# Celebrating Our Customer Owner Model

CU\*ANSWERS

A CREDIT UNION SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Annual Stockholders Meeting June 22, 2011



# **Agenda**

- Call to Order
- Chair of the Board: Year in Review
  - Review 2010 Minutes
  - Chairman's Comments
- Election of Board Members
- CFO Report
  - Review Financial Reports
- CEO Report
  - Celebrating Our Customer Owner Model
- **❖** Board Election Results
- Adjourn

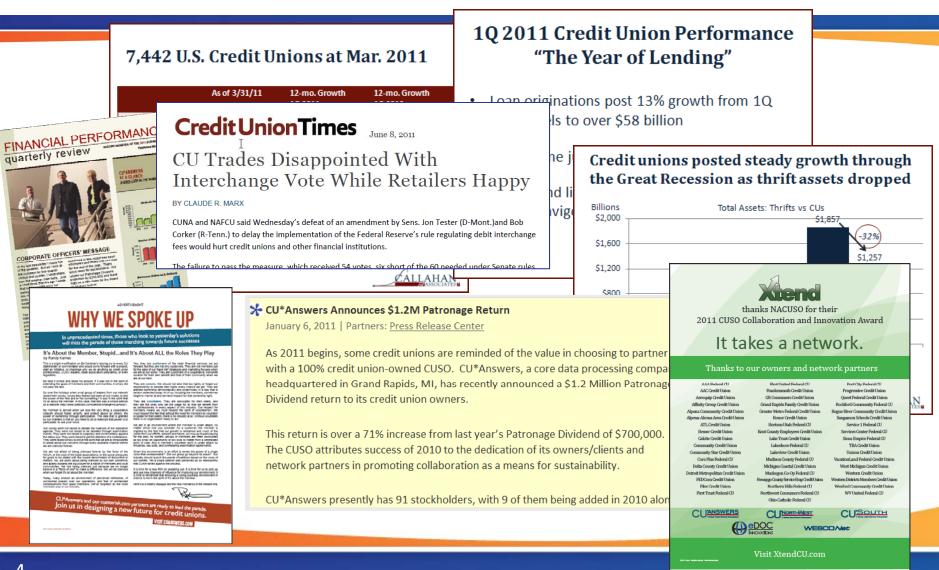
# Shining a Light on a Million Reasons Cooperatives Rock

When you can't find a gigantic win to prove your point, work hard every day on having a million little wins to do it for you

2010 was a heck of a year, both good and bad



# 2010: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly



# **Cooperative Principle #2 Democratic** Member **Control**



#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**





Have you checked out our first-ever DVD? Top 20 on the 2010 CU Charts!







