



MEET YOUR 2023 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 Tycs. They have blessed her with 11 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 36 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 six years.

Michele is passionate about her community and her volunteer work with CCD, Girl Scouts and position as a Board member with Explorers Credit Union. She is interested in being reelected to the Board of Directors 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. They have a six year old German short hair dog named "Kota" and in 2021 welcomed their daughter Remi.

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 Directors 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.



TODD QUATIER

Todd grew up in the Yankton area and graduated from Yankton High School. He worked for the State of South Dakota at HSC for 37 years, where he held several different jobs, retiring as the Physical Plant manager in 2021. He is currently employed at Sanford Vermillion Medical Center as the Supervisor of Plant Operations.

Todd's #1 hobby is supporting his children, Sally and Nathan. Todd also enjoys working outside on his acreage, working on cars and equipment in his shop, as well as fishing and hunting whitetail deer.

Todd has been a credit union member since childhood. He is passionate about the credit union philosophy of people helping people and values the products and services the credit union has to offer.

Todd would be honored to serve on the Board of Directors and give back to an organization that has served him well for so many years.

NICOLE CATON



Nicole grew up in Yankton and graduated from Yankton High School. Nicole attended the University of South Dakota, obtaining her bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a specialization in Healthcare as well as her master's degree in Business Administration. Nicole has worked for Avera Health here in Yankton for the past 6 years.

Nicole and her husband Jerry have three children; Brooke, Chloe and Jack. The kids are involved in numerous activities: softball, soccer, dance and wrestling to name a few. When they aren't busy with kids activities, they enjoy taking family vacations and spending time at the lake.

Nicole is a long time member of the credit union and values the hometown feel and personal service she receives when doing business at the credit union. Nicole's education and background make her a great candidate for the Board of Directors and she looks forward to this opportunity.