# It's a Birthday Party!



Annual Stockholders Meeting June 23, 2010

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# Agenda

- Call to Order
- Chair of the Board: Year in Review
  - Review 2009 Minutes
  - Chairman's Comments
- Election of Board Members
- CFO Report
  - Review Financial Reports
- CEO Report
  - When Is "Let Them Eat Cake" a Positive...?
- Board Election Results
- Adjourn

# The Power of the Network: The Shareholder Opportunity

Chairman's Comments

#### The Power of the Network The Shareholder Opportunity

- Earlier today Randy made several references to the power of the network and what it means in today's marketplace
  - He highlighted the promise that the power of the network holds for credit unions, their members, their employees, and business designers
- What does this opportunity mean to us as shareholders?
  - What does it mean beyond building a great business?
  - How can we interact differently to leverage this for our personal stakeholders?
  - How can we act locally while thinking globally?
- The CU\*Answers Board hopes to be at the center of shareholder network interactions

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#### The Power of the Network The Shareholder Opportunity

- We all have the responsibility of being network architects, and designing activities and systems to harvest the power of our collaboration
  - We no longer feel it is enough to tell you we are available, to let it be known you can call us at any time
  - We want to get proactive and interact in a new way...do you?
  - We're not talking about micromanagement of our CUSO team or simply responding to momentary grievances...we're talking about micro-awareness of what opportunities we might all harvest together

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#### The Power of the Network New Shareholder Tactics for 2011



# **Our Responsibility to Harvest Potential**

Whenever you celebrate history, it gets you wondering about what they will say about you when your efforts have been recorded in the history books



Consider this quote from Randy's Power of the Network:

"And the cool thing about CU\*Answers is, we have a short-term advantage from being in the right place at the right time. So we can get started NOW on what others are starting to think about. CU\*Answers is a proof of concept for network ideas."

What will we do with this responsibility? What will they write about us at the 80th anniversary of our CUSO?

The Board is committed to the vision of the shareholders and what they want our legacy to be

### Another Great Year with a Great Team













# 2010 Board Elections A New Wrinkle

A vote of unanimous consent for two unopposed seats
A Special Election for a vacated seat

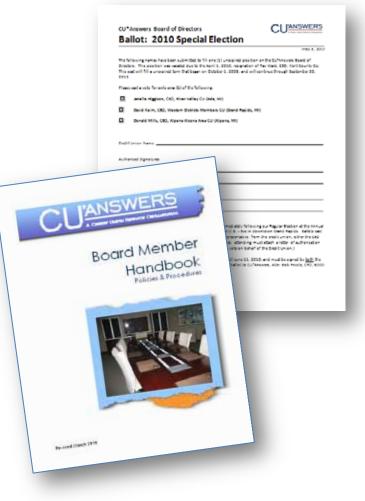


### 2010 Special Election Let's Hear from the Candidates

#### In alphabetical order...

- Janelle Higgison, CEO
  - River Valley CU (Ada, MI)
- David Keim, CEO
  - Western Districts Members CU (Grand Rapids, MI)
- Donald Mills, CEO
  - Alpena Alcona Area CU (Alpena, MI)

Special thanks to this year's Board Member Handbook Committee for updating our election and appointment procedures



Tonight's song and dance team will entertain you while we wait for the results...

The CFO Report The CEO Report



# A Look at The Numbers

**CFO Report** 



# This is the 2010 Annual Meeting, but...

Every year about this time, Randy sets the vision for next year (2011)

But remember that our annual Stockholder's Meeting is about last year's numbers (2009), and my comments tonight are about where I see us closing out the current year (2010)







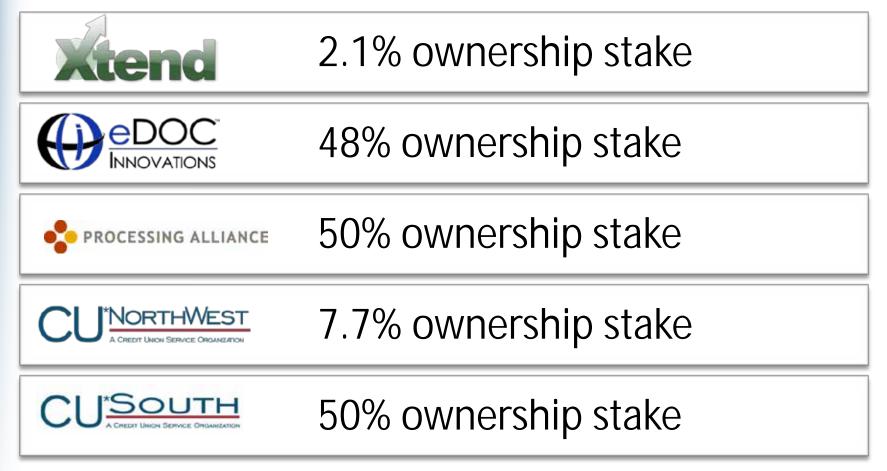
There are as many perspectives as there are observers...