CEO, Alpena Albona Area Gredit Unio



#### **Cooperative Principle #1**

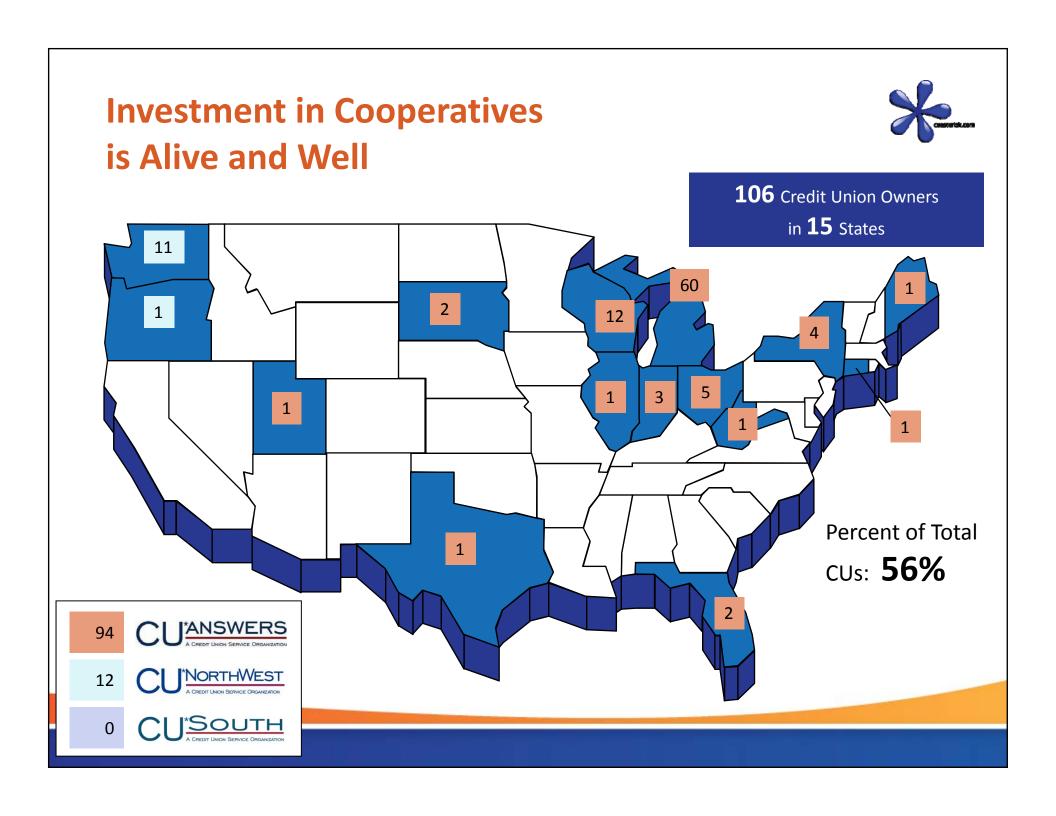
## **Voluntary and Open Membership**

- Welcome to our new owners...
  - COMM Star
  - Ripco Credit Union
  - Heartland CU (WI)
  - Vacationland Credit Union
  - WV United FCU
  - First United Federal CU

- Horizon Utah Federal CU
- Farm Bureau Family CU
- Lower East Side Peoples CU
- Best Advantage CU
- Tri Cities Credit Union

Cooperatives working with cooperatives: We have 11 new

**OWNERS** since we last met, our biggest gain since 1999-2000... cooperative-designed business is a growing niche



#### **Cooperative Principle #7**

## **Concern for Community**

- ❖ It's easy to celebrate our partnership with CU\*Answers when we have a year like we did in 2010
- ❖ But we must remember that CU\*Answers exists only for and based on the strengths of credit union organizations and their members
- This Board remembers how important it is for us to focus on the goals of credit unions and how they are doing
- This cooperative is focused on your success and your members' success



Keeping CU\*Answers invoices lean and mean drives innovation for us all

# **2011 Board Elections**

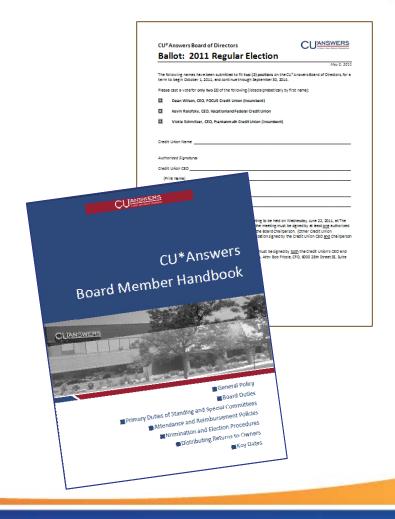
Let's vote!



#### Let's Hear from the Candidates

#### *In alphabetical order by first name...*

- Dean Wilson
  - CEO, FOCUS Credit Union (Wauwatosa, Wisconsin)
- Kevin Ralofsky
  - CEO, VacationLand FCU (Sandusky, Ohio)
- Vickie Schmitzer
  - CEO, Frankenmuth CU (Frankenmuth, Michigan)



# A Look at The Numbers

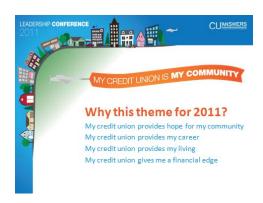
With a year like we had in 2010, the numbers might be considered the star of this show



# This is the 2011 Annual Meeting, but...

Every year about this time, Randy sets the vision for next year (2012)

❖ But remember that our annual Stockholder's Meeting is about last year's numbers (2010), and my comments tonight are about where I see us closing out the current year (2011)





It's kind of a "who's on first" scenario, and you have to pay attention

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

#### The traditionalist perspective...

	2010 (\$K)	2009 (\$K)	% Change
Cash	\$ 6,700	\$ 5,204	28.7%
Accounts Receivable	1,176	1,069	10.0%
Prepaid Expenses	871	725	20.1%
Fixed Assets	5,373	4,994	7.6%
Miscellaneous	3,197	3,180	0.5%
	\$ 17,317	\$ 15,172	14.1%

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❖ The **cuasterisk** network perspective...



1.8% ownership stake



48% ownership stake



50% ownership stake



7.7% ownership stake



0% ownership stake

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

The intellectual capital perspective...













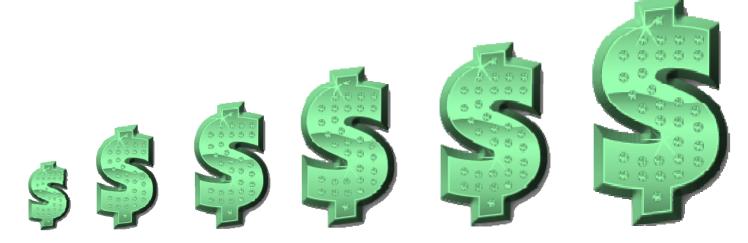






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❖ And let's not forget the future value of contracts perspective



- ❖ 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...

