

# Credit Union Advisory Council Members



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**Chairperson Carla M. Decker** is the President and CEO of the D.C. Federal Credit Union. From 1994 to 2000, Ms. Decker served at the PAHO/WHO Federal Credit Union, initially as Operations Manager and later as President and CEO. Previously, she was a branch administrator at the Transportation Federal Credit Union where she served from 1988 to 1994.

**Vice Chairperson Rose Bartolomucci** is the President and CEO of the Towpath Credit Union in Kent, OH. Ms. Bartolomucci has been a credit union activist since 1977. Ms. Bartolomucci was recently appointed to as Deputy Superintendent for Credit Unions, the chief regulator for 200 State Chartered Credit Unions in the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Financial Institutions for the Credit Union Section.

**Bernard A. Balsis, Jr.** is currently the President of Independent Employers Group Federal Credit Union in Hilo, HI. He has been at IEG FCU for over 2 years. Previously Mr. Balsis was the CEO of Ka`u Federal Credit Union for 15 years which served the southern part of Hawaii Island. In addition to over 17 years in the Credit Union movement Mr. Balsis worked in commercial banking and the non-profit sectors. Mr. Balsis has worked in New Jersey, American Samoa, Western Samoa, the Philippines and Hawaii.

**Gary Bell** is the President and CEO of Cooperative Center Federal Credit Union in Berkeley, CA. Mr. Bell has over 30 years of financial services experience including 15 years as the Vice-President/Branch Manager of the Bank of the West office located in the inner city neighborhood of Richmond, CA. Mr. Bell served as a member of the Richmond City Council from 2000 to 2005, during which time he was the Chairman of the Council's Finance & Community Economic Development standing committee.

**John Buckley** is the President/CEO of Gerber FCU, a multi-SEG Federal Credit Union located in Fremont, MI. Mr. Buckley was a commercial lender and community bank president for 22 years before joining Gerber in his current capacity in the fall of 2006. Mr. Buckley is a Past President of the Fremont Rotary Club, Treasurer of the Holton (MI) School Board, Board Member of the United Way of the Lakeshore, Board Member of Spectrum Health Gerber Memorial Hospital and Secretary-Treasurer for the Michigan Credit Union League.

**Ron Ehrenreich** is CEO and co-founder of Syracuse Cooperative Federal Credit Union (d.b.a. Cooperative Federal), a high-impact Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) serving the urban core of Syracuse, NY. With credit union experience since 1982, he is responsible for financial management, strategic planning, policy development, and executive oversight. Mr. Ehrenreich is active in many facets of public life and serves as President of the CNY Chapter of the Credit Union Association of NY and is on the CUNA Consumer Protection Subcommittee.

**Kevin Foster-Keddie** is the President and CEO of Washington State Employees Credit Union in Olympia, WA. The Credit Union serves over 170,000 members through eighteen retail offices. Mr. Foster-Keddie has been CEO of a number of prominent credit unions during his career including credit unions serving the employees of Farmers Insurance, Xerox, IBM, American Express, and Direct TV.

**Mitchell Klein** is the General Counsel and a Senior Vice President of Police and Fire Federal Credit Union in Philadelphia, PA. He has been with the Credit Union since 1989. Prior to joining

the Credit Union, Mr. Klein was an associate at Adelman Lavine Gold & Levin, where he specialized in creditor's rights.

**Lily Lo** is the CEO of Northeast Community Federal Credit Union (NECFUCU) in San Francisco, CA. After ten years as an auditor for a private company, Ms. Lo was referred by a federal auditor to the CEO position at Northeast Community Federal Credit Union (NECFUCU). Ms. Lo's ability to speak five languages enabled her to communicate with recent immigrants whose unfamiliarity with the American consumer financial market exposed them to high fees and interest rates and predatory practices. Ms. Lo has dedicated her 25 year credit union career to this underserved population.

**Maria Martinez** is President and CEO of Border Credit Union in Del Rio, TX. When Ms. Martinez became the President/CEO, BFCU had \$33 Million in Assets, 13,400 members, and approximately 35 employees, with 2 service locations. BFCU now has over \$114 Million in Assets, approximately 23,000 members, 107 employees, 4 office locations and 14 proprietary ATMs. Ms. Martinez was instrumental in obtaining the Community Development Financial Institution Certification for BFCU from the U.S. Department of the Treasury Community Development Financial Institution Fund in 2010.

**Marcus Schaefer** has served as President and CEO of Truliant Federal Credit Union since 1995. Mr. Schaefer currently serves on the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and as first Vice Chairman. He also serves on the Small Business Technology Development Center (SBTDC) Advisory Board for the Triad Region that provides management counseling and educational services to small and mid-sized businesses throughout North Carolina. In addition, he serves on the Board of the Downtown Winston Salem Partnership (DWSP), the DWSP Foundation Board, and the Committee pursuing the Business Improvement District initiative for the DWSP.

**Camille Shillenn** is a Wyoming native, from Lusk, WY. In 1988, Ms. Shillenn took a position with the Wyoming Credit Union League (WCUL) in Casper, WY, learned the laws and regulations affecting the industry; taught compliance seminars; authored a compliance manual and newsletter; created a state lobbying function; and advised the Board of Directors. Ms. Shillenn took a position with the Cheyenne Union Pacific Employees Federal Credit Union (now Unified People's Federal Credit Union) in Cheyenne, WY, as President in 1994.

**Helen Godfrey Smith** is President and Chief Executive Officer of Shreveport Federal Credit Union where she has served since 1983. She has grown the financial institution from less than 2-million in assets to over \$90-million today. Mrs. Smith sits on the boards of the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, where she is Chair of the Business Development Council, the Fiest-Weiller Cancer Center, Vivian Louisiana Citizen Advisory Council and the North Caddo Hospital Foundation Board.

**Gregg Stockdale** has served as President/ CEO of 1<sup>st</sup> Valley Credit Union in San Bernardino, CA, since May 1999. 1<sup>st</sup> Valley is a Low Income Credit Union, Community Development Credit Union and Community Development Financial Institution, with a countywide membership. Mr. Stockdale has led 1<sup>st</sup> Valley through expansion of services, unique programs, and improved financial strength. Prior to 1<sup>st</sup> Valley, Mr. Stockdale served as the President/ CEO of Master Printers Section Credit Union (MPCU) in Los Angeles, Ca. Mr. Stockdale led MPCU for 14 years.

**David J. Wright**, is the CEO of Services Center Federal Credit Union, Yankton, SD. In October of 1975 Mr. Wright began his career with credit unions working at the Yankton State Hospital Employees Federal Credit Union. During the 1980's Mr. Wright also served on the Board of Directors of South Dakota Corporate Federal Credit Union. Mr. Wright served one year at the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Corporate. Mr. Wright is currently in his fourth term on the Board of Directors of CU\*Answers, a data processing CUSO based in Grand Rapids, Michigan.