

Board of Directors Candidates



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Election: February 27 - March 24, 2023.
Vote for 3 candidates online, by phone or paper.

Michael Thomas

Professor of Biological Sciences
Idaho State University | Pocatello



As a board member, I have sought training to become more effective at providing perspective and direction to Lookout CU, and have come to appreciate how credit unions can be powerful agents for positive change in their communities. But, continuing to realize this potential in a rapidly changing financial world takes hard work and a clear vision, a process to which I am deeply committed. Therefore, I'm asking for your vote to allow me to continue serving as director. I have been a member of the Pocatello community since 2003, working as a professor in ISU's Department of Biological Sciences. In addition to genetics and evolution, I teach a virus discovery and genomics class designed to provide science research opportunities for first-generation college students. Prior to ISU, I earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Nebraska, a doctorate from Penn State University, and conducted postdoctoral research at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

Jacob Barney

Nurse Practitioner
Firth Medical Center | Firth



My name is Jacob Barney. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and am the Owner of the Firth Medical Center in Firth Idaho. I am proud to be a small business owner in Idaho.

I believe that a Credit Union is a critical component of personal and business finance. I consider myself a visionary and welcome change and improvement. I have a strong moral compass and will make the right choice even when it may be the most difficult. I believe that my professional training and business experience would be an invaluable asset to the Credit Union.

Alicia Tellez

Community Council of Idaho
Burley



As a member of the Lookout Credit Union. I am interested in being part of the Director board. Why? First, I am very interested in the role and what it does. I am not a numbers person but I do know gains and losses. I like the mission of the credit union and what it stands for.

Being able to offer the members an exceptional financial experience is very important I feel. Being able to enrich the lives of the members is also great. Benefiting our educational partners (trying to figure out what that means) I am sure I will learn and know what it means. I feel I have the patience and drive, I feel I am a leader and not a follower, I want to learn as much as possible and feel I can be a good member of the director board. I will be committed and will do a good job to the best of my ability for the members of the credit union.

Lisa Leyshon

Associate Controller
Idaho State University | Pocatello



I have been a member of Lookout Credit Union for about 28 years and have served on the Board of Directors and the Supervisory Committee. During my time on the board I have been committed to helping the credit union serve its members. The members deserve to have board members that are committed and always looking out for their best interests. As a member of this community, a CPA in the State of Idaho and a business owner I know the importance of a strong credit union. I have enjoyed volunteering on the board, and I hope to continue to serve the membership as a Lookout board member.

Debra Gerber

Retired | Idaho State University
Business Officer | Pocatello



Hello, my name is Deb Gerber. I am retired from Idaho State University. During my tenure there I was a University Business Officer responsible for helping the Deans and Directors of the various departments manage their budgets and resources. I am a CPA with over 35 years of experience. First, I was a IRS Revenue Agent for 12 years. Next, I worked as a Controller for a local car dealership for 10 years. Lastly, I worked for ISU. From 1995 to 2010, I owned a local tax practice. I sold the practice in 2010, and I now work part-time for the current owner.

On the personal front, I have 2 daughters, 6 grandchildren, 2 cats, and a granddog, all residing in Pocatello. My husband of 44 years passed away in 2020. Why am I telling you this? I just wanted you to know that I have strong ties to the community I live in, and to the lifestyle Southeast Idaho offers.

I believe credit unions are better because of the commitment to members and the community. Because of this I have served as a volunteer since 2005. I served on the Supervisory Committee for a number of years, and have been a Board Member for the past 3 years.

Dianna Burden

Certified Public Accountant
DBurden PLLC | Downey



The opportunity to volunteer as a Board member for Lookout Credit Union will fulfill one of my career goals. I will be able to contribute to the member's financial welfare, be involved in policy and planning decisions, and be a community volunteer in the financial area.