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Photo caption: (Photo file attached.) Oregon State Credit Union's Richard Hein wins the prestigious CEO of the Year award from NAFCU's 2023 Annual Awards Competition. Hein will be honored during NAFCU's Congressional Caucus in Washington, D.C., Sept. 10-13.

HEIN named CEO of the Year by national credit union organization

Corvallis, OR – Richard Hein, CEO of Oregon State Credit Union, has been chosen as CEO of the Year by the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU). Hein and other winners of NAFCU's 2023 Annual Awards Competition will be honored during NAFCU's Congressional Caucus in Washington, D.C., Sept. 10-13.

Kelley Kaiser, chair of the Credit Union's board of directors, said Hein's efforts are reflected in the continued success of Oregon State Credit Union. "This award reflects Rick's exemplary services on behalf of our members, demonstrating thoughtful leadership skills and developing new ideas that are beneficial to our organization's growth."

NAFCU Awards Committee Chair Eli Vazquez, CEO of Bank-Fund Staff Federal Credit Union, said the organization is honored to recognize them. "The 2023 award winners are dedicated stewards of the credit union mission. Over the past year, they have gone above and beyond for their members, and have had a remarkable impact on their communities. The NAFCU Awards Committee is proud of their contributions to the success and strength of the industry."

This year's NAFCU Annual Awards Competition honored eight winners in total who were selected by a committee of credit union leaders. Nominees for CEO of the Year, Credit Union of the Year, Professional of the Year and Volunteer of the Year were judged in two categories: credit unions with assets of more than \$500 million and those with assets of \$500 million or less. Hein was a winner among credit unions with more than \$500 million in assets.

In addition to being formally recognized during Caucus, Annual Awards Competition winners will also be profiled in the September-October edition of *The NAFCU Journal* magazine.

Oregon State Credit Union is a member-owned, not-for-profit credit union. Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in one of 24 western and central Oregon counties. Additional information about Oregon State Credit Union is available at oregonstatecu.com.

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