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Tongass Federal Credit Union

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WELCOME ALPS MEMBERS!

We are excited to announce that our merger between ALPS Federal Credit Union (ALPS) and Tongass FCU received final approval following the ALPS member vote which was concluded on January 21, 2023. With nearly 69% of the ALPS voting members voting 'yes,' the partnership is now a reality.

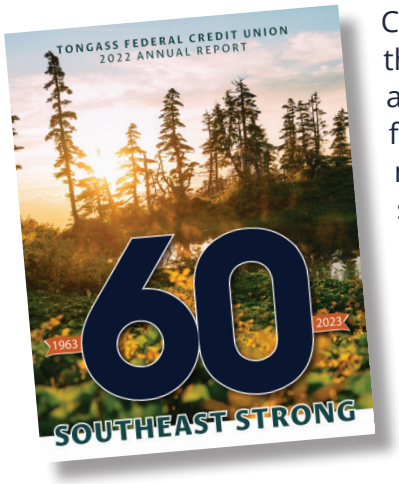
On February 1, 2023, our two credit unions legally became one entity, operating under the Tongass FCU name with President/CEO, Helen Mickel leading the credit union, and ALPS President & CEO, Sandi Riggs serving as Executive Vice President through our core computer conversion which is scheduled for August 1, 2023.

Our credit union's combined assets are $233.4 million, serving 13,163 members with 8 branches (Ketchikan, Sitka, Metlakatla, Klawock, Petersburg, Wrangell, Haines, and Juneau) and 4 community microsites (Thorne Bay, Hydaburg, Kake, Hoonah) throughout Southeast Alaska.

Together, we are Southeast Strong!

ANNUAL MEETING

Tongass FCU held our Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 23rd at the Ted Ferry Civic Center. Members were able to join us in person and online via Zoom. There were 74 members present with 46 in person, 22 connecting over Zoom, and 6 gathered at our Sitka office. Three board terms were expiring with seats held by Michael Cruise, Jennifer Etten, and Georgianna Zimmerle, all from Ketchikan. Michael and Jennifer agreed to run for another term, while Georgianna chose not to seek renomination. The Tongass FCU Board of Directors' nominating committee, nominated Michael Cruise, Jennifer Etten, and Sitka member, Audrey Hudson to serve three-year terms on the board. All three were elected unanimously at the meeting. Georgianna was thanked for her service on the board and will continue to serve as a member of the Supervisory Committee. In addition to the elected board members, we also welcomed two former ALPS board members, Ron Conner and Michelle Cleaver, both of Sitka who will continue their terms with the Tongass FCU Board as per the merger agreement. Dirk White, former ALPS Supervisory Committee member was nominated to fill a vacant seat on the Tongass FCU Supervisory Committee.



Tongass management appreciates and values the time provided by our dedicated volunteers on our Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee. We are grateful for their commitment to our mission.

Our 2022 Annual Report is now available for members on our website at www.tongassfcu.com/annualreport.

From left: Audrey Hudson, Ron Connor, Michelle Cleaver, and Dirk White.

CELEBRATING 60 YEARS!

Started by teachers and public workers in 1963, rooted in the Tongass National Forest, Tongass FCU is celebrating 60 years!

From 1963 to today, we are proud to be #SoutheastStrong.

Join us as we look back on our history and proudly towards our future on our website at www.tongassfcu.com/60th.

WE ARE OPEN IN JUNEAU

Tongass FCU Juneau is now open! We are excited to be serving our members living in and traveling through Juneau at 8585 Old Dairy Road, K-Plaza 205. The new branch is conveniently located near the airport directly across from the Nugget Mall. Our Grand Opening celebration is in the works and will be happening later this Spring! Stop by and see us Monday through Fridays from 9:30am to 5:30pm.

CLOSURES THIS QUARTER

Monday, May 29th
Memorial Day

Monday, June 19th
Juneteenth

HERE FOR SMALL BUSINESS

Do you have questions about building a business, creating a marketing plan, or applying for a small business loan? Grant Echohawk is here for you!

Contact him at gechohawk@tongassfcu.com to schedule an appointment in person, over the phone, or through video. You can also stop by during his drop-in hours at The Commons at Tongass FCU, in Ketchikan, on Fridays between the hours of 2pm and 5pm. Services provided in partnership with Spruce Root.

WE ARE HIRING IN YAKUTAT!

We are actively in search of a Microsite Administrator and Associate to help us open our new credit union microsite in Yakutat. If you or someone you know is looking for a great place to work with opportunity to learn new skills and make an impact in the Yakutat community visit our website at www.tongassfcu.com/Careers.

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2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS (ELECTED)
Scott Edwards, Chair; Mark Tollfeldt, Vice Chair; Audrey Hudson, Secretary; Jennifer Etten, Treasurer; Ron Connor; Michelle Cleaver; Mike Cruise; Rob Steward; Gavin Hudson

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE (APPOINTED)
Jason Custer, Chair; Georgianna Zimmerle, Secretary; Teri Feibel; Jeannette Rosier; Dirk White

EXECUTIVE TEAM
Helen Mickel, President/CEO; Rebecca Schmidt, CFO; Sandi Riggs, Executive VP; Gracia O'Connell, VP of Operations; Lucette O'Hagan-Lovell, VP of Commercial Lending; Luree LeBrock, VP of Real Estate Lending