

## **NOMINATION PROCESS FOR ELECTION OF GREAT LAKES FIRST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Great Lakes First Federal Credit Union (GLFFCU) will hold its 75th Annual Meeting on February 13, 2025, in the lobby of Great Lakes First Federal Credit Union, 2110 Third Avenue North, Escanaba MI 49829. Registration and voting will begin at 5:00 PM followed by the business meeting 5:30 PM.**

Two members of the Board will be elected at this meeting for three-year terms. A Nominating Committee chaired by Brian Nelson, with members Diana Clark, Terrie Belongie, Sandra Buckland and James Yoder nominated the following for reelection/election:

**PLEASE SEE CANDIDATE BIOGRAPHIES ON THE REVERSE SIDE.**

### **Nomination Process**

The Great Lakes First Federal Credit Union By-Laws also provide for nomination by petition signed by 82 members. Each member who signs a nomination petition must include on the petition their printed full name, GLFFCU account number, address, signature and date of signature. GLFFCU does not assume any responsibility for the safeguarding of the aforementioned information contained in the petition. Nominations by petition must be received by the Secretary of the GLFFCU Board of Directors by 4:00 p.m., December 31, 2024, at the GLFFCU main office, 2110 Third Avenue North, Escanaba, Michigan 49829. Each nomination by petition shall be accompanied by a signed certificate from the nominee stating he or she is agreeable to the nomination and will serve if elected to office along with a brief statement of qualifications and biographical data.

Election will not be conducted by ballot and there will be no nominations from the floor when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled. Elections shall be determined by plurality vote and shall be by ballot and ballot box if there is more than one nominee for each position to be filled. To vote you must be a member of GLFFCU. Ballot boxes will be located at each office of GLFFCU for five (5) business days prior to the annual meeting. Ballot boxes will be at the annual meeting for voting. After everyone has voted at the annual meeting, election tellers will open the ballot boxes and tally the votes. If you are in the field of membership you can join by completing a member application and purchasing a share for five (5) dollars. A joint account holder cannot vote unless they have joined GLFFCU. Election results will be announced at the business meeting.



**Hugo Mattonen** has served on the Board of Directors of Great Lakes First Federal Credit Union since 2007. He currently serves as Chairperson, Personnel Committee member and Building and Grounds Committee member. He has been a Credit Union member for over 44 years. He is a lifelong resident of Delta County and retired as the purchasing agent for the Delta County Road Commission in 2015. He had served as union steward for over 26 years and has been a Teamster member for 40 years. Hugo and his wife Patti reside in Gladstone. They have four children, three sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren. He currently serves on The Salvation Army Corp Council and has served in the past as commissioner of the City of Gladstone, President of the Gladstone Youth Wrestling Club, board member of the Delta County Solid Waste Authority and Michigan Works board, commissioner on the Delta County Board of Commissioners and coached Senior League Baseball. He enjoys his family, the outdoors, hunting & traveling.

**Connie Ettenhofer** has served on the Board of Directors of Great Lakes First Federal Credit Union since 2016 and has been a member of the Credit Union for over 13 years. Connie also serves on the Supervisory Committee. She is a lifelong resident of Escanaba and retired from the Daily Press as an Accounting/Business Manager. She has been very active in the community and has served or is serving on the following committees: Gus Macker, 4-H, Girl Scouts, Slam Fest, Girls Softball, Esky 150 Sesquicentennial, UP Friends of Honduras, Jig It, Big Brothers – Big Sisters, U.P. Honor Flight, and the Christmas Parade. She is a Delta Force graduate and has served on the Escanaba DDA Board. Connie has served on the Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee among the committees of Northern United Federal Credit Union from 1991 to 2007. She and her husband, Alan, reside in Escanaba & have one daughter and one granddaughter. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends, attending community functions and enjoys Players de Noc performances.

**Haile Waters** is running for a position on the Board of Directors at Great Lakes First Federal Credit Union for the first time. She has been a member of Great Lakes First Federal Credit Union for 10 years. She was born and raised in Escanaba and has deep roots within the community. Haile graduated in the top 10 of her class from Escanaba High School in 2016. She then went on to attend Michigan State University where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Physiology with High Honors. Haile's love for her hometown led her to return and settle here. She currently works as both an Administrative Dental Assistant and a Phlebotomist. Haile is planning to attend a graduate program for Mental Health Counseling. Mental health counseling and advocacy is a found passion of hers. Demonstrating and upholding ethical and responsible practices is of utmost importance to her. Living in the U.P. she enjoys exploring the outdoors and participating in community events such as local craft shows. Haile also loves to travel. She holds a deep admiration for the community in Escanaba and has the desire to make a difference in it, just as it has made a difference to her.