



MEET YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS CANDIDATES



MICHELE GORDON

Michele grew up in Tabor and graduated high school from Tyndall, South Dakota. She attended and graduated from the University of South Dakota. Michele has four children; Erin Sedlacek, Kyle Tycz, Jill Voorhees, and Adam Tycz. They have blessed her with eight grandchildren.

In 2008, Michele moved to Yankton and in 2016 married Scott Gordon. Her hobbies include spending time with her grandchildren, golfing and expressing her creativity through crafts.

For the past 32 years, Michele has worked for Koch Insurance as an Independent Agent and Office Manager.

Before working with Koch Insurance, Michele worked as a teller and loan processor. With this background, Michele has wanted to give back to the financial field and has served on our Board of Directors for the last three years.

Michele is passionate about her community as her volunteer work with CCD, Girl Scouts and position as board member with Explorers Credit Union demonstrate.

She is interested in being reelected to the Board of Directors to continue to guide Explorers Credit Union in these exciting times.



BRENDAN GRAMKOW

Brendan was born and raised in Yankton and graduated from Yankton High School in 2011.

In 2015 Brendan received his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from South Dakota State University. After graduating college, he returned to Yankton and started working for Vishay Intertechnology, Inc full time.

In September of 2018, Brendan married his wife, Andrea and they have a three year old German short hair dog named "Kota".

Outside of work, Brendan enjoys hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, four-wheeling, bowling and turning a wrench in his garage.

Brendan is passionate about the credit union philosophy and mission. As a Board of Director member, he believes he can be a positive influence and credit union educator for our members and community.

Through Brendan's education and career, he is able to address and solve problems using out-of-the-box thinking as well as measure effects to accurately understand any positive or negative outcomes. His knowledge of manufacturing industry has taught him numerous skills such as marketing, quoting, sustainability, organization, communication, leadership and customer service.



COREEN SIMONSEN

Coreen is originally from Crofton, Nebraska but has called Yankton her home for the last 25 years. Coreen loves to take advantage of our beautiful land and spends time camping, hunting, fishing along with gardening and reading. She has been married for 20 years and enjoys time with her two sons.

For 15 years, Coreen has worked for the Yankton Title Company and is currently the Senior Title Examiner. Coreen has worked in the financial business sector for her entire career, including Explorers Credit Union as a teller and project specialist. She has also served on our Supervisory Committee.

Coreen is interested in serving on our Board of Directors as her experience in the financial sector would be a benefit to Explorers CU. As a long time resident of Yankton, she would view this opportunity as a great way to give back to our community.



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