

Post-Roundtable 2024 Issue

NACUC Holds Successful Roundtable Forum in New Orleans



In New Orleans' famous French Quarter, board leaders from around the country gathered at NACUC's 48th Annual Chairs' Roundtable Forum seeking answers and sharing strategies on some of the most critical topics for today's credit unions.

Anthony Hernandez, Defense Credit Union Council's President & CEO, opened the Roundtable Forum program with his presentation "Defending the Industry's Tax Exemption." He addressed the key legislative issues that credit unions need to stay ahead of to preserve the industry's tax exemption.

Next, Elaine Zimmerman of the Administration of Children & Families moderated a panel of four who shared the financial lessons they learned while overcoming challenging life circumstances. On Day 2 of the Roundtable Forum, Jennie Boden of Quantum Governance outlined proven governance strategies to foster credit union growth.

After two session-packed days, attendees and their guests were treated to a special evening at New Orleans' iconic Brennan's restaurant followed the next morning by closing speaker Desi Payne who taught the group to lead with laughter and build trust with others in our daily lives.

Jim Hollingsworth Honored with Esteemed 2024 Leadership Award



At the 48th Annual Chairs' Roundtable Forum in New Orleans, Jim Hollingsworth, Board Chair of Keesler Federal Credit Union, was honored with the National Association of Credit Union Chairs 2024 Leadership Award.

Jim was presented the award in front of his peers and lauded for Keesler's phenomenal growth that took place under his leadership as Board Chair. His efforts contributed to Keesler receiving numerous awards including Best CU in Mississippi, Defense Federal Credit Union CU of the Year, Forbes #1 credit union in the State, and winner

of the Sun Herald Newspapers “People Choice Award as best Bank/Credit Union and Mortgage Company” multiple times.

In 2013, he began attending NACUC’s Leadership Seminar and Chairs’ Roundtable Forum. He was elected to the NACUC Board of Directors in October 2019 where he currently serves as Vice Chair. Jim has represented NACUC at his state league conferences encouraging other board leaders to join the organization. Jim is also an active participant in NACUC’s listserv sharing his knowledge and experience with other board leaders.

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Celebrating the Success of the 48th Annual Roundtable Forum and Looking Ahead to 2025

Dear Credit Union Chairs and Directors,

The 48th Annual Roundtable Forum, held in the vibrant city of New Orleans, was a resounding success. This gathering reaffirmed the power of collaboration and dialogue among our nation's credit union board elected officials, equipping us with insights and strategies to lead our institutions through an ever-evolving financial landscape.

The event was marked by engaging discussions, thought-provoking roundtables, and invaluable networking opportunities. Attendees left inspired, equipped with actionable ideas to enhance governance and strengthen the impact of our credit unions within the communities we serve. The camaraderie and shared purpose that define NACUC were on full display, and I am immensely proud of the community we continue to build together.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to our sponsors, speakers, and all participants who made this year's Roundtable Forum truly special. Your dedication and contributions are what propel our association forward.

As we celebrate the success of New Orleans, it's time to turn our sights to the future. I am thrilled to announce that the 49th Annual Roundtable Forum will be held in Orlando, Florida, October 14-17, 2025. Orlando's unique blend of innovation and hospitality promises to provide an ideal backdrop for our next chapter of transformative discussions and relationship building.

Finally, don't miss the chance to join us for the 2025 Leadership Development Seminar, which will be held in the breathtaking setting of Park City, Utah, from May 18-20. This seminar is designed to provide focused, actionable leadership strategies while also offering the chance to recharge and find inspiration in a stunning mountain environment.

These events are more than just dates on a calendar; they are invaluable opportunities to engage with fellow board leaders, deepen your knowledge, and reaffirm your commitment to serving our credit unions and communities.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us in Park City and Orlando. Together, we can continue to elevate our leadership capabilities, ensuring that credit unions remain a cornerstone of financial empowerment and community support. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and dedication to NACUC. Let's carry the momentum of New Orleans into a vibrant and impactful 2025—I look forward to seeing you in Park City and Orlando!

Warm Regards,

Luis Ramo



Include NACUC in your 2025 Training Budget



Education and training is essential to be an effective and well-informed board. With all the changes on the horizon for financial services, you want to ensure that your credit union is positioned to meet the challenges of the year ahead. For nearly 50 years, NACUC remains the only organization in the industry that focuses solely on the educational needs of Boards. We strive to keep membership cost low while providing high quality educational offerings. One annual membership dues covers your credit union's entire board of directors. Members enjoy discounted rates on the Leadership Development Seminar and Roundtable Forum, as well as a listserve, biennial CEO Compensation & Benefits Report and access to a dynamic community of board leaders.

NACUC 2024 Board Election Results

At NACUC's 48th Annual Meeting held in New Orleans on October 17, 2024, Dr. Luis Ramos, Board Chair of Nutmeg State Financial Credit Union and Marlene Schwartz, Board Chair of State Department Federal Credit Union, were re-elected to three-year terms on NACUC's Board of Directors.

At the reorganization meeting, the following officers were elected for the 2024-2025 term:

Chair: Dr. Luis Ramos, Nutmeg State Financial Credit Union, Rocky Hill, CT **Vice Chair:** Jim Hollingsworth, Keesler Federal Credit Union, Biloxi, MS **Secretary:** Marlene Schwartz, State Department FCU, Alexandria, VA

Treasurer: Joe Budnick, SharePoint Credit Union, Bloomington, MN

Director: Martha Castillo, OnPath Federal Credit Union, Metairie, LA

NACUC 2025 Event Calendar
Open to Chairs, Vice Chairs & Directors!



2025 Leadership Development Seminar
May 18 - 20, 2025
Park City, Utah



49th Annual Chairs' Roundtable Forum
October 14 - 17, 2025
Orlando, Florida



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