Meet Your Candidates

LECU Board of Directors

Election 2020

CREDIT UNION
LEADING EDGE

Name:
Brian Button

Place of Residence:
Port aux Basques, NL

Education/ Certificates/Designations
St. James Regional High

Current positions with organizations beyond my employment (organization, position)
Community Business Development Corporation, Board of Directors

Why I am interested in being a director with Leading Edge Credit Union
My reasons for running for the board are the same as why I became a member. I have been very impressed with the work the Leading Edge Credit Union has done for both it's members and the communities it serves. Past and current boards have shown progression and exciting initiatives for its members and communities. Leading Edge continues to show its more than a place to invest your money, it's a place to get families, members, business and organizations on the right path to success. I would like to be a part of this success and work on your behalf and represent my fellow members on your board of directors.

From my previous jobs, I have experience in operations and financials from when I was a pharmacy assistant, as well as budgets, financial reports and planning when I was facilities manager of the Bruce II Sports Center. I bring with me over 30 years of volunteer experience and leadership roles, including Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Port aux Basques, Vice President of Municipalities Newfoundland and Labrador, President of Minor Hockey, and President of the Port aux Basque and Area Chamber of Commerce. These roles also included hands on experience in finance, economic development, recreation, and human resources just to name a few which I look forward to bringing forward, if elected, to help Leading Edge Credit Union continue their success.

Name:
William Harry Coates

Place of Residence:
Millville, NL

Education/ Certificates/Designations
B.A(Ed); B.A.; P.G.Dip. in Ed.; M.Ed.

Current positions with organizations beyond my employment (organization, position)
Lay Minister & Eucharistic Assistant, Holy Trinity Church, Codroy
Synod Delegate, Diocese of Western Newfoundland
Corporate Secretary & Chair of Legislative Committee, Leading Edge Credit Union

Why I am interested in being a director with Leading Edge Credit Union
As a member of the governance team since the establishment of our credit union, I have witnessed the phenomenal growth in membership, assets, member services, and community participation. I feel confident that my knowledge and experience will enable me to contribute to its further development. I am committed to focusing my primary time and energy on enabling our Leading Edge Credit Union to be foremost in meeting the needs of our members.

Name:
Daniel Conway

Place of Residence:
St. George's, NL

Education/ Certificates/Designations
High school Graduate - St. Joseph's High St. Georges (1979)
College of North Atlantic Steam Graduate – Pipe Fitting (1982)

Current positions with organizations beyond my employment (organization, position)
Mayor - Town of St. Georges (9th year)
Director - Stephenville Airport Corporation (2nd year)
Chairperson - South West Coast Joint Council (1st year)

Why I am interested in being a director with Leading Edge Credit Union:
I have been involved with the credit union from its inception in our town. I remember myself and councillor Foote, back when it was the Codroy Valley Credit Union, going door to door to come up with the 100 members required to get a credit union in our town. We finished in two weeks. At that time, I was working full-time, and I did not have time to serve on the Board of Directors. Gordon Aucoin became our board member from this area, and since he retired from the board, this area has not been represented. There has been very little interest from membership, and I feel we need representatives from our town.

Recently retired from Building Management, Transportation and Works, I bring with me my 20 years of service on the St. George's town council. I have been involved with budget preparation and Human Resources in dealings with staff-related issues. Also, as mayor, I am constantly providing feedback from the taxpayers to council, then to management for implementation. I feel that I am an excellent team player, particularly when it comes to the management of taxpayer's dollars. I also bring with me 37 years in building management, starting out as a custodian and progressing to be a building manager for buildings in this area.

Name:
Archibald Locke

Place of Residence:
Stephenville, NL

Education/ Certificates/Designations
Buchans High School
Vocational School
Business Program For Bankers, Institute For Canadian Bankers
Personal Financial Counselling Diploma, Institute For Canadian Bankers
Insurance & Financial Advisors, Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
Certified Financial Planner, Canadian Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors
Life Insurance Representative
General Insurance Essentials
Licenced Mortgage Broker

Current positions with organizations beyond my employment (organization, position)
Treasurer, Bay St. George Chamber of Commerce

Why I am interested in being a director with Leading Edge Credit Union
I am interested in being on the Board of Directors for Leading Edge Credit Union because I have heard great things about them and witnessed the great things they have done in their communities. Having recently finished up with the W.E. Cormack Institute Board, I have some time to dedicate and was looking for a new volunteer opportunity. The LECU board interests me because not only is it an industry and business I am familiar with based on my present and past experience, but they are great community sponsors of various activities which aligns with my personal values.

I have over 42 years of experience in the customer service industry, utilizing highly developed verbal, written, interviewing and communication skills. Paired with several years of experience in the banking industry with a strong emphasis on teamwork, products, services, strong interpersonal skills, decision making and problem solving solutions, I feel I bring a wealth of knowledge and would be an asset to Leading Edge Credit Union.

Name:
Daniel Sheaves

Place of Residence:
Port aux Basques, NL

Education/ Certificates/Designations
Bachelor of Commerce
CPA-CGA

Current positions with organizations beyond my employment (organization, position)
Business Lead – Business Process Renewal Project at Marine Atlantic Inc.
Director – Serving on both the Executive Committee and Social Responsibility Committee at LECU

Why I am interested in being a director with Leading Edge Credit Union
I believe the cooperative movement has the potential to change communities for the better. The credit union system can help foster this process by providing the resources to promote social and economic development.

Name:
Janet Willis

Place of Residence:
Port aux Basques, NL

Education/ Certificates/Designations
Bachelors of Commerce
Certified Professional Accountant (CPA)

Current positions with organizations beyond my employment (organization, position)
Manager of Financial Planning and Advisory with Marine Atlantic
Board of Directors for Leading Edge Credit Union
Volunteering as Coach and Treasurer for the Port Aux Basques Piranhas Swim Club

Why I am interested in being a director with Leading Edge Credit Union
As a person, I feel it is important to support and volunteer my time with the organizations I believe in. I believe in LECU, and have volunteered with the board for the last 7 years. I previously sat on the Growing Our Future Childcare Co-operative Board, and helped bring the vision of a co-operative daycare in Port Aux Basques to realization. I have experience and a different perspective when compared to many of my fellow board members. I feel that this helps us to be a more well-rounded and effective board. I believe that I can still add value to LECU and the board. I also have more to learn and look forward to the challenges that come with serving with LECU.