# **2010 Numbers Worth Celebrating**

#### The big picture:

Detail	YE 2009	YE 2010	% Change
Total Assets	\$15,172K*	\$17,317K	14.1%
Total Liabilities	\$8,930K	\$12,355K	38.4%
Total Equity	\$3,527K <b>*</b>	\$4,963K	40.7%
Retained Earnings	\$716K	\$1,107K	54.6%
Book Value of Class A Stock (\$ per share)	\$217.69	\$275.70	26.6%
Book Value of Ownership	\$43,537.85	\$55,140.53	26.6%

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

# **2010 Numbers Worth Celebrating**

#### Year-end 2010 dividend payments:

Detail	VE 2000	YE 2010	%
Detail	YE 2009	1E 2010	Change
Patronage Dividend (\$)	\$700,000	\$700,000	0.0%
Bonus Patronage (\$)		\$500,000	100.0%
Ownership Dividend Rate	4.30%	4.35%	1.2%
Ownership Dividend (\$)	\$154,489	\$208,611	35.0%
Book Value of Class A Stock (\$ per share)	\$217.69	\$275.70	26.6%
Price to Purchase CUSO Ownership in 2010	\$99,000	\$125,000	26.3%

#### **2010 Return on Investment**

2010 Gross Income Submitted by Owners to CU\*Answers

\$ 11,934,393

(Excludes all vendor pass-throughs)

2010 Patronage Dividends Paid \$ 1,200,000

2010 Class A Stock Dividends Paid 208,611 (4.35%)

2010 Interest Paid Credit Unions on Loans 484,268 (~6.5%)

Total Revenue Returned to Credit Unions

\$ 1,892,879

#### **Return Per Total Dollars Received: \$0.1586**

\$1,892,879 ÷ \$11,934,393 (excludes vendor pass-throughs) = 15.86% return per CU\*A \$ received

## **Thinking About 2011 Year-End**

**Network revenue numbers continue to impress** 

- CU\*Answers direct revenues continue to evolve with new processes, internal capabilities, and new offerings
  - Projected for 2011:

\$32.474M

\$1,243K

\$400K

\$145K

\$40 million

❖ Just as important, CU\*Answers' influence through partnering with other CU\*BASE networks and investing in new initiatives is starting to add up

Xtend projected for 2011:

eDOC projected for 2011: \$3,787K

CU\*NW projected for 2011: \$1,991K

CU\*S projected for 2011:

Processing Alliance proj. for 2011:

**Grand total:** 

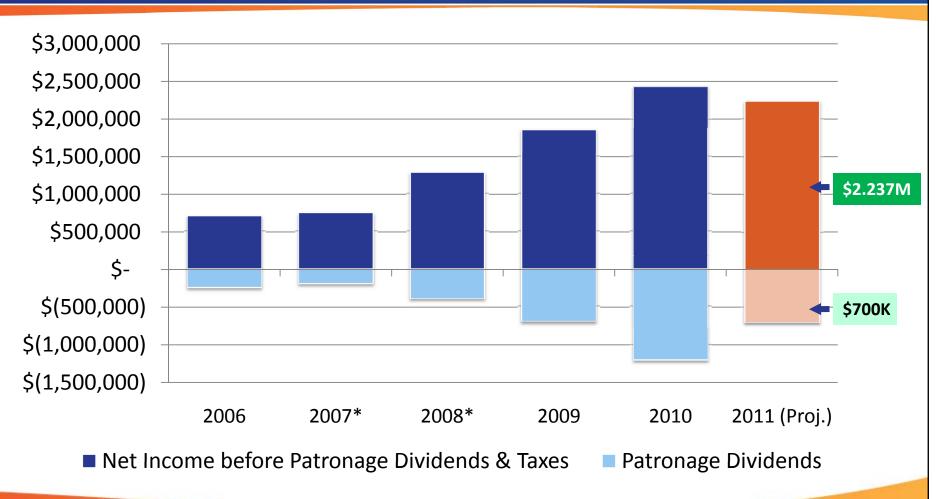
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Keeping track of all our network partners, products, and services is a real challenge

Visit www.cuasterisk.com for a running total

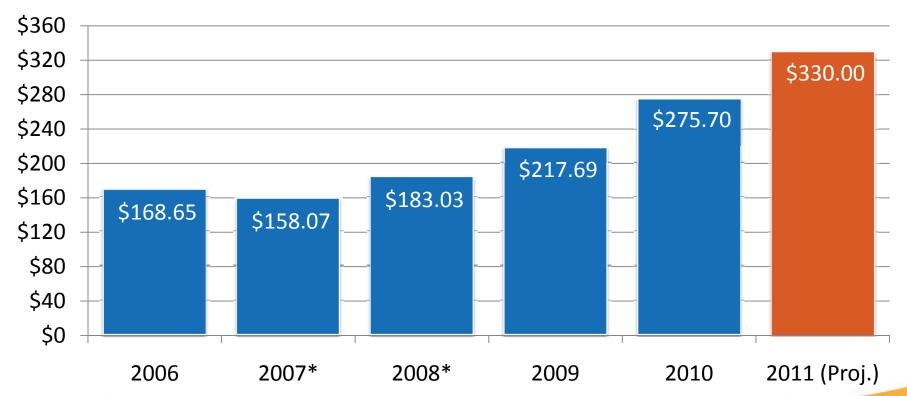
#### **Net Income & Patronage Dividends**

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



