Government Affairs Committee
Thursday, July 28, 2022
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. PDT
University Club of Phoenix

Attendees:
Greg Harden, AZ Central CU
Rob Scott, Copper State CU
Jay Curtis, First CU
Alan Althouse, TruWest CU
Ryan O’Connor, CU West
Emma Garcia, Desert Financial CU
Robin Romano, Marisol FCU
Walter Synowiecki, SunWest FCU
Brian Lee, Landings CU
Sharon Greiger, Vantage West Credit Union
Deborah Pearson, OneAZ CU
Jeff Meshey, Desert Financial CU
Ning Duong, CU West (attended virtually)
Carol Robey, Mohave CU (attended virtually)

GoWest Team Members
Austin DeBey
Chris Kemm
Pam Leavitt
Troy Stang
John Trull
Jennifer Wagner

Welcome, Introductions, and Kickoff – Co-Chair Brian Lee
- Brian Lee, Co-chair Landings CU opens meeting and does a call for introductions
- Introductions of committee members and GoWest Credit Union Association staff

The Advocacy Cycle – Jennifer Wagner
- Jennifer Wagner discusses the cadence of advocacy efforts throughout the year highlighting the importance of consistently engaging with legislators
- Review of committee processes and charge to committee members
Arizona State Advocacy Discussion – Austin DeBey

- Legislative Wrap of 2022 Session
- State Legislative and Executive Elections
- Predatory Debt Collection Protection Act Ballot Proposition
  - Extended Committee Discussion on the proposition and gathering the views of how strongly to fight it
- ESG Scoring
- Austin directed committee members to review the handout provided to them in their GAC packet

Arizona Federal Advocacy Discussion – Ryan Fitzgerald

- Ryan Fitzgerald covers emerging issues with the Credit Card Interchange discussion in Congress
- NDAA updates
- Digital Assets
  - ACH Analysis reveals millions of dollars going out to crypto companies
  - Education vs. promotion
  - Some frustrations shared about P2P fraud mitigation
  - CFPB and Zelle under Reg E
- ’22 Midterms Election Outlook
- June Hike the Hill Review

Regulatory Advocacy Discussion – John Trull

- The GoWest regulatory promise to never let bad regulations be implemented
- Federal Regulatory Overview
- John Trull leads discussion on how committee members are actively managing interest rate risk

Development of Key Policy Position Statements

- Directive from GoWest leadership to see Arizona Sample Positions Document
- Outlining Federal & State Policy Positions

Grassroots and Political Discussion – Pamela Leavitt and Chris Kemm

- State PAC Fundraising
- CULAC Fundraising
- An overview of Grassroots programs and initiatives to come