

Board of Directors Election

In accordance with the BMI Federal Credit Union® bylaws, each year a Nominating Committee recommends a slate of candidates to fill all Board of Directors openings. The Committee interviews qualified candidates and all selected nominees must be willing to unselfishly volunteer their time and talent. BMI Federal Credit Union Directors will meet an average of two times per month, without pay, for Board and Committee meetings. This year there are three open positions serving a term of three years and one position serving a term of one year.



Steve Phillips

Steve is retired from Battelle after 32 years of service as its Director of Columbus Internal Audit. He has been a BMI FCU member for 40 years and has served on the Supervisory Committee and on the Board of Directors for 26+ years. Steve has held various positions on the Board including Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. He holds a B.A. in Accounting from Michigan State University and an MBA from the University of Dayton. Steve is also a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in Ohio.



Matt Butzier

Matt has been with Palmer-Donavin Manufacturing Company for 24 years and currently is its Chief Operating Officer. He has strong leadership skills in negotiation, purchasing, sales, sales operations, and customer service to name a few. Matt has served as Associate Director (2019-2021) and on the Board of Directors since 2022. He holds an MBA from Ohio Dominican University, a BS in Political Science (minor in History) from The Ohio State University. He holds licenses and certifications from Texas A&M University Micro Degree and from The Ohio State University in Wholesale Distribution Executive Management.



Melita Garrett Abbey

Melita has been employed by American Signature, Inc. for 28 years and currently holds the position of Deputy General Counsel where she counsels and handles matters related to consumer law, commercial transactions, labor and employment, and litigation. A member of BMI FCU since 2003, Melita has served as Associate Director (2007-2013) and on the Board of Directors since 2013. She has served on several committees, including the governance and nominating committees. Melita holds a Bachelor in Public Administration (with honors) from Franklin University and received her Juris Doctorate (cum laude, Order of the Curia) from Capital University Law School.



Brad Ashbrook

Brad is currently the Chief Financial Officer for LifeWise Academy. LifeWise Academy is a central Ohio nonprofit that provides Bible-based character education to public school students nationwide through its Released Time Religious Instruction (RTRI) programs. Prior to joining LifeWise, Brad was the CFO for the Columbus Collaboratory (Covail), a cybersecurity and data analytics products and services company. Brad was previously employed for 27 years by Battelle, where he advanced through a number of progressively senior accounting and finance leadership roles, most recently VP, International Finance. A member of BMI FCU for 33 years, Brad has served on the Supervisory Committee, was Vice Chair, and is the current Chairman of the Board of Directors. Brad holds a B.S. in Accounting from The Ohio State University.



ANNUAL MEETING

BMI Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting is scheduled to be held at 6:00 pm on April 19, 2023. The meeting format will be determined as we approach the date. Please visit www.bmifcu.org for complete details.

Nominations for the Board of Directors may also be made by petition. The petition, containing the printed names and signatures of a minimum of 1% of the total membership, must be submitted to the BMI FCU® Board Secretary by February 15, 2023. Written statement of qualifications, biographical information, and statement of willingness to serve if elected must accompany the nominee's petition. If there is one nominee for each position to be filled and no nominations by petition are received, the Committee's nominee will be declared elected. Therefore, no mail ballot will be mailed. Completed ballots are sent to an independent election teller. Election results will be announced by the Board Chair at the BMI Federal Credit Union Annual Business Meeting on April 19, 2023.