The traditionalist perspective...

	2009 (\$K)	2008 (\$K)	% Change
Cash	\$ 5,204	\$ 3,739	39.2%
Accounts Receivable	1,069	1,329	-19.6%
Prepaid Expenses	725	691	4.9%
Fixed Assets	4,994	4,832	3.4%
Miscellaneous	3,180	5,672	-43.9%
	\$ 15,172	\$ 16,263	-6.7%

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The cuasterisk network perspective...



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The intellectual capital perspective...



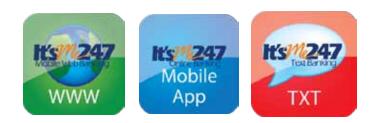














There are as many perspectives as there are observers...

And let's not forget the future value of contracts perspective



- In the end, the most meaningful figures to your examiners and auditors continue to be purely financial
- So let's take a look at the big picture...

# 2009 Numbers Worth Celebrating

#### The big picture:

Detail	YE 2008	YE 2009	% Change
Total Assets	\$16,262K	\$15,172K*	-6.7%
Total Liabilities	\$12,213K	\$8,930K	-26.9%
Total Equity	\$4,050K	\$3,527K*	-12.9%
Retained Earnings	\$4K	\$716K	17,800%
Book Value of Class A Stock (\$ per share)	\$183.03	\$217.69	18.9%
Book Value of Ownership	\$36.606	\$43,537.85	18.9%

\*Company redeemed Class B shares in 2009 for **\$1,194,264** (vs. \$52,000 at time of purchase)

# **2009 Numbers Worth Celebrating**

#### Year-end 2009 dividend payments:

Detail	YE 2008		% Change	
Patronage Dividend (\$)	\$400,000	\$700,000	75.0%	
Ownership Dividend Rate	4.25%	4.30%	1.2%	
Ownership Dividend (\$)	\$125,200	\$154,489	23.4%	
Class B Payout Rate	4.00%	n/a		
Class B Payout Dividend (\$)	\$22,304	n/a		
Book Value of Class A Stock (\$ per share)	\$183.03	\$217.69	18.9%	
Price to Purchase Ownership in CUSO in 2010	\$92,000	\$99,000	7.6%	

#### 2009 Patronage Dividends Paid

2009 Class A Stock Dividends Paid 2009 Class B Stock Dividends Paid 2009 Interest Paid Credit Unions on Loans

Total Revenue Returned to Credit Unions

154,489 (4.30%) (retired in 2009)

\$700,000

543,371 (~8.00%)

#### \$1,397,860

#### Return Per Total Dollars Received: \$0.1232 \$1,397,860 \$11,345,813 (excludes vendor pass-throughs) = 12.32% return per CU\*A \$ received

# 2009 Return on Investment

2009 Gross Income Submitted by Owners to CU\*Answers (Excludes all vendor pass-throughs)

\$11,345,813

# **Thinking About 2010 Year-End**

Network revenue numbers continue to impress

- CU\*Answers direct revenues continue to evolve with new 0 processes, internal capabilities, and new offerings
  - Projected for 2010:

\$30.944M

\$1,167K

\$3,552K

\$1,862K

\$300K

\$505K

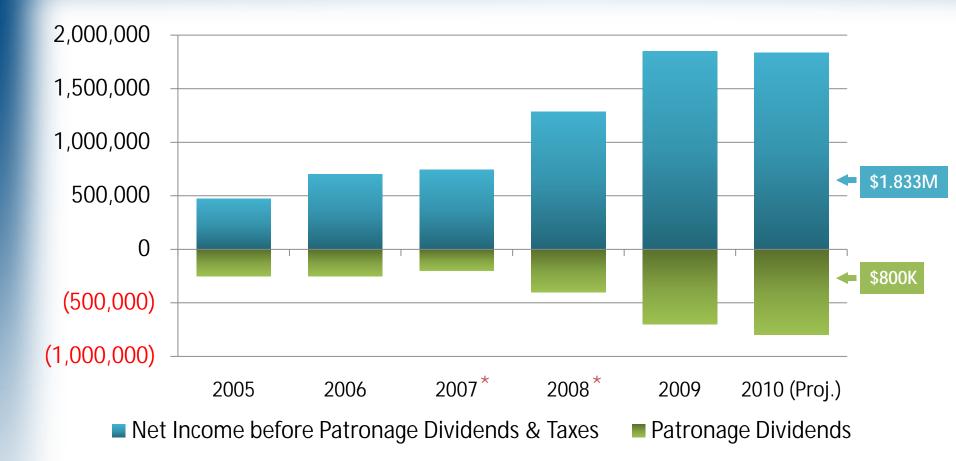
- Just as important, CU\*Answers' influence through partnering 0 with other CU\*BASE networks and investing in new initiatives is starting to really add up
  - Xtend projected for 2010:
  - eDOC projected for 2010:
  - CU\*NW projected for 2010:
  - CU\*S projected for 2010:
  - Processing Alliance proj. for 2010: Grand total: \$39 million



Keeping track of all of our network partners, products, and services is a real challenge Visit www.cuasterisk.com for a running total

#### Net Income & Patronage Dividends

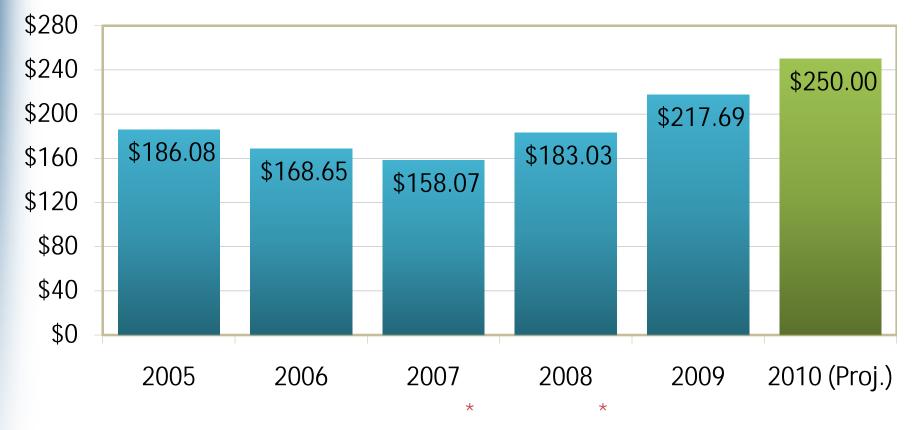
What do shareholders get, and what are we putting away for our future?



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# **Projecting Shareholder Value**

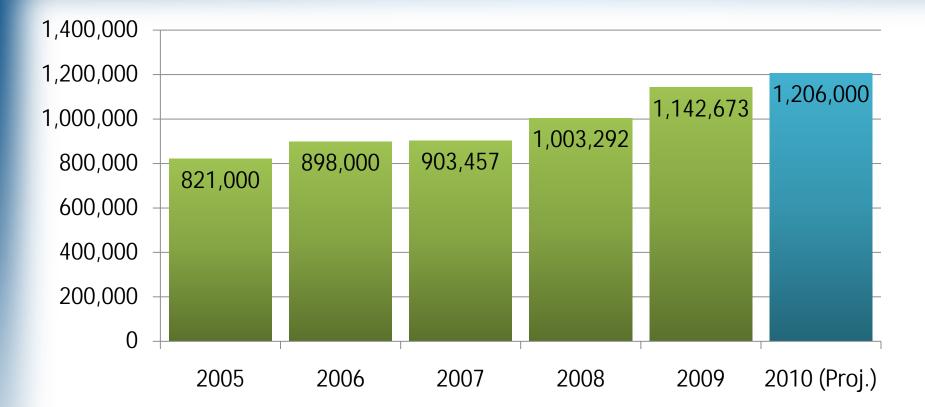
Depending on when you bought in, your perspective is different Ownership price 1991: \$59.31, 2000: \$176, 2005: \$460, 2009: \$460, 2010: \$495



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\*Restated 9/30/08

#### Members Served The Point of All of Our Efforts...



What some might consider to be Randy's "sales jargon" is truly the driving force behind our financial model – we are built to facilitate credit union success

# The CFO's Perspective...

#### The Power of the Network The Ability to Have Christmas in June

- What better tradition could a network have than an expectation of increasing its value and lowering its costs every year?
- In the most recent published quarterly Financial Performance report, here were my top 5 for investments we could make with our 2010 returns:
  - Regulatory changes without fees
  - DR/BC for online banking and web services without fees
  - Announce more fee reductions (e.g., ATM/debit/credit)
  - Continued COLA relief (2 years in a row)
  - Match or exceed our 2009 Patronage Dividend of \$700K



#### Christmas in June! Savings for Your 2011 Business Plan

	Goal		Christmas in June	
	1.	Regulatory changes for free	You've heard all day that we are on track and I don't see that changing – this is a major investment by the CUSO	
	2.	DR/BC for the web	You saw in the Gap Analysis that It's Me 247 is now part of our redundant services; Web Services is next in 2011	
	3.	More fee reductions	<ul> <li>Here's how far we can go today (Reg. E has even us a bit spooked):</li> <li>Reducing ATM/Debit card fees by 3%, starting with July 1 activity (for online switches)</li> <li>2011 Special: Waiving fee for converting from batch ATM/debit to an existing online switch</li> <li>Eliminating the per transaction fee for CUSC shared branching</li> <li>Eliminating the setup fee on Spanish CU*Talk</li> </ul>	
	4.	Continued COLA relief	We will waive the COLA increase for 2011 (2nd year in a row) – but don't count on this in 2012	
	5.	Match 2009 Patronage Dividend	I won't steal the Board of Directors' thunder here, but boy does it look good!	
6			It's been a tough year for credit unions, and looks like a rocky future until we get through special assessments	

It's a point of pride that our cooperative thinks about all network participants, not just shareholder return

But it's also a great driver for growth when you drive more margin in the day-to-day for an entire network



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# When Is "Let Them Eat Cake" a Positive...?

**CEO Report** 

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# ...when a CEO knows to keep the comments short and get everybody to the party!

- I have been humbled many times by all of the wonderful things accomplished by so many people involved in this network
- Earlier today, we showed the "We Get It" model to the Leadership Conference audience – did you catch these numbers?

1 EMPLOYEE WORKING WITH 150 CU\*ANSWERS EMPLOYEES SUPPORTING THEIR 390 FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING 216 CREDIT UNIONS WITH 3379 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR 8785 FAMILY MEMBERS IN 138 COMMUNITIES IN 22 STATES SERVING 1,000,000 MEMBERS 1 EMPLOYEE WORKING WITH 150 CU\*ANSWERS EMPLOYEES SUPPORTING THEIR 390 FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING 216 CREDIT UNIONS WITH 3379 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR 8785 FAMILY MEMBERS IN 138 COMMUNITIES IN 22 STATES SERVING 1,000,000 MEMBERS 1 EMPLOYEE WORKING WITH 150 CU\*ANSWERS EMPLOYEES SUPPORTING THEIR 390 FAMILY MEMBERS SERVING 216 CREDIT UNIONS WITH 3379 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR 8785 FAMILY MEMBERS

We could have continued with what a million citizens touched by CU\*Answers means to the U.S.

#### Almost to the party...



- When an anniversary like this comes around, I am humbled by the fact that generations before me had the vision to get the whole thing started, that year after year they laid the foundation to bring us where we are today
- Earlier tonight the Chairman challenged us to remember our responsibility to the people who worked together, giving us this opportunity to be in the right place at the right time
- Our industry is being challenged like never before, and many think that we are precariously close to the end of what our industry has meant to so many...I do not agree
- In the power of collaboration and the models presented in the networked world, I see all the inspiration I need to believe that our 80th anniversary is a solid bet

A legacy is not defined by what you *did* in your life, but by what you *gave* to the future...an opportunity

#### You're at the door, get your drink order ready...

- Your personal situation, or your credit union's status, might have you doubting the potential of where we are today
- You are challenged by your concern that the models we used in the past don't seem to be what we can count on for the future...and you're right
- That reality is exactly why CU\*Answers is in the right place at the right time
- We need a new solution, we need a new model...and we are a new model
- Consider Chip Filson's article, "The Emergence of CUSO Power," marry that to the power of the network, and you will conclude that there is an opportunity to be the new model for the future



Please join me upstairs for my last speaking assignment of the night...a toast to all of you! JOPPY Birt

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