

# Current Volunteer Board Members



## Dr. Melanie Branca

has been a Volunteer Board Member since 1988, including two terms as Chair and is Professor Emeritus at Southwestern College. While serving as Professor of Mathematics at Southwestern, she focused on the professional development of math educators, founded two junior high school mathematics academies, helped launch the California Math Council for Community

Colleges (serving in a leadership role for over 10 years, with two as President) and worked on programs to reduce math anxiety among the community at large. As Adjunct Professor in San Diego State University's School of Business, she taught statistics to both undergraduate students and MBA candidates. Dr. Branca received her BA in Mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania, an MA in Mathematics from Harvard University, and a PhD in Statistics from Columbia University.



## Dr. Lupe Holguin Buell

has served on the Board of Directors since 1979, is a past Chair of the Board and chaired Mission Fed's Credit Union Service Organization. Dr. Buell is the Single Subject Bilingual Program Coordinator in the Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education at San Diego State University (SDSU). Prior to SDSU, she was an Adjunct Professor at Point Loma Nazarene University. Dr. Buell held

leadership positions in the Cajon Valley Union School District and as Bilingual Coordinator at the San Diego County Office of Education. She has served as the Director of Financial Affairs for the California Association of Bilingual Education. An advocate for nonprofit organizations, Dr. Buell has been the Vice President of Operations on the MANA de San Diego Board of Directors and is co-chair of the Latina Success Conference. She currently serves as chair of the audit committee for Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE). Dr. Buell earned a BA from San Francisco State University, an MA in Education from SDSU, and a PhD in Education jointly conferred by Claremont Graduate University and SDSU.



## Lora L. Duzyk

has served on Mission Fed's Volunteer Board since 2008 and is the current Chair of Mission Fed's Credit Union Service Organization (CUSO). Ms. Duzyk retired from her position as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services at the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) with more than 30 years of experience in school business management and education finance.

Her roles included managing SDCOE budgets and business support services for the 42 San Diego school districts. In addition, Ms. Duzyk served on the California Schools Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) and was a member of the County Treasurer's Oversight Committee. She is a past State Chair of the Business Administration Steering Committee for the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, and was State President of the California Association of School Business Officials. Ms. Duzyk holds a BS from San Diego State University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.



## Dr. Timothy Glover

joined Mission Fed's Board of Directors in 2023. His experience in education dates back more than 33 years, most recently as Superintendent of the Grossmont Union High School District. Dr. Glover was responsible for the administration, leadership, and daily operations of the 21,000 student district grades 9-12, with another 15,000 attending Adult School. Prior to that he was Assistant

Superintendent of the Student Services and Programs Division at the San Diego County Office of Education. Other positions include senior director of the East County SELPA, teacher, assistant principal, principal program manager, assistant director, and director of special support services in South County. A lifelong San Diego County resident, Dr. Glover received an MS in Educational Administration from National University and a Doctor of Education in organizational management from the University of La Verne. He was Chair of CIF-SDS from 2018-2020.



## Dr. Don Shelton

has served on Mission Fed's Board of Directors since 1998, and served as a member of the Supervisory Committee for six years. Dr. Shelton has also volunteered his time on the Mission Fed Credit Union Service Organization (CUSO). Dr. Shelton served for over 25 years as the Assistant Superintendent of the Business Services Division of the San Diego County Office of Education,

responsible for budgeting, financial services, fiscal monitoring, business support, accounting, payroll, information technology, risk management and facility planning services for 42 local school districts. He was a health plan Board Member and has served on numerous statewide school business and policy committees. In addition, he was a founding member of the San Diego County Treasurer's Oversight Committee, and an adjunct professor at local universities, teaching graduate courses in school finance and school law. Dr. Shelton has a BS and an MS from San Diego State University, and an EdD from the University of Southern California.



## Malliga Tholandi

joined Mission Fed's Volunteer Board of Directors in 2021, after six years serving on the Supervisory Committee, two as Chair. Ms. Tholandi has more than 30 years of experience serving the educational community with her school business expertise. She retired from the Poway Unified School District in 2016 where she was the Associate Superintendent of Business. She served as head of Financial

Accounting at the San Diego County Office of Education and was on the City of Poway's Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board, and PUSD's districtwide Foundation Board. She was a board member and Treasurer for a San Diego Toastmasters Club. She is a member of School Business Executives and a proud recipient of the Advanced Gold Level in Communications from Toastmasters International. Ms. Tholandi holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and earned a Chief Business Official Certificate. While enjoying retirement, she continues to serve on boards.

# 2025 Election

## Volunteer Board of Directors

### Election Process

In accordance with our Federal Credit Union Bylaws, a Nominating Committee was appointed by the Chair of our Volunteer Board of Directors and this Committee did nominate at least one member for each vacancy for which elections are being held. In addition to the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee, nominations for vacancies may also be made by a petition signed by 500 members. Each nominee by petition shall be 18 years of age or older, a member in good standing and must submit a brief statement of qualifications and biographical data with the signed petition and include a statement that they are agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected to office. This information must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before April 11, 2025. For more information, please email [AndreaL@MissionFed.com](mailto:AndreaL@MissionFed.com). Our Bylaws also state that, when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled, the election will not be conducted by ballot and nominations cannot be accepted from the floor.

### Annual Meeting

This serves as notification of the Annual Meeting of Mission Federal Credit Union on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 5:00 pm in the Mission Federal Credit Union Administrative Office, 10325 Meanley Drive, San Diego, CA, 92131.



# Nominees for the 2025 Election



## Dr. Kamran Azimzadeh

joined Mission Fed's Volunteer Board of Directors in 2018, after serving as Chair of the Mission Fed Supervisory Committee for 26 years. Dr. Azimzadeh brings his experience of working with the Lakeside Union School District from 1988-2015,

where he served as Assistant Superintendent of Business and Support Services, eventually being promoted to Deputy Superintendent. Before joining the Lakeside School District, Dr. Azimzadeh worked with the San Diego County Office of Education, where he held many positions, including Account Clerk, Business Assistant and finally Consultant. In 2018, he also spent a brief but effective time as the Interim Chief Business Official for the San Ysidro School District. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business from Tehran Business College, an MBA from Texas A&M, and a DBA from W. H. Taft University.

*"My whole career has been dedicated to serving San Diego County school districts, including the Poway, Lakeside and San Ysidro school districts. As a Volunteer Board Member of Mission Fed, I've seen first-hand how this financial institution continues to grow and give back to the community. As Mission Fed continues to serve all San Diegans, I am honored to be part of an organization that is dedicated to helping Mission Fed members achieve their financial goals."*



## Wayne Oetken

provides more than 45 years of Mission Fed experience and commitment to his position including serving as Chair of the Volunteer Board of Directors. He has also served as Chair of the Supervisory Committee and the Credit Union

Service Organization (CUSO) Board of Directors. After retiring from his role as Assistant Superintendent of Business Services from Cajon Valley Union School District, where he worked for 40 years, Mr. Oetken continues his career in educational administration, using his consulting expertise in a number of school districts. Mr. Oetken received a BS in Business Administration from National University, San Diego, and an MS in School Business Management from Pepperdine University, as well as Certificates in Accounting/Finance and Purchasing from the University of Southern California.

*"Throughout my career, I've made a priority of giving back to the school districts where I've worked and the organizations where I've volunteered. Mission Fed's passion for serving our membership and commitment to giving back to the community are what originally attracted me to serving on the Board of Directors—and are also why I would like to continue to represent the membership. As Mission Fed continues to grow, we will remain true to our mission of helping members achieve their goals, and doing our part for the community."*



## Scott Patterson

joined the Mission Fed Board of Directors in 2015. He recently retired as the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services for the Grossmont Union High School District, having served in that capacity for 18 years. Over his more than 40-year

professional career, his extensive experience encompassed numerous leadership roles, including as the former CFO for the San Diego Unified School District, and as Business Operations Manager at General Dynamics Corporation/Convair Division. Mr. Patterson also gave his time and expertise to the community as a member of the San Diego County Office of Education Investment Advisory Committee, and as a member of the California Interscholastic Federation San Diego Section Finance Committee. Mr. Patterson earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Arizona State University, his MBA in Finance from the University of San Diego, and a diploma in Program Management from Defense Systems Management College.

*"Mission Federal Credit Union continues to grow and thrive as an outstanding financial institution. It sets the gold standard for corporate citizenship, representing a community asset in San Diego County. I currently serve as the Chair of the Board of Directors and I would be honored to serve another term on the Board, as together we support Mission Federal Credit Union's members and the greater community overall."*