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ACUMA Welcomes New Board Member; Slate of Officers Approved

Las Vegas, Nev. – The American Credit Union Mortgage Association (ACUMA) has welcomed a new member to its Board of Directors and approved the slate of officers. The appointment and approval took place at ACUMA's annual business meeting on Monday, Sept. 30, held in conjunction with the association's 28th Annual Conference at the Bellagio Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Joining the Board will be Brandon Webb, Senior Vice President of Mortgage Lending at Arkansas Federal Credit Union, \$2.5 billion in asset size, located in Little Rock, AR. In his current role, Brandon is responsible for managing mortgage origination, support, secondary, and servicing operations. Since he assumed this position in 2019, Arkansas Federal's mortgage department has more than doubled its mortgage portfolio, currently servicing over \$750 million in loans.

"I am sincerely honored to be elected to the ACUMA Board of Directors," Webb says. "Few things are as important to me as helping credit union members achieve home ownership and grow their own financial well-being. ACUMA is a leader in mortgage lending support and education, and I am proud to have been chosen to help them further their goals."

In addition, current Board member Vince Salinas, Vice President of Home Loans for \$8 billion Patelco Credit Union in Dublin, Calif., has been named Secretary on the Board of Directors. He joined the ACUMA Board of Directors in 2022.

Along with Webb and Salinas, other Board members who have been appointed to second terms include Board Chair Amy Moser, Mountain America Credit Union; Vice Chair Alissa Sykes Tulloch, AmeriCU; Treasurer Jason Sasena, Global Credit Union; and Board members Barry Stricklin, Tower Federal Credit Union; and Julie Bowering, Elements Financial.

According to ACUMA President Peter Benjamin, CMB, the current board is one of the most effective and supportive boards to come along in some time. "I deeply appreciate the guidance and leadership the Board has given us in helping ACUMA accomplish its goals," Benjamin says. "We're blessed with an outstanding group of credit union mortgage lending experts who see well beyond the industry's immediate needs and help us set our sights on both the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead."

About ACUMA

The American Credit Union Mortgage Association (ACUMA) is a not-for-profit trade association dedicated to credit unions and mortgage lending. ACUMA provides resources and education to credit unions aimed at streamlining performance, processes, and procedures for real estate lending services. ACUMA's goal is to encourage credit unions to help more consumers get fairly priced and safe mortgage loans delivered locally, and in so doing, providing them with a pathway to the American dream of home ownership. ACUMA brings together the shared real estate lending and financing interests of hundreds of credit unions and CUSOs. ACUMA member organizations include federal and state charted credit unions and CUSOs, mortgage insurance companies, secondary market investors, investment banking firms, and technology companies. Visit ACUMA's website at www.acuma.org for more information.

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