

Each year, the terms of several Summit Board Members expire and a Nominating Committee, comprised of Summit members, is formed to nominate members for the Board of Directors. This year, the Committee has nominated the following individuals:

KOFI APPIAH OKYERE, PHD CPA

Dr. Okyere has served on the Board of Directors of The Summit Federal Credit Union since 2010. He is the Treasurer and a member of the Executive Committee. He has also served on other important committees. Before joining Summit's Board, he served on the Board of Syracuse Federal Credit Union from 2006 to 2010. He is one of National Association of Corporate Directors' (NACD) Board Leadership Fellows and a Certified Risk Manager.

Dr. Okyere works at Syracuse University's Whitman School of Management as a financial reporting professor. He is a member of several professional organizations. He holds an MBA from Indiana University and a PhD from University of Wisconsin-Madison. As a licensed CPA, Dr. Okyere worked at Deloitte & Touche LLP before pursuing his doctoral degree. He has substantial experience in financial audits, forensic audits and advisory services.

WILLIAM A. REIFSTECK

Mr. Reifsteck was elected to the Board of Directors in 1976. He is Chairman of The Governance and History Committees. He served on the Board of Directors for the New York State Telephone Credit Union Association and was the recipient of the NY State Credit Union League's Volunteer of the Year award in 2006. Mr. Reifsteck attended the Credit Union Association of New York Compliance Seminar and the Director & Supervisory Committee Training Conference in October 2009 through 2018. In 2009 Mr. Reifsteck was awarded the Raiffeisen-Filene Award for his participation in the Credit Union National Association (CUNA) Volunteer Achievement Program (VAP). He has attended the NYS Government Affairs Conference every year since 2013. Mr. Reifsteck was elected to the NYS Credit Union Association Hall of Fame in 2016.

Mr. Reifsteck retired from Rochester Telephone Corporation after 40 years, where he was an Outside Plant Engineer. He is also retired from TCS Communication as an OSP Engineer and Construction Inspector. He is Past Chapter and Past Life Member President of Telecom Pioneers, Genesee Chapter and is presently serving on the Life Member Executive Committee.

Mr. Reifsteck and his wife Mary, have seven children and seventeen grandchildren.

GERALD K. GEBAUER

Mr. Gebauer was elected to the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Telephone Employees Credit Union in 1987. He served as President of the board from 2000 through the merger date with The Summit in 2003. He has continued to serve as a Board Member for The Summit since that time and also sits on the Governance Committee of the Board.

After receiving a degree from Niagara Community College, Mr. Gebauer worked for AT&T and Verizon Telephone where he held various management positions. He retired after 25 years of service in 1995. He and his wife Barbara then started their own business, JBG Freight Lines, Inc. which they ran for the next 14 years.

Since his retirement in 2008 he enjoys traveling and time spent with his family. He is also a life member of The Telephone Pioneers and VFW Post 6251. Mr. Gebauer and his wife Barbara reside in the town of Alden, NY.

TOM QUIRK

Mr. Quirk was elected to the Board of Directors at the May 1995 Annual Meeting. He is currently the Board Chair and also sits on the Executive, Governance and Compensation Committees of the Board. He is retired from Bausch & Lomb and lives in Pittsford with his wife Molly and has 2 adult children, Clay and Meghan.

Mr Quirk has been involved in various volunteer activities for other non-profit organizations. Mr. Quirk is on the Board of the Genesee Valley Conservancy, where he serves as Treasurer, chairs the Finance Committee and sits on the Development Committee.

Guidelines

Under guidelines specified by the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), members interested in petitioning to run for a volunteer position on the Board of Directors may do so by complying with these procedures:

1. A petition must be signed by 1% of our membership (at least 500) members. Signatures must be legible and include the member's account number.
2. Included with your petition must be a statement of qualification and a biography with information about your current job, related credit union or financial experience and any other committee involvement.
3. Petitions must be received by February 14, 2019, and sent to Christ Modesti, The Summit FCU, Canal Ponds Business Park, 100 Marina Drive, New York 14626.
4. The election will not be conducted by ballot and there will be no nomination from the floor when the number of nominees equals the number of positions filled.