

Candidates for 2010 Election

Board of Directors

Four candidates are vying for three seats on the Interra Credit Union board of directors: Kathy Brewton, Linda Garber, Steven Garboden and Stephen Warner.

Kathy Brewton, Goshen – incumbent

- Vice President of Human Resources, Greencroft Retirement Communities, for more than seven years; Previously employed by Elkhart County Government for 18 years
- Interra board of directors, member for the last eleven years
- Past president and current member of Goshen Chamber of Commerce Human Resource Committee; co-coordinator of Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN) site at Trinity Lutheran Church, where she is an active member
- Bachelor's and master's degrees, Indiana University



"It has been my privilege to serve you on Interra's board of directors since 1999. I am honored to play an active role in the Interra organization where staff, management and the directors are committed to providing you with services that are helpful in reaching your goals.

The philosophy of 'not for profit, not for charity, but for service' continues to be a cornerstone for Interra members, their families and for me, personally, as your board member. I believe the cooperative principles of the credit union are key in defining the difference from traditional financial institutions.

I am committed to the credit union philosophy and values, as well as to maintaining the contributions of Interra in the greater community as a whole. My interest in continuing to serve you as a board member is sincere and I would appreciate your confidence and support."



Linda Garber, Middlebury – incumbent

- Teacher, Media Coordinator and in charge of Middlebury Community School libraries for many years
- Interra Credit Union board member for the last twelve years
- Middlebury Church of the Brethren, deacon; Heritage Guide for Elkhart County visitors; Elkhart County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Quilt Garden hostess; breast cancer volunteer; member of Indiana Reading Council and Indiana Library Federation
- Manchester College, bachelor's degree; Indiana University, master's degree

"I believe in the philosophy of 'people helping people.' Our Interra history of being a trusted, stable financial institution that provides service to so many local families is important to me, and today we strive to continue that service with innovative products needed by busy, modern families. Interra is embedded in our community – in its history and for our future.

In my view, the greatest opportunity for Interra Credit Union is in providing 'cutting edge' financial products and services and to offer these in varied, convenient ways.

I view the biggest challenge facing Interra Credit Union is that of maintaining a financial anchor in the current volatile economic times."

Steve Garboden, Goshen

- Employed by Goshen Health Systems for the last one and a half years; Previously affiliated with Mennonite Mutual Aid for 32 years, working with a variety of financial and health insurance services
- Goshen Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN), board member; Mennonite Church Denomination Benefits, board member; Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship, congregational secretary
- Goshen College, BA in math; University of Notre Dame, MBA



"I am seeking a seat on the Interra board of directors because I believe the credit union's products and services are excellent and I hope to help keep them current in a rapidly changing environment.

In my view, the greatest opportunity is to continue to offer services to an expanding membership base.

Finally, the biggest challenge facing Interra Credit Union is maintaining a sound financial institution, while meeting the increasing needs of consumers."



Steve Warner, Goshen – incumbent

- President of Warner Farms, Goshen
- Interra board member for the last 21 years, chairman for the last twelve years
- Member of Elkhart County Plan Commission, Goshen Rotary Club, 4-H Expansion and Review Committee; attends Nappanee Missionary Church
- Attended Purdue University

"I am running for reelection to the Interra Credit Union board because of the commitment I have to the credit union cooperative system, and the 'people helping people' philosophy. These define the difference between credit unions and other financial institutions. I am honored to be part of the Interra board of directors since 1989 and would appreciate your support in this election.

We have an opportunity to communicate the credit union difference, especially using the seven Cooperative Principles, to potential members.

We are constantly challenged to envision new ways to serve our members with the best products and services to meet their ever-changing needs."

Supervisory Committee

The slate for the seat on the Interra Credit Union supervisory committee includes Crystal Hooley and Linda Yoder.

Crystal Hooley, Goshen – incumbent

- Certified Public Accountant (CPA), employed by Kruggel, Lawton & Company, LLC, for more than three years, and has worked as a CPA in public practice for more than eleven years
- Interra Credit Union supervisory committee, last six years
- Bethel College, Board of Visitors; Orchard View Elementary PTO, treasurer
- Bachelor's degree from Indiana University

"I have enjoyed my experience on the supervisory committee for the last six years and would like to continue in that role, using my skills to serve the credit union and its members.

I value Interra Credit Union's commitment to its members. The board and management are continually trying to find better ways to serve the membership and the community.

Challenges facing the credit union lie in creating awareness of its services in the larger Elkhart County area and in continuing to be successful in a tough economic period for our area."



Linda Yoder, Nappanee

- Vice president, Electric Motors Corporation; previously director at the Nappanee Public Library for 28 years
- Indiana Library Federation, executive committee; and Indiana Public Library Association, past president
- Learning Generation Initiative, board member; Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce, past president; United Way and Families First, past board member
- Goshen College, BS in Organizational Leadership

"The greatest opportunity for Interra Credit Union is to continue to cultivate the best long-term relationships with members. Historically, a focus on service to members has set credit unions apart within the financial services industry.

I view the biggest challenge facing Interra is to generate a positive financial bottom line to build capital in order to serve members in the long run. While current market conditions require a close monitoring of financial performance, these same challenges provide opportunity to demonstrate a continued commitment to act in the members' best interests."