

# 2026 Annual Meeting

Wednesday, April 15 2026

5:30pm

VA Auditorium



This special event is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members and celebrate the strength of our community credit union. Attendees will enjoy door prizes and exciting prize drawings throughout the evening—but remember, you must be present to win! Join us for an evening of appreciation, connection, and fun as we look back on another successful year together.

The following are the names of the members submitted by the Nominating Committee to fulfill these positions.

## **Candidates for the Board of Directors:**

**Stephen Lemons:** Stephen retired from the VA Medical Center in 2010 after 36 years of service. During that time he served as director of the of the Salem VA Medical Center from 1997 through 2006. He has been a member of the Salem VA Credit Union since 1998.

**Ann Benois:** Ann Benois is the former Chief Customer Service and Community Affairs at the Salem VAMC. She held many positions at the medical center, including Chief Voluntary Service and coordinated many large events with community partners while in that capacity. She retired in December of 2022 after 47 years at the Medical Center. She has been a credit union member for many years.

## **Candidate for the Credit Committee:**

**Connie Azar.:** Connie held many positions, including Employee/Labor Relations Specialist in Human Resources Managemen at the VA Mediacal Center. She retired from the board of directors in 2024, and has been a member of Salem VA Credit Union for 36 years.

## **Interested in being nominated?**

If you wish to be nominated to serve on either the Board of Directors or the Credit Committee, you may do so by following the steps for nomination by petition as listed below. Nomination by petition is required by our Credit Union Bylaws.

## **Steps for Nomination by Petition:**

1. Petitions must be for one nomination and include the name of the nominee, a brief biographical data sheet, and a signed statement from the nominee accepting the nomination. The nominee must be an eligible member of the Credit Union.
2. Petitions must be signed by a minimum of 25 Credit Union members age 16 or older.
3. Petitions must be received in the Credit Union office by 5:00pm on March 18, 2026.