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NACUC Presents 2026 Leadership Award to Paul Eikenberg of Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union

RIO GRANDE, PUERTO RICO — October 19, 2026 — The National Association of Credit Union Chairs (NACUC) has presented its 2026 Leadership Award to Paul Eikenberg, Board Member of Aberdeen Proving Ground Federal Credit Union (APGFCU), in recognition of his nearly 30 years of service, commitment to community impact, and contributions to the growth and success of the credit union.

NACUC Board Chair Dr. Luis Ramos presented the award, which recognizes credit union leaders whose service extends beyond the boardroom through integrity, innovation, strong governance, engagement in the broader credit union community, and meaningful results for members.

Eikenberg's service to APGFCU began in 1996 when he volunteered for the credit union's Community Involvement Committee, now known as the Community Impact Committee. Under his direction, the committee established a sustained commitment to local communities by allocating the equivalent of one basis point of the credit union's prior-year assets to local nonprofit organizations and awarding up to \$75,000 annually in scholarships.

Eikenberg was elected to the APGFCU Board of Directors in 2011 and subsequently served as Treasurer, Vice Chair, and Board Chair from 2019 to 2023. During his tenure as Chair, he helped guide the credit union through the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. His steady leadership supported the transition of two-thirds of the staff to remote work while maintaining safe, uninterrupted service to members.

His board service also coincided with significant growth and expanded access to membership. APGFCU completed two charter expansions, in 2003 and 2022, and grew from approximately \$300 million in assets and 64,000 members to more than \$2.6 billion in assets and 185,000 members.

In accepting the award, Eikenberg graciously shared the recognition with his fellow credit union leaders in attendance, saying the award belonged to all of them. He also thanked his wife, Anne, for her support throughout his years of board service, recognizing the important role family plays in supporting volunteer leadership.

In presenting the award, Dr. Ramos praised Eikenberg's contributions, stating, "Paul Eikenberg exemplifies the kind of leadership this award was created to recognize. His commitment to sound governance, community service, and the long-term success of his credit union has made a lasting difference for members and the communities APGFCU serves."

Eikenberg joins previous NACUC Leadership Award recipients Jim Hollingsworth, the 2024 honoree, and the Honorable Harlan Kimura, the 2025 honoree. The award celebrates the contributions of credit union leaders who strengthen their organizations and advance the credit union movement through dedicated service.

About the National Association of Credit Union Chairs (NACUC)

The National Association of Credit Union Chairs is dedicated to advancing governance excellence among credit union board leaders through education, peer collaboration, and professional development. Since 1976, NACUC has brought credit union chairs and governance leaders together to share knowledge, strengthen leadership, and support the credit union movement's mission of improving the financial well-being of member-owners and the communities they serve.

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Paul Eikenberg, Board Member of APGFCU and Dr. Luis Ramos, NACUC Board Chair