

ARC CONNECTION

FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

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Local Trailblazer Leaves Legacy

DONNA MCELDFOWNEY RETIRES FROM BOARD AFTER 26 YEARS



After 26 years, an estimated 286 Board meetings, countless visits to, calls with, and trainings for the credit union - Donna McEldowney has decided not to seek re-election as Secretary of ARC Federal Credit Union's Board of Directors. It was not

an easy decision for Donna. As the person who coordinated planning the office Christmas party for many years and worked with the credit union through both good times and bad, she felt the deeper connection that many of us at ARC feel - a relationship with the staff, and the members, with the mission of the credit union - and a sense of pride in knowing you're part of an organization that is helping people financially when they need it most.

Retirement was not a decision she took lightly, as evidenced by her 26 years of volunteer service on ARC's Board. You could see the flood of emotion when she talked about the wonderful friends she made over the years who are now like family and the changes she witnessed and facilitated as ARC

expanded and flourished in the past two and a half decades.

Though there were challenges, as any Director should expect, Donna has had a very positive leadership experience. Volunteering, especially on a credit union or non-profit board of directors, is an enriching experience for small business owners like herself. She highly recommends it, and volunteering in general, to everyone as it gives a stronger sense of connection to your community and the joy of giving back.

Donna McEldowney's work at ARC is only one facet of her identity. Donna was one of the earliest local female business owners in our area, as well as one of the first women on ARC's Board of Directors. She blazed a path into business and commerce in our area decades ago, helping break gender barriers and glass ceilings at a time when they were the status quo. She achieved all of this while balancing the responsibilities of raising a family.

Everyone at the credit union will greatly miss Donna's intuition, knowledge, and considerable experience. However, we wish her all the best in her well-earned retirement and know she will always be a part of ARC's legacy of growth, compassion, and people helping people. Thank you, Donna.

Skip-A-Pay

NEED EXTRA CASH THIS SUMMER?

You can postpone making your July or August payment on qualifying* ARC loans. To take advantage of Skip-A-Pay, there is a \$35 per loan processing fee. Applications are available online at www.arcfcu.org or in either branch lobby. You can also scan the QR code with your smartphone camera to quickly navigate to the PDF of the application on our website.

*some restrictions may apply



Notice of 2023 Election

ARC FEDERAL CREDIT UNION ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICIALS

ARC's Annual Meeting will be held at 9:30am on Wednesday, September 27th, 2023, at 1919 7th Ave, Altoona, PA at the Main Office of ARC Federal Credit Union. The 2023 election of officials will be conducted by ballot box. All elections shall be determined by plurality vote and shall be conducted by ballot boxes, except where there is only one nominee for each position to be filled. When there is only one nominee for each position to be filled and thus there is no contest in the election, then the election will not be conducted by ballot.

There are two 3-year vacancies and one 1-year vacancy on the Board of Directors. Nominations of candidates are made by the Nominating Committee or by petition of the membership. There will be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Meeting. The following individuals were appointed to the Nominating Committee: Jack Musser, Dick Haines, Matt McConville, Donna McEldowney, and Chris Reighard. The Nominating Committee has presented its nominations to the Secretary of the Credit Union and they include the following individuals: Steve McCloskey, Amy Mearkle, and Brendan Moran.

Steve McCloskey: 3 year term - Incumbent Director. Steve joined the Board of Directors in 2018. He is the Project Manager for McCloskey Builders. Prior to that, Steve was the Business Relationship Manager, Credit Analyst, Mortgage Underwriter and Loan Origination System Administrator for Reliance Bank. He was also a Portfolio Representative for Freddie Mac. Steve graduated from the Pennsylvania State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting. He is also a graduate of the Blair Chamber Leadership Blair County and has served on the Board of the American Red Cross.

Amy Mearkle: 3 year term - Incumbent Director. Amy joined the Board of Directors in 2018. As Director of Marketing and Advertising for DelGrosso's Amusement Park and Marianna's Fundraisers, Amy believes in the saying "you make a living by what you get, and you make a life by what you give." She graduated from Elizabethtown College in 1998 with a degree in Communications. Before joining the DelGrosso Family of Companies in November of 2011, Amy worked as the morning/noon anchor for WTAJ-TV. Amy has a love for public service and believes in paying it forward. She is active in a number of non-profit organizations including serving on the board of the Blair County Chamber of Commerce, Allegheny Lutheran Social Ministries, and on an advisory board for the Greater Altoona Career and Technology School. Amy also volunteers as a Mistress of

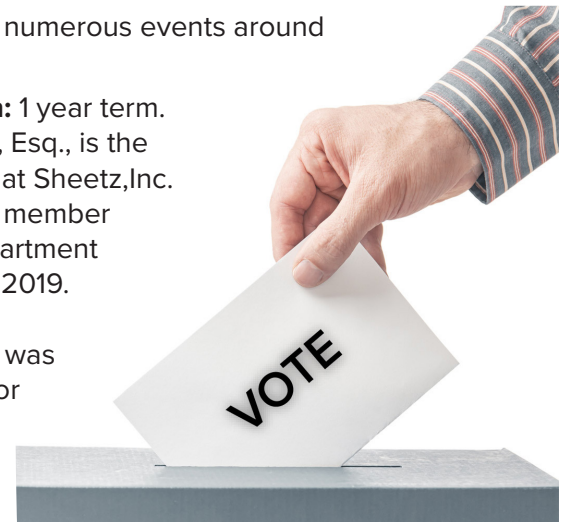
Ceremonies for numerous events around the region.

Brendan Moran: 1 year term. Brendan Moran, Esq., is the Senior Counsel at Sheetz, Inc. and has been a member of the legal department at Sheetz since 2019. Prior to Sheetz, Attorney Moran was a School Solicitor representing local Districts for six years.

Attorney Moran has served on the ARC Supervisory Committee since 2016. In addition, Attorney Moran is currently the President of the Altoona Area School District Foundation, and the Vice Chairman of the Blair County Drug and Alcohol Partnership Board. Attorney Moran resides in Altoona with his wife, Jamie, and two daughters.

Any other member of the Credit Union wishing to be nominated must file a Petition for Nomination with the Secretary of the Credit Union on or before August 11, 2023. All nominees for election to the Board of Directors must be at least eighteen years of age and must be a member of the Credit Union. The nominee further must not have been convicted of a crime involving dishonesty or breach of trust unless the NCUA Board has waived the prohibition for the conviction. The member must also sign a certificate that he/she is agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected to office. Petitions for Nomination packets are available in the lobby of the Credit Union during regular business hours. Each nominee by Petition must obtain the signatures of one (1%) percent of the membership. The period for submitting nominations by Petition closes on August 11, 2023. Petitions received after August 11, 2023 will not be accepted and the petitioner will not be eligible for nomination for the position of Director.

The Secretary of the Credit Union shall cause the nominations by Petition along with those of the Nominating Committee to be posted in a conspicuous place in the Credit Union at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the Annual Meeting.



Holiday Closings

JULY 4 - Independence Day
SEPT 4 - Labor Day
OCT 9 - Columbus Day



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