



June 9, 2026

Cooperative Credit Union Association
Awards Selection Committee
845 Donald Lynch Blvd
Marlborough, MA 01752

RE: Young Professional of the Year Nomination

Dear Members of the Awards Selection Committee,

It is our great pleasure to recommend Aaron Clark, Chief Financial Officer of Westerly Community Credit Union, for the Cooperative Credit Union Association Young Professional of the Year Award.

Today's young credit union professionals are tomorrow's industry leaders, and Aaron is a clear example of the kind of emerging leader whose words, deeds, and commitment reflect the values and principles of the cooperative credit union movement. In his three years with Westerly Community Credit Union, Aaron has distinguished himself as a thoughtful, capable, and mission-driven executive who brings both financial discipline and genuine care to every aspect of his work.

Prior to joining Westerly Community Credit Union, Aaron served in a similar CFO capacity at a credit union in southeastern Massachusetts, bringing with him valuable experience, sound judgment, and a deep understanding of the unique role credit unions play in the lives of their members and communities. Since joining Westerly Community Credit Union, he has consistently demonstrated the perfect blend of caring and accountability. He approaches his responsibilities with a steady focus on what is best for the Credit Union, its staff, and its members alike.

At just 39 years old, Aaron brings an energy and excitement that is especially valuable in today's technology-forward financial industry. He understands that credit unions must continue to evolve, innovate, and meet members where they are, while also preserving the trust, safety, and personal connection that make our cooperative model so meaningful. As CFO of a \$520 million institution, Aaron pairs that forward-looking mindset with the sound, measured judgment required to safeguard the financial strength of the Credit Union. His ability to embrace innovation while exercising disciplined stewardship is one of the qualities that makes him such an exceptional young leader.

Aaron's leadership style reflects the cooperative spirit at the heart of the credit union movement. He is collaborative, principled, and forward-thinking, while remaining grounded in the everyday impact our work has on members and the community. His ability to balance strategic financial oversight with compassion and integrity makes him a trusted leader and a valued colleague.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Aaron is committed to service and mentorship. He gives back to the next generation by mentoring students from his alma mater, Johnson & Wales University, helping young people build confidence, explore career paths, and understand the importance of

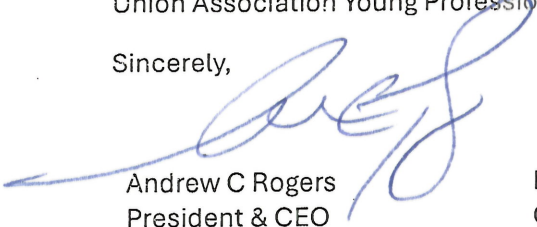
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professional growth and community involvement. He also serves on the Board of United ALS of Rhode Island, where he contributes his time and talents to an organization making a meaningful difference for individuals and families affected by ALS.

Aaron's dedication to others is also evident in his personal life. He is a devoted husband to his wife, Kendra, and a proud father to their energetic one-year-old son, Cohen. Despite the demands of his role, Aaron remains deeply committed to preserving the time and attention his family deserves, never allowing the responsibilities of his professional life to overshadow the importance he places on being present at home.

Aaron Clark represents the best of the next generation of credit union leadership. He is an accomplished financial professional, a committed mentor, a community servant, and a leader who truly embodies the cooperative principles that define our movement. For these reasons, the entire senior management team of the Credit Union strongly recommend Aaron for the Cooperative Credit Union Association Young Professional of the Year Award.

Sincerely,



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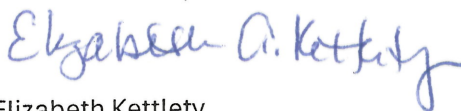
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