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## Minnesota Credit Union Foundation adds two new board seats, appoints directors

**ST. PAUL, Minn.** – Continuing the Minnesota Credit Union Foundation’s (MnCUF’s) recent development progression, two new seats were added to the Board of Directors and filled at the Board’s Oct. 8 meeting.

Dave Larson of Affinity Plus Federal Credit Union (APFCU) and Pat Brekken of Richfield/Bloomington Credit Union (RBCU) have been appointed to one-year terms on the MnCUF Board of Directors following an affirmative membership vote on the bylaw amendments recommended at the Annual Meeting in July.

Larson is Senior Vice President of APFCU, where he has worked for nearly eight years. In this capacity, he also serves as the Executive Director of the Affinity Plus Foundation, whose mission is to promote financial literacy across the state.

Brekken is RBCU’s President, a position he has held for the past five years of his 13-year career with the credit union. He currently serves as a director of the Richfield Spartan Foundation, which raises money to support youth participation in sports and fine arts activities throughout Richfield. In 2008, Brekken served as Chair of the MnCUF’s Homes for Our Troops Fundraising Committee. Through this initiative, Minnesota credit unions contributed \$150,000 to build a specially-adapted home in Woodbury, Minn., for a wounded Iraq War veteran.



**Brekken**



**Larson**

“We enthusiastically welcome Dave and Pat to the Foundation Board and are excited to gain their varied experience with credit unions and foundations,” said MNCUF Chair Kristi Mukomela.

The two newest Board members join the five existing MnCUF directors, re-elected by the membership in July. The directors and term expiration dates are as follows:

- Chuck Albrecht, Mid-Minnesota Federal Credit Union, Baxter (2012);
- Vice Chair Lynn Kothe, North Memorial Federal Credit Union, Robbinsdale (2012);
- Mukomela, Novation Credit Union, Oakdale (2012);
- Mary Hansen, Mayo Employees Federal Credit Union, Rochester (2011);
- Secretary/Treasurer Judy Root, Bluestone Federal Credit Union, Eagan (2011);
- Larson, APFCU, St. Paul (2010); and
- Brekken, RBCU, Richfield (2010).

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Since attaining status as a 501(c) 3 public charity in 2007, the MnCUF Board has undergone a strategic planning process, with the aim of strengthening its governance structure and broadening its focus. In addition to adding the two new board members, other recent accomplishments have included revising bylaws, creating and improving operational policies, establishing a greater web presence, and recruiting a volunteer administrator.

“I am energized by our progress, and we are very excited about continuing to develop the Foundation into the premier charity that we know it can be,” Mukomela said.

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*The MNCUF is a non-profit organization founded in 1969 to serve as a charitable arm of the Minnesota credit union movement. It has aided credit unions, their employees and volunteers in many times of need, providing funds for educational scholarships, charitable purposes, disaster relief, and for the betterment of the movement.*

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