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Q1 2023 Committee Notes

February 1st from 1:30 to 4 p.m.
Held at The Sonesta Hotel, Denver CO

Attendees:

Chad Graves	Ent CU	John Ruby	Bellco CU
Tracie Wilcox	On Tap CU	Leslie Shepard	SunWest CU
Darin Atteberry	Elevations CU	Rainy Thoen	Community Choice CU
Meagan Barrett	Northern Colorado CU	Karen Troester	Grand Junction FCU
Nathan Cape	Minnequa Works CU	Christopher Wallace	Credit Union of Denver
Doug Fagan	Partner Colorado CU	Troy Stang	GoWest
Robert Fryberger	Fitzsimons CU	Jennifer Wagner	GoWest
Kathi Glanz	Yuma County FCU	Katie March	GoWest
Bradley Harvey	Horizons North CU	Joe Adamack	GoWest
Ray Lindley	Elevations CU	Jordan Beyer	GoWest
Todd Marksberry	Canvas CU	Ryan Fitzgerald	GoWest
Ben Metzger	Canvas CU	Chris Kemm	GoWest
Brandt Peterson	Metrum Community CU	John Trull	GoWest

Welcome, introductions, and kickoff

- Committee co-chair Chad Graves welcomed committee members and kicked off the meeting with opening remarks about upcoming advocacy work in 2023 and highlighted the ongoing and consistent work that will be needed and tended to in order to see future success.
- Committee co-chair Tracie Wilcox thanked everyone on the committee for making the commitment and time to doing this important work.
- Committee members all introduced themselves and shared something they were interested in adding to or learning from the committee's work this year.
- Committee co-chair Chad Graves reviewed the committee charge.
- Joe Adamack introduced to the committee members Katie March as the new Vice President of Legislative Affairs for Colorado with GoWest.

State advocacy discussion

- Katie March provided a preview of the Colorado General Assembly session currently underway including the top priorities, political dynamics, and key bills that GoWest is engaged on and may be impactful to Colorado credit unions.
- Committee member discussion and questions for Katie about certain issues, approach, and ways credit union could or should engage.
- Katie March provided an update on the Sunset Review process through the Department of Regulated Agencies including a summary of the kickoff meeting between DORA and GoWest, as well as what credit unions should expect to hear from the agency in coming months as part of its due diligence process.

- Katie March also provided an overview of what committee members should expect at Colorado Credit Union Day at the Capitol the following day.
- Co-Chair Graves, seconded by Co-Chair Wilcox, made a motion to approve the Colorado Policy Position Statements that were reviewed at the Q4 2022 meeting, and were unanimously approved by the 2023 Colorado GAC.

Federal issues discussion

- Ryan Fitzgerald guided the committee through a discussion on top federal issues as the 118th Congress kicks off in Washington D.C. Topics included both overall priorities and political dynamics at the capitol as well as credit union priority issues and opportunities.
- All committee members shared and discussed their top policy priorities at the federal level and held a roundtable discussion of the themes and trends among those items.
- Ryan Fitzgerald also previewed and shared details for the upcoming CUNA GAC and associated Hike the Hill with the committee.

Regulatory issues discussion

- John Trull guided the committee through a discussion of regulatory issues and priorities both at the state and federal level and provided an overview of NCUA priorities and expectations for the year.
- The committee discussed the changing landscape for exams in the new hybrid environment and received feedback on how those have been going.
- John Trull shared upcoming expectations for the new few NCUA board meetings and the committee discussed the current economic conditions and how it would impact regulatory perspectives.

Grassroots advocacy discussion

- Jordan Beyer provided an overview of the advocacy coordinator program and ongoing outreach as well as the next steps on the development of key contacts.
- Chris Kemm discussed ongoing fundraising efforts from the 2022 CULAC campaign and next steps for development of 2023 and beyond fundraising strategies and specific upcoming check presentations for credit union champions from Colorado.

Adjournment

- Co-chair Chad Graves thanked all committee members for their significant engagement in the meeting as well as the following day's event at the Capitol and adjourned the meeting.