

Chapter Task Force

Meetings Held 7/30 (call), 9/25 (in person), and 11/6 (call) with email communication between

Task Force members:

Callie Kimpton- (Elkhorn FCU) Gates of the Mountains Chapter
Sandy Dahl- (Great Falls Teachers FCU) Giant Springs Chapter
Alita Billington- (Montana First CU) Hellgate Chapter
Roger Stone- (Bear Paw CU) Hi-Line Chapter
Michelle Johnson- (Wolf Point FCU) NEHI Chapter
Cindy Scheetz- (Badlands FCU) NEMONT Chapter
Teri Krakowka- (Southwest MT CFCU) Rocky Mountain Chapter
Dan Dedman- (Lincoln County CU) WESTMONT Chapter
Charlene Myrvik- (Miles City FCU) SEMONT Chapter
Donya Parrish- Montana Credit Union Network (Task force organizer)
Stacey Iverson-Huck- Midland Empire of Chapters (did not attend)

Also attending meetings:

Ranel Smith- Education Services Director, Montana Credit Union Network
Tracie Kenyon- CEO, Montana Credit Union Network

Discussion held on topics including:

- Chapter Leaders training in 2009. It will be open to all chapter officers and held June 10 in Big Sky the day before the Executive Staff Roundtable. The day would be about half training and half mini-speakers bureau. The group felt this would be a good opportunity to interact with other chapter leaders, as well as to see options for programs and share best practices.
- Model bylaws were discussed and worked out. They are in packets for ratification by the board so the chapters can get them adopted in coming months. We worked hard to retain consistency, but also flexibility. Key issues of discussion included treatment of non-affiliates, branches in different chapters from the head office, and dues.
- Chapter boundaries. There are obvious geographic challenges and some chapters that have histories of less positive relationships between credit unions. After discussion, it was felt that the current boundaries should continue. It was suggested that chapter leaders receive an invitation to other chapter events to allow them the opportunity to interact more with other chapters (and feel less alone if they are in a more rural chapter) as well as a chance to see programs they may want to have in their own meeting. The group was excited and supportive of this.
- Chapter invitations. The League has mailed postcards for the active chapters for years and it was found that many mailing lists are not being kept current by the chapter, and many have email that can be used more efficiently. Coleen Noziska communicated with several chapters to get a better process in place and it will improve even more when the new League website is ready.
- Other. Discussions were also held that the League would be picking back up the insurance coverage on the chapters and they will be expected to follow through with the annual audit of chapter books. This is intended to prevent a problem that could harm the League and reputation of the entire MT credit union system. Costs will be minimal and members were supportive of it.
- Inactive Chapters. There was a lot of discussion about the more active chapters lending some mentoring support to those that have not been active or meeting regularly. There are obvious challenges in some areas with geography and size of credit unions, as well as the relationships between credit unions in some areas. All were supportive of continuing the chapter structure and felt that even though the purpose has evolved, there is still a lot to be gained from them.