

Plan to attend **Purdue Federal's Annual Meeting at 4 p.m., on Tuesday, April 16, 2019, at Kurz Purdue Technology Center** located at 1281 Win Hentschel Blvd. in the Purdue Research Park in West Lafayette. At this meeting, the membership will be asked to select three individuals to serve a three-year term on the board of directors. **The Nominating Committee has selected Cristina Farmus, Christiane Keck and John Schneider as candidates for re-election.**

## 2019 Board Candidate Statements

### **Cristina Farmus, Managing Director, Chemical Engineering, Purdue University**

As a 10-year member of Purdue Federal Credit Union and current treasurer, I have learned how challenging it is to manage a large financial institution. Moreover, in the current cyber environment, a solid credit union must offer failproof data security, adopt relevant financial technology, and grow with purpose.

I have worked at Purdue University in various positions for more than 14 years, most recently as the Managing Director of a multi-institution engineering research center. I hold an M.B.A. from Krannert School of Management and my professional experience has always included management and finances. As a naturalized U.S. citizen, my international background brings a different perspective to Purdue Federal's board.

I look forward to continuing to serve Purdue Federal and the Greater Lafayette community in a way that aligns my professional and personal interests in finance.

### **Christiane Keck, Retired, Purdue University**

This is an exciting time for Purdue Federal Credit Union and I welcome the opportunity to continue to participate in shaping its future growth and prosperity. If re-elected to the credit union's board, I would serve the members with energy, enthusiasm, integrity and common sense.

As a director, I have served on the following committees: Asset and Liability, Member Business Loan, Rate, Compensation and Nominating. Before joining the Purdue Federal Board, I was a member of the credit union's Supervisory Committee for 11 years, and served as its chair for five years.

In my professional life as a professor and administrator at Purdue University, I have taught, led and managed diverse groups of people, including many with international backgrounds. This often required making sensitive and sound budgetary decisions. For 10 years, I was head of a large and complex school. I also served in the Dean's Office of the College of Liberal Arts and in the Office of the Dean of the Graduate School. For 10 years, I was the Co-Director of the Center for International Business Education and Research (CIBER), which was created through a research grant I co-authored in 1992 and was funded for more than 20 years by the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C. Other business-related experience includes managing investments and commercial real estate holdings in the U.S. and Europe.

I would be honored to continue serving Purdue Federal and the community. Thank you for your support.

### **John Schneider, Retired, Office of the Vice President of Research, Purdue University**

Strong, local financial institutions are essential for cities and regions to grow and thrive. Purdue Federal Credit Union is a healthy financial leader in our local community, and my desire is to continue helping Purdue Federal be recognized as such.

I believe my professional background and experience serving on many boards of directors is an asset to the credit union. While working at Purdue University and Dow Chemical Company, I gained considerable financial experience including creating, managing and monitoring business profit plans and budgets. Also, I have extensive experience serving many boards including, but not limited to, Access Technology Across Indiana; Workforce Development Board for Region IV; and the Midland, Michigan School Board. In addition, I have served for several years on Purdue Federal's Asset and Liability Committee, which has helped me become familiar with the credit union's accounting and budget approach.

I look forward to continuing to serve both Purdue Federal and my community. Thank you for your support.