



NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF GFA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The annual meeting of the GFA Federal Credit Union will take place on April 26, 2017 at Mount Wachusett Community College Cafeteria, 444 Green St., Gardner, MA, at 6:00 P.M. Members will be electing three individuals to fill board seats at the annual meeting. The Board of Directors has chosen a Nominating Committee to recommend one nominee for each open seat on the Board.

The terms of the three open Board positions are for three years. 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.

Charles P. Bowles (incumbent) is the retired President & CEO of GFA Federal Credit Union, having held that position from 1984 to 2008. Mr. Bowles has served as a member of the GFA Board of Directors since 1988. He is a graduate of Western New England University, having earned a BBA and completed graduate studies at WPI. Mr. Bowles is an active member in the Greater Gardner community, having served on numerous boards, including MWCC Board of Trustees, MWCC Foundation, and the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce where he also served as Chair. Mr. Bowles also served as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of EasCorp Corporate Credit Union. Mr. Bowles was recognized by the Greater Gardner Chamber of Commerce as Citizen of the Year in 1995 and recognized in 2004 as MWCC's Citizen of the Year. He resides in Rutland, MA.

Douglas R. Delay (incumbent) is the purchasing manager at Latrobe Specialty Medals. He was elected to the GFA's Supervisory Committee in 1988 and served on that committee until 2003, when he was elected to 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.

Mark Hawke (incumbent) serves as the Mayor of the City of Gardner, having first been elected Mayor in 2007. 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. Mr. Hawke is a graduate of UMass Amherst with a Bachelors Degree in Political Science and Anna Maria College with a Master's in Business Administration. Mayor Hawke also serves on the Board of Directors of Gardner Square Two, Inc., Board of Incorporators at Heywood Hospital and coaches multiple youth sports including hockey, soccer and basketball in the area.

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