



# CORNERSTONE LEAGUE

## **Guidelines for Federal Candidate Appearances at Chapter Events**

*If the Chapter is composed solely of credit unions that are members of the State League and of CUNA, then:*

- The Chapter may invite the individual members of all of the Chapter's member credit unions and their families, EXCEPT the members of any credit union that has its own federal PAC.
- The Chapter may co-sponsor a candidate appearance with a member credit union, as long as the member credit union does not have a federal PAC of its own.
- NO other individuals may attend the Chapter Meeting (e.g., vendors, examiners, etc.).

*If the Chapter includes in its membership credit unions that are NOT part of the State League or of CUNA, then:*

- The Chapter may ONLY invite the one or two representatives of each of the Chapter's member credit unions with whom the Chapter regularly communicates about Chapter matters.
- The Chapter MAY NOT co-sponsor a candidate appearance with a member credit union.
- NO other individuals may attend (e.g. vendors, examiners, etc.).

## **General Rules for the Operation of a Federal Candidate Appearance**

- As long as all the attendees are in the "restricted class" the Chapter may pay the costs of the candidate appearance.
- The Chapter may bar other candidates, even for the same office, from addressing its restricted class.
- The Chapter may suggest that members of the restricted class contribute to the candidate and may provide the candidate's mailing address to the restricted class.
- The Chapter may endorse the candidate in connection with an appearance before the restricted class.
- The Chapter may permit the news media to cover the event.

- The Chapter MAY NOT collect any contributions through any officer, director, or other representative of the Chapter, either before, during, or after the appearance at the meeting. The Chapter MAY NOT facilitate the making of contributions to the candidate.
- The candidate may ask for contributions to his or her campaign, as long as the meeting is before the restricted class only.
- The candidate or campaign representative may accept contributions before, during, or after the appearance.
- The candidate should NOT send his or her own invitations to the event. The Chapter should invite its restricted class.
- The invitation should include the following disclaimers: *All contributions are voluntary. You have the right to refuse to contribute without any reprisal.*