

Current Volunteer Board Members



Dr. Melanie Branca

has been a Volunteer Board Member since 1988, including two terms as Chair, and is Professor Emeritus at Southwestern College. While serving as Professor of Mathematics at Southwestern, she focused on the professional development of math educators, founded two junior high school mathematics academies, helped launch the California Math Council for

Community Colleges (serving in a leadership role for over ten years, with two as President) and worked on programs to reduce math anxiety among the community at large. As Adjunct Professor in San Diego State University's School of Business, she taught statistics to both undergraduate students and MBA candidates. Dr. Branca received her BA in Mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania, an MA in Mathematics from Harvard University, and a PhD in Statistics from Columbia University.



Dr. Lupe Holguin Buell

has served on the Board of Directors since 1979, is a past Chair of the Board and chaired Mission Fed's Credit Union Service Organization. Dr. Buell is the Single Subject Bilingual Program Coordinator in the Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education at SDSU. Prior to SDSU, she was an Adjunct Professor at Point Loma Nazarene University. Dr. Buell held leadership positions

in the Cajon Valley Union School District and as Bilingual Coordinator at the San Diego County Office of Education. She has served as the Director of Financial Affairs for the California Association of Bilingual Education. An advocate for nonprofit organizations, Dr. Buell has been the Vice President of Operations on the MANA de San Diego Board of Directors and is co-chair of the Latina Success Conference. She currently serves as chair of the audit committee for Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE). Dr. Buell earned a BA from San Francisco State University, an MA in Education from San Diego State University, and a PhD in Education jointly conferred by Claremont Graduate University and SDSU.



Lora L. Duzyk

has served on Mission Fed's Volunteer Board since 2008 and is Mission Fed Credit Union Service Organization's (CUSO) current Chair. Ms. Duzyk retired from her position as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services at the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) with more than 30 years of experience in school business management and education finance. Her roles included

managing SDCOE budgets and business support services for the 42 San Diego school districts. In addition, Ms. Duzyk served on the California Schools Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) and was a member of the County Treasurer's Oversight Committee. She is a past State Chair of the Business Administration Steering Committee for the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, and was State President of the California Association of School Business Officials. Ms. Duzyk holds a BS from San Diego State University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.



Dr. Larry Maw

has served on Mission Fed's Board of Directors since 2002. In that time, Dr. Maw has served as BOD Chair, Vice Chair of the Mission Fed Credit Union Service Organization (CUSO), and was on the Supervisory Committee. Dr. Maw has 39 years of experience in education, in both teaching and administration, and was selected as California State Superintendent of the Year in 2004. He retired in July

2005 as Superintendent of San Marcos Unified School District, having served since 1992. Dr. Maw has shared his knowledge and leadership skills on many state, local and community boards, including Chairperson of Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 18 Superintendents Committee, SDCOE Legal Services Consortium, County Deferred Compensation Committee, VEBA Committee, and Superintendent Representative to the California School Boards Association President. Dr. Maw received a BS and an MS from Utah State University, and an EdD from Northern Arizona University.



Dr. Don Shelton

has served on Mission Fed's Board of Directors since 1998, and served as a member of the Supervisory Committee for six years. Dr. Shelton also volunteers his time on the Mission Fed Credit Union Service Organization (CUSO).

Dr. Shelton served for over 25 years as the Assistant Superintendent of the Business Services Division of the San Diego County Office of Education, responsible for budgeting, financial services, fiscal monitoring, business support, accounting, payroll, information technology, risk management and facility planning services for 42 local school districts. He was a health plan Board Member and has served on numerous statewide school business and policy committees. In addition, he was a founding member of the San Diego County Treasurer's Oversight Committee, and an adjunct professor at local universities, teaching graduate courses in school finance and school law. Dr. Shelton has a BS and an MS from San Diego State University, and an EdD from the University of Southern California.



Malliga Tholandi

joined Mission Fed's Volunteer Board in 2015, after serving as a member of the Supervisory Committee for five years. Ms. Tholandi served as the Associate Superintendent of Business at the Poway Unified School District (PUSD) for more than five years, prior to which she was PUSD's CFO. Ms. Tholandi retired from PUSD in June 2016 after more than 30 years of service in school business. Ms. Tholandi has served on the Redevelopment

Agency Oversight Board for the City of Poway, and the district-wide Foundation Board. She is a member of School Business Executives and holds a BS in Business Administration and a Chief Business Official Certificate. Since retirement, she works at the County Office of Education and the Vista Unified School District as a Financial consultant and teaches School Finance to school groups.

2022 Election

Volunteer Board of Directors

Election Process

In accordance with our Federal Credit Union Bylaws, a Nominating Committee was appointed by the Chair of our Volunteer Board of Directors and this Committee did nominate at least one member for each vacancy for which elections are being held. In addition to the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee, nominations for vacancies may also be made by a petition signed by 500 members. Each nominee by petition shall be 18 years of age or older and must submit a brief statement of qualifications and biographical data with the signed petition and include a statement that they are agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected to office. This information must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before April 15, 2022. For more information, please email AndreaL@MissionFed.com. Our Bylaws also state that, when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled, the election will not be conducted by ballot and nominations cannot be accepted from the floor.

Annual Meeting

This serves as notification of the Annual Meeting of Mission Fed Credit Union on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the Mission Fed Administrative Office, 10325 Meanley Drive, San Diego, CA, 92131, or via teleconference, as determined by current county COVID-19 guidelines.



Nominees for the 2022 Election



Dr. Kamran Azimzadeh

joined Mission Fed's Volunteer Board of Directors in 2018, after serving as Chair of the Mission Fed Supervisory Committee for 26 years. Dr. Azimzadeh brings the experience

of working with the Lakeside Union School District from 1988-2015, where he served as Assistant Superintendent of Business and Support Services, eventually being promoted to Deputy Superintendent. Before joining the Lakeside School District, Dr. Azimzadeh worked with the San Diego Office of Education, where he held many positions, including Account Clerk, Business Assistant and finally Consultant. In 2018, he also spent a brief but effective time as the Interim Chief Business Official for the San Ysidro School District. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business from Tehran Business College, an MBA from Texas A&M, and a DBA from W. H. Taft University.

"My whole career has been dedicated to serving San Diego county school districts, including the Poway, Lakeside and San Ysidro school districts. As a volunteer Board Member of Mission Fed, I've seen first-hand how this financial institution continues to grow and give back to the community. As Mission Fed continues to serve all San Diegans, I am honored to be part of an organization that is dedicated to helping Mission Fed members achieve their financial goals."



Wayne Oetken

provides more than 40 years of Mission Fed experience and commitment to his position including serving as current Chair of the Volunteer Board of Directors. He has

also served on the Supervisory Committee and the Credit Union Service Organization (CUSO) Board of Directors. After retiring from his role as Assistant Superintendent of Business Services from Cajon Valley Union School District, where he worked for 40 years, Mr. Oetken continues his career in educational administration, using his consulting expertise in a number of school districts. Mr. Oetken received a BS degree in Business Administration from National University, San Diego, and an MS degree in School Business Management from Pepperdine University, Malibu.

"Throughout my career, I've made a priority of giving back to the school districts where I've worked and the organizations where I've volunteered. Mission Fed's passion for serving our membership and commitment to giving back to the community are what originally attracted me to serving on the Board of Directors—and are also why I would like to continue to represent the membership. As Mission Fed continues to grow, we will remain true to our mission of helping members achieve their goals, and doing our part for the community."



Scott Patterson

joined the Mission Fed Board of Directors in 2015. He is currently the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services for the Grossmont Union High School District. Over his almost

40-year professional career, his extensive experience includes numerous leadership roles, including as the former CFO for the San Diego Unified School District, and as Business Operations Manager at General Dynamics Corporation/Convair Division. Mr. Patterson also gives his time and expertise to the community as a member of the San Diego County Office of Education Investment Advisory Committee, and as a member of the California Interscholastic Federation San Diego Section Finance Committee. Mr. Patterson earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Arizona State University, his MBA in Finance from the University of San Diego, and a diploma in Program Management from Defense Systems Management College.

"Mission Federal Credit Union continues to grow and thrive as an outstanding financial institution, and sets the gold standard for corporate citizenship as a community asset in San Diego County. We have accomplished much together. The opportunity to serve Mission Federal and the larger community is an honor. I am humbled to be a part of it and I would appreciate another term to continue my work representing our membership, because Mission Federal was founded to serve you."