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Q3 2023 GAC Meeting Notes

Idaho Governmental Affairs Committee Q3 Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2023
Meeting Held Via Zoom

Trisha Baker	LCCU	Mike Schenck	Westmark CU
Dan Thurman	Frontier CU	Jack Fallis	Global CU
Brian Berrett	ICCU		
Brenda Worrell	ICCU	Jennifer Wagner	GoWest CUA
Chris Loseth	P1FCU	Zach Forster	GoWest CUA
Brad Swartzentruber	Northwest Christian CU	Adelle Pomeroy	GoWest CUA
Hercules Lima	Frontier CU	Jodran Beyer	GoWest CUA
Amber Dolphi-King	Horizon VU	Ryan Fitzgerald	GoWest CUA
		John Trull	GoWest CUA

Chairman Chris Loseth kicked the meeting off by thanking everyone for coming and asked members if they had any changes to the Q2 GAC meeting notes. GoWest staff took silent roll call on of those who were in attendance and RSVP'd.

Shortly after welcoming everyone to the call, Chairman Loseth turned the meeting over to Zach Forster to give an Idaho State Advocacy Update.

Idaho State Advocacy Discussion

- Zach Forster started the discussion off by reviewing the important work the Idaho State Issues Working group is doing and the timeline of adding modernization provisions to the Idaho Credit Union Act.
- Zach also reviewed proposed Idaho Bankers Association legislation which is identical to what they did not pass last year: 1) updates to the Idaho Bank Act; 2) Idaho ag lending tax exemption; and 3) IRS anti-disclosure legislation.
- We also discussed the Association's advocacy outreach plan for the remaining summer months and for fall. Zach asked the group to be prepared to attend luncheons and gatherings with legislators as we travel Idaho.
- Finally, the group discussed that we are already less than one year away from the Idaho primary election and that efforts are already underway through independent expenditures and candidate recruitment.
 - GoWest has been asked to participate in several efforts around the state in IEs and candidate recruitment.

Grassroots and Political Advocacy Discussion

- Next, Pam Leavitt and Jordan Beyer kicked off the grassroots and political advocacy discussion where they covered the next steps in the advocacy coordinator list.
 - There were a few questions but Pam and Jordan were going to subsequently send out the proposed list to the members.

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- Shortly after, they moved on to have a similar discussion around key contacts.
 - One of the main questions was what is the difference between advocacy coordinators and key contacts?
 - Pam and Jordan are going to follow up with a one-pager that outlines the main differences between each.
- Jordan then covered upcoming grassroots trainings through advocacy 101 and 201 classes that are on the horizon.
- Finally, Chris and Jordan gave a quick update on where Idaho was at regarding CULAC fundraising and a path forward for the remainder of the year.

Regulatory Advocacy Discussion

- After the Grassroots team finished their discussion, Chairman Loseth turned it over to John Trull and Adelle Pomeroy to give a brief update in the regulatory space.
- Next, Adelle discussed recent CFPB developments and gave a quick recap on the meeting the team had in Washington, D.C. with Director Chopra.

Federal Advocacy Discussion

- Finally, Ryan Fitzgerald gave the committee an update on Congress and the latest news out of Washington, D.C. and what we can expect for the remainder of the summer months.
- Ryan started by reviewing the greatly successful summer hike the hill.
 - He shared there were a lot of great meetings with congressional members as well as regulators (see above to recap CFPB meeting).
- Ryan shared the latest on Interchange and how Senator Durbin (D-Illinois) is working to include the legislation in this year's NDAA.
- Ryan concluded his portion of the meeting by reminding everyone about the Fall hike the hill in November as well as notifying the group about the CUNA GAC room blocks.

General Business

- In closing out the meeting, Chairman Loseth asked the committee members if there was anything else they would like to discuss.
- He reminded them of upcoming events and how to register if anyone was interested.