



How to Petition for Candidacy

Members who wish to become candidates for a position on the Board, by petition, will be provided with petition forms on which to collect signatures. These documents are available at our Home Office at 718 E Michigan Ave Jackson, MI 49201 or available online here.

You will also need to provide the following information on an 8.5" x 11" sheet addressed to Martha Fuerstenau, President/CEO:

- Your name
- The length of your membership
- Your occupation
- Any qualifications you may have in relation to the Board position
- Why you wish to serve
- A phone number or address where you can be contacted

You will also need to complete an Application to the Board of Directors. One will be provided in the packet or is available online here.

It will be your responsibility to make arrangements to submit the completed petitions and application to an Official of the Credit Union by **May 24th, 2024 at 5:00pm EST**. The Credit Union's President/CEO will verify the information you provide and signatures collected. Providing false information to accompany the petition will disqualify you as a candidate, regardless of the number of signatures collected.

You must collect 100 verified signatures of current American 1 Credit Union members in good standing in order to have your name placed on the ballot as a candidate. After the signatures are verified, your bio (along with other candidates and those who may run for re-election) will be posted in our Home Office by July 1, 2024. **If you need more information about our volunteer Board positions, please reach out to Amy Bradshaw at abradshaw@a1cu.org.**



Qualifications for a Board Member

1. Be a member in good standing of the Credit Union.

Conditions under which a member may be classified as not in good standing are defined as:

- a. Member has caused the Credit Union a loss.
 - b. Member has an overdrawn account.
 - c. Member has a delinquent loan.
 - d. Member has exceeded authorized credit limits.
 - e. Members has failed to provide security documentation as specified in their loan/security agreement.
 - f. Member has misrepresented information or provided a false document to the Credit Union.
 - g. Member has destroyed Credit Union property, threatened employees, or caused a disruption at the Credit Union.
2. Attend all regular and special meetings of the Board of Directors and all required educational and planning programs each year.
 3. Be committed to learning about the Credit Union, its services, laws and regulations that govern it, and the responsibilities of being a Board Member.
 4. Possess the ability to take and handle criticism for making necessary but unpopular decisions.
 5. Have an open mind, the ability to use sound judgement, a willingness to accept responsibility, and the ability to make group decisions with colleague Board members.
 6. Have experience in an aspect of finance and/or leadership dynamics.

DISCLOSURES:

1. It is important that potential candidates understand that there is a risk of liability associated with acting as a Credit Union officer or director. The risk also involves a potential personal liability that could include recovery from directors themselves (personally) rather than or in addition to the liability of the Credit Union. The Credit Union carries Bond and Insurance coverages to protect the Board in case a matter of liability arises; and may also enter into indemnification agreements. However, there are some circumstance, under applicable laws, where such coverage may not be sufficient or unavailable, such as where a Board Member commits a criminal act. It is recommended that an applicant consult with such persons as he or she feels appropriate to further assess this consideration.

Please complete the following questions in the space provided (attach additional sheets, if necessary.) Demographic information is used to verify membership in good standing:



Application to the Board of Directors

FULL NAME: (First/Middle/Last): _____

Home Address: _____

Birthdate: _____

Work Number: _____ **Home Number:** _____

Cell Number: _____ **Email:** _____

1. Why do you want to serve as a member of the Board of Directors of the Credit Union?

2. Have you ever been a member of a Board or governing body of any organization?

3. What do you see your responsibilities as a member of the Credit Union's Board of Directors?

4. What expertise and skills do you have that are related to a financial institution? How do you see these skills being of value to the Board's activities and responsibilities?

5. Describe your present job. Is there a potential conflict of interest with the confidential aspect of the Credit Union and your job and other activities in which you may be involved? Explain.

Please deliver this application to:

American 1 Credit Union
Martha Fuerstenau, President/CEO
718 E Michigan Ave
Jackson, MI 49201

Applications are due by: May 24th, 2024

SIGNATURES, CONSENTS, AND AGREEMENTS:

By signing below I agree to fully comply with all laws, rules and regulations and the Credit Union's Bylaws, as may be amended from time to time. I certify all information provided is true and correct. I consent that the Credit Union or its Board of Directors may undertake steps to verify the information provided. I agree that if elected, I may be removed from the Board by a majority vote of the Board, if the Board determines in its sole discretion that: 1. I have a conflict of interest in serving as a Board Member, for any reason whatsoever (and that the merest appearance of any conflict or impropriety is the standard that shall apply in such determinations); 2. I fail to perform my duties pursuant to the Credit Union's Bylaws and Policies; 3. I do not comply with all laws, rules, regulation and governmental requirements; or 4.If the Board determines such action to be in the Credit Union's best interest. This agreement shall be governed by and interpreted consistently with Michigan Laws. Except as provided herein, no amendment or waiver in the provisions of this Agreement shall be effective unless in writing and signed by the parties. No failure on the part of the parities to exercise, and no delay in exercising, any right shall preclude any other or further exercise of any other right. Should any provision of this document be deemed unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, all remaining provision shall remain valid and binding.

Further, I understand that all information provided to me in connection with services as a Board Member, or in any other capacity with the Credit Union, shall at all times be absolutely confidential. I represent and warrant that I shall not disclose such information, documentation, data, etc., absent a requirement to do so per a valid legal order or other valid legal process, after consultation with the Credit Union's attorney of record. I agree to be fully liable for all damages should I violate this promise. I agree to entry of an injunction against such disclosure or further disclosure if I should in any way violate this promise. I further agree that I shall personally pay all damages and court costs and attorney's fees associated with any action the Credit Union or any employees, or Credit Union volunteer's may undertake as a result of my breach of this promise.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

American 1 Credit Union Petition to the Nomination

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