

SIX NOMINEES FOR 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION



Wilma Wehr-Hiatt
Candidate*

Wilma Wehr-Hiatt joined the Credit Union in 1984. She served on the Supervisory Committee for 20 years, including being the Chair her last two years on Supervisory. "It has been a privilege to work with various committee members over the years, as well as the Credit Union's management team," she said.

The Supervisory Committee is responsible for a number of things, the main one being the selection of the auditor and reviewing the annual audit, as well as, overseeing the responsibilities of the Board. The committee reviews various monthly reports at meetings and one of the changes recommended to the Board during her tenure was that each member of the management team have an individual credit card for expenses; the Board approved the request and it was implemented. It has made the review of credit card expenditures a smoother process.

Wilma is a life-time resident of Stillwater and a graduate of Oklahoma State University School of Business Accounting program. She retired from the Spears School of Business just last year. Her hobbies include traveling, reading, playing bridge and keeping up with family and their activities.

Wilma's family consists of her daughter, Jodie Kennedy, the Fiscal Officer for OSU Graduate College, her husband, Stan Kennedy, District VP, Remington Hotels, Fort Worth, TX, and two grandsons, Branden Kennedy and Johnathan Kennedy and their spouses, and four great-grandchildren. Branden is Vice President of Capital Markets with Laredo Petroleum in Tulsa and Johnathan is General Manager of the Sheraton Mission Valley Hotel in San Diego. Her family also includes two grown children and their families when she married OSU retiree, Elbert C. "Butch" Hiatt.

**Indicates Incumbent*

Lyle Eastman joined the Credit Union in 1982 after graduating from Oklahoma State University in 1978 and marrying his wife, Leah. The Eastman's settled in Stillwater to raise their two children.

Having always preferred to do business in person, Lyle made good friends among the Credit Union managers and employees. He believes the relationships he built and his commitment to the Credit Union led to his appointment to the Supervisory Committee in 2010. Lyle has continued to serve on the Supervisory Committee and has been seated as the Chairman for the past six years.

In 2020, Lyle was appointed to an open seat on the Executive Board of Directors to fulfill a vacancy. Lyle states: "I have enjoyed working on the Board of Directors team. I very much wish to continue to serve and help guide the Credit Union into the future as an elected Board of Director."

Lyle has worked at Camco Home Improvement for 40 years, serving clients in Payne county and beyond. He also served as a Scoutmaster for Troop 820 for 15 years from 1997 – 2012. He was awarded the Scout's highest volunteer award, The Silver Beaver in 1999.

Lyle is an active member of the Stillwater Home Builder's Association. He has also served as a Deacon and Elder for the First Presbyterian Church, in Stillwater.

Lyle's hobbies today include restoring his 1973 Buick convertible, being a member of the Stillwater Car Club and playing with his grandkids.



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Joe Hobart
Candidate*

Joe Hobart, a native of Billings, Montana, moved to Stillwater with his wife in 2006. He is currently the Director of Electrical Engineering at Stillwater Designs (Kicker) contributing to the research and development for the company's car and personal audio products.

Joe has been a member of UCFCU since 2007 and developed close relationships with many of the employees through the credit unions services. "The loan officers and other staff that I worked with in buying and selling vehicles (an avid hobby of mine) made the experience seamless and they always went above and beyond". As a result, he was enthused to join the Board of UCFCU in 2018, looking to serve both the employees and the community. He is currently serving as Vice President. Since joining the Board he has helped to navigate through leadership changes and improvements to technology services including members being able to sign documents remotely and mobile app improvements, of which is an ongoing process.

"I believe that during this time of dramatic technological advances and rapid changing consumer experiences, that I can continue to provide a unique and experienced perspective to the Board, helping to maintain exceptional employee and member experience," Hobart said. "I look forward to being able to continue the possibility of giving back to this community as a volunteer."

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Colby Cagle
Candidate

Colby Cagle. After attending Glencoe High School, Colby attended Oklahoma State University and graduated with a degree in Agricultural Education. He served as an Agricultural Educator for 10 years (Prague and Bethel) and then 5 years as a Principal in Shawnee. In 2016 Colby took a position at Oklahoma State with Fire Protection Publications where he currently serves as the Managing Editor. It was 2016 when he and his wife opened an account at University and Community Federal Credit Union.

In 2017 Colby and Shelley married and moved east of Stillwater where they operate a small farm. Between them, they have 7 children (3 at home) and 5 grandchildren. They are active in Glencoe Schools and various other youth organizations throughout Stillwater.

Colby has served as a volunteer firefighter for 19 years and is a current member of the Glencoe Fire Department. As an educator he won numerous awards including State and National Conservation Education awards which he attributes to the lessons learned on his grandparent's farm (Everett and Kay Lovell). Colby has thousands of hours of firefighting and leadership training and uses his experience to deliver workshop presentations and serve as mentor to volunteer fire chiefs throughout the nation.

Colby would like to serve on the Board of Directors and help UCFCU continue their involvement in the Stillwater and surrounding communities.

In 2018 **Barry Bessinger** and his wife Dana moved to Stillwater from Watonga and soon joined the University & Community Federal Credit Union. Both have degrees from Oklahoma State University, Barry with a BS In Agricultural Economics and Dana has a MS in Agriculture.

In 2018 Barry retired as Sr. Vice President, Branch Manager from Oklahoma AgCredit, after a 34+ year career. He previously taught Farm Business Management at Chisholm Trail Career Center for 5+ years and was a land man for 2 years. He currently owns/operates Aggie Appraisals, LLC, performing chattel appraisals for area banks.

Barry is currently serving as an OSU Foundation Governor, and previously served the OSU Alumni Association, OSU Ag Alumni Association, Watonga Lions Club, and Watonga Chamber. He was selected for Class VI of Oklahoma Ag Leadership program.

Barry and Dana have 2 sons, a daughter-in-law, and 2 grandsons with another on the way.

Barry says, "I am running because I have extensive experience in the lending industry. Having worked for Farm Credit, a farm lending cooperative, I am aware of the duties, responsibilities, and expectations for a director of the credit union. I am aware of many similarities between Farm Credit and Federal Credit Unions, chiefly democratically run, member owned and controlled. Cooperatives and credit unions have a valuable role in our society, both are phenomenally successful."



Barry Bessinger
Candidate



Christopher Bingham
Candidate

Chris Bingham was born and raised in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He joined the Stillwater community in August 2008 when he moved to begin college at Oklahoma State University. He has earned a bachelor's and master's degree from OSU and is pursuing his PhD in Social Foundations. He is currently an Accredited Financial Counselor® through the Association for Financial Counseling and Planning Education®.

Chris is employed as the Inclusion Leadership Program Coordinator at OSU through the Division of Institutional Diversity. This position allows him to work with college sophomores and high school juniors and seniors while they navigate their higher education journey. Prior to working for OSU, he was employed by Bank SNB. During his time there, he completed his Master of Science in Human Science with an emphasis in Family Financial Planning. He held several roles at Bank SNB including Customer Solution Center Manager.

Chris is interested in a position on the Credit Union's Board of Directors because he feels this is a way to give back the community he loves. He will also bring a unique perspective and ideas due to his personal experiences and his work with college students. He may be the candidate with the newest UCFCU account, but he has been a member of the Oklahoma Educators Credit Union for several years.