bethalto; and David Mooney, ICUF secretary/ treasurer and CEO, Alliant CU, Chicago. Current board members include: Geraldine Burek, CEO, South Division CU, Evergreen Park; Peggy Cummins, CEO, Three Rivers Community CU, Mt. Carmel; John Fiore, CEO, Motorola ECU, Schaumburg; and Janet Francoeur, CEO, Riverside Community CU, Kankakee. Thomas Pierce, CEO, Canals & Trails CU, Lockport; and Michael Lee, president, Midwest region, Members United Corporate FCU, Warrenville, were each elected to a three-year term as a result of two directors retiring from the board.

In addition, CUPAC elected a new chairman and board of directors at its annual meeting. Officers elected to one year terms included: Karen Woods, CUPAC chairman and marketing director, Decatur Earthmover CU, Decatur; Brenda Crane, CUPAC vice chairman and COO, Credit Union 1, Rantoul; John Fiore, CUPAC Treasurer and CEO, Motorola ECU, Schaumburg; and Tom Enos, CUPAC Secretary and business development director, First Northern CU, Chicago. Board members re-elected to one-year terms included: Christine Dickover, CEO of H-F CU, Country Club Hills; Pete Fauth, vice president/CFO, Financial Plus CU, Ottawa; Mike Frye, chairman, Shell Community FCU, East Alton; RaeAnn Love, CEO, Commonwealth CU, Bourbonnais; Frank Padak, CEO, Scott CU, Collinsville; and Robert Schroeder, CEO, Illinois Community CU, Sycamore.

Lastly, the IYIC re-elected its executive committee, also during the convention. The members included: Melissa Brown, DHCU Community CU; Shelli Chesnutt, Aurora Policemen CU, Aurora; and Jeri Hansen, Danville Consolidated CU, Danville.

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Caption note, ICUF board photo: Officers and board members recently elected to the Illinois Credit Union Foundation board of directors include (from left): Ed Jacob, ICUF chairman and CEO, North Side Community FCU, Chicago; Greg Worthen, ICUF vice chairman and director of lending, Olin Community CU, Bethalto; Thomas Pierce, CEO, Canals & Trails CU, Lockport; Janet Francoeur, CEO, Riverside Community CU, Kankakee; David Mooney, ICUF secretary/ treasurer and CEO, Alliant CU, Chicago; John Fiore, CEO, Motorola ECU, Schaumburg; Geraldine Burek, CEO, South Division CU, Evergreen Park; Peggy Cummins, CEO, Three Rivers Community CU, Mt. Carmel; and Michael Lee, president, Midwest region, Members United Corporate FCU, Warrenville.

Caption note, CUPAC board photo: Officers and board members recently elected to CUPAC's board of directors include (in back, standing from left): Bob Schroeder, CEO, Illinois Community CU, Sycamore; Frank Padak, CEO, Scott CU, Collinsville; Pete Fauth, vice president/CFO, Financial Plus CU, Ottawa; Tom Enos, CUPAC secretary and business development director, First Northern CU, Chicago; Mike Frye, chairman, Shell Community FCU, East Alton; and (in front, sitting from left): Brenda Crane, CUPAC vice chairman and COO, Credit Union 1, Rantoul; RaeAnn Love, CEO, Commonwealth CU, Bourbonnais; John Fiore, CUPAC treasurer and CEO, Motorola ECU, Schaumburg; Christine Dickover, CEO of H-F CU, Country Club Hills; and Karen Woods, CUPAC chairman and marketing director, Decatur Earthmover CU, Decatur.