



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The 2026 GFA Federal Credit Union Annual Meeting will take place:
May 6, 2026 at 12:00 PM • GFA Federal Credit Union Community Room, 229 Parker St., Gardner, MA

The Board of Directors has chosen a Nominating Committee to recommend one nominee for each open seat on the Board of Directors. Members will be electing three individuals to fill board seats at the annual meeting. The Nominating Committee wishes to nominate members with requisite experience and a commitment to serve the Credit Union. The Committee will review all nominees to determine their qualifications, availability and willingness to serve. If you want to be considered as a nominee for a board position, you may submit a letter and a brief biography or resume to the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Any member may stand for election to the Board upon filing a petition. Nominations are not accepted from the floor of the annual meeting unless there is no nominee for that position. There will be no written ballots unless there is more than one name in nomination for a position. To run for a board position, you must file a petition containing 200 member signatures, including their names and addresses with the Secretary of the Board of Directors no later than forty (40) days prior to the annual meeting. If you are gathering petition signatures, be aware that only the primary member of a joint account is likely to be the member unless the second person on that account has their own individual account. The petition may be delivered to the Credit Union in an envelope addressed to the "Secretary of the Board of Directors". When filed, the petition must be accompanied by a brief statement of the nominee's qualifications and biographical data along with a letter signed by the nominee stating that they are agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected. Once the petition's signatures are verified, the name of the nominee by petition along with their background information, will be provided at the annual meeting. If a qualifying petition is not received by the 40 day deadline, the nominee's name will not be placed on the ballot, and the nominee will be so advised in writing. The names of all nominees will be posted in the Credit Union at least thirty-five (35) days prior to the annual meeting.

Three-year term: Douglas R. Delay (Incumbent) is the retired Purchasing Manager of Latrobe Specialty Steel Distribution, a division of Carpenter Technology Corporation. He was elected to the GFA's Supervisory Committee in 1986 and served on that committee until 2003, when he was elected to the Board of Directors. In early 2022 Delay was elected to the role of Chief Governance Officer of the Board of Directors. Mr. Delay has over 40 years' experience in the field of business management. He is a graduate of Nichols College with a degree in Economics and resides in Winchendon, MA.

Three-year term: Mark Hawke (Incumbent) serves as the Gardner School District's Director of Finance and Operations. He previously served as the Westminster Town Administrator, and the Mayor of the City of Gardner for just over twelve (12) years. He was elected to the GFA's Supervisory Committee in 2009 and served on that committee until 2012, when he was elected to the Board of Directors. In early 2022, Hawke was elected to the role of Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors. Mr. Hawke is a graduate of UMass Amherst with a degree in Political Science and Anna Maria College with a Master's in Business Administration. Mr. Hawke has also served on the Board of Directors of Gardner Square Two, Inc., Board of Incorporators at Heywood Hospital Board of Trustees of Mount Wachusett Community College and coaches multiple youth sports including hockey, soccer and basketball in the area.

Three-year term: Carly Antonellis (Incumbent) serves as the Assistant Town Manager for the Town of Ayer. Ms. Antonellis was elected to the Board in 2022. She is a Winchendon resident and an active member of the Winchendon community serving as the Secretary and Board Member of Winchendon Health Foundation and the Treasurer of the Winchendon Music Festival. Carly has decades of experience in the field of municipal and state government finance, business management and holds a Master's Degree of Science in Public Affairs from the University of Massachusetts, Boston.