



CHAPTER REPORT

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COMMUNICATE

The latest news and announcement for chapter leaders.

Attend the Young Professionals Conference

Designed by young professionals, for young professionals, the Young Professionals Conference delivers relevant content, meaningful connections, and practical takeaways you can put to work right away. From inspiring speakers and high-energy networking to interactive Power Hour discussions, this experience meets CUYPs where they are in their careers—and helps them grow into what's next.

Also, encourage your credit union CEOs to [register for Reverse Crash](#) before Feb. 13.

[Register](#)

Celebrate Excellence: Award Submissions Due Feb. 6

Your chapter makes an impact—now let's celebrate it! Don't miss your chance to [submit](#)

for [Chapter of the Year](#) by Feb. 6. Plus, nominate your standout leaders for individual awards including Hall of Fame, Professional of the Year, Small CU Achiever, and Volunteer of the Year. Credit unions are encouraged to submit outstanding marketing efforts for a Pinnacle Award. Submit for a Pinnacle award by Feb. 6 and submit 3 entries get one free. Final Pinnacle award deadline is Feb. 27.

Award Details

Stay in Touch with Cornerstone League

As you conduct your planning sessions, create your calendars of events, or update your boards, please email your chapter liaison to keep Cornerstone in the loop. Cornerstone League also provides [chapter officer resources](#) on the Cornerstone website.

Please contact ChapterRelations@cornerstoneleague.coop if:

- You encounter challenges that could benefit from League guidance or want to discuss training or meeting options.
- You want to share news about [upcoming meetings and events](#) with the chapter community. Include photos with captions.

ADVOCATE

Opportunities for grassroots advocacy and government relations.

Update Project Zip Code

Congressional districts have become a hot topic lately, as seen in Texas, where the U.S. District Court in El Paso struck down the redistricting map drawn in August of this year. With that as background, we at Cornerstone believe it's very timely for each credit union to update their information in Project Zip Code (PZC). This powerful, secure, and user-friendly tool helps demonstrate the full strength of the credit union movement.

PZC matches your member data by state legislative district, congressional district, and county, then securely uploads those totals to America's Credit Unions' national database. When combined with data from credit unions across the country, it creates a master census showing just how many credit union members live in every lawmaker's district, a critical resource for effective advocacy.

Updating your PZC data isn't just good for the movement; it also benefits your operations. Your credit union can view member counts by geographic area to support decisions around ATM placement, shared branching, and growth planning. PZC uses the most accurate legislative district information available, giving you confidence that your advocacy outreach is targeted and up to date.

The software is compatible with most databases and won't affect your existing member data. Your personal information stays secure throughout the process: data is uploaded through a secure login, encrypted, matched, and returned to you for download. Only aggregate totals remain in the national system.

A few minutes of updating today can make a big difference in the year ahead. Get started below.

[Update](#)

Your Voice Has Power: Register for Missouri Day at the Capitol

Enhance your advocacy, strengthen your connections, and champion the credit union movement – attend [Missouri Day at the Capitol](#) on Feb 11 in Jefferson City! Here's what to expect:

- In-depth legislative briefing to keep you updated on the key issues shaping 2026.
- Recognition of the 2026 Ian Dunlap Advocacy Award.
- Awareness of essential advocacy matters impacting your credit union in the year ahead.

- Pre-arranged meetings with lawmakers to build strong relationships and discuss top priorities.
- Meetings with policymakers to help them understand how their proposals affect credit unions and the members they serve.

Registration is \$25, and includes lunch, program, networking, and legislative visits.

[Register](#)

Advocacy in action: Kansas Day at the Capitol is Feb 3

Amplify your voice, connect with lawmakers, and champion credit union priorities for 2026. Registration is \$30 and includes lunch lunch, program, legislative visits, and reception with with legislators.

[Register](#)

EDUCATE

Opportunities for professional growth and development.

Apply for Southwest Credit Union Management School

You can still kick off 2026 by applying for Southwest Credit Union Management School (SCMS), a premier leadership development experience for credit union professionals at every stage of their career. Applying early offers added flexibility, allowing credit unions to plan ahead and use either 2025 or 2026 budget dollars for tuition. New students can get a head start by completing the first-year admission application now, and scholarship grant applications are currently open for all students. SCMS remains a proven investment in leadership, strategy, and long-term organizational strength.

[Apply](#)

Register for the February ALM Webinars

As regulatory expectations continue to evolve, ALM education remains one of the most valuable investments credit unions can make. Our February ALM Webinars (Feb. 17–18 and Feb. 24–25) are designed to support informed, confident leadership. Register by Feb. 9 to participate.

[Learn More](#)

Explore Your Future with a Cornerstone Foundation Grant

Applications are open for Cornerstone Foundation Professional Development Grants and Southwest Credit Union Management School (SCMS) Scholarships. Professional Development applications close Feb. 27, 2026, and SCMS scholarship applications close April 30, 2026.

[Apply](#)

Save \$200 with IMPACT Early Bird Registration

The Feb. 8 early bird registration deadline is approaching for IMPACT: Cornerstone Annual Meeting. Register today to join us May 12–15 in Oklahoma City, for timely education, practical insights, and meaningful networking designed to strengthen your impact at your credit union.

[Register](#)

Prepare Your Team With FiCEP

Applications are open for the Financial Counseling Certification Program (FiCEP). FiCEP equips credit union professionals with tools to support member financial well-being while advancing their own professional development. Apply for Cohort 1 by Feb. 20.

[Learn More](#)

CELEBRATE

Share your stories so we can celebrate your good works.

Share Your Stories

We want to shine a spotlight on the good works your chapter is doing in your communities. Send your stories to ChapterRelations@cornerstoneleague.coop.



DONATE

Ways to donate your time, energy, or money to help others.

Support your Foundation in 2026

On behalf of the Cornerstone Foundation staff and trustees, thank you for your ongoing support. For 2026, please keep your Cornerstone Foundation in mind. It's as simple as supporting ongoing events, giving personally to the Foundation via payroll deduction, or a direct contribution. You can even select to give via dues statements—the suggested fair share giving amount on the dues statements is \$.12 per member.



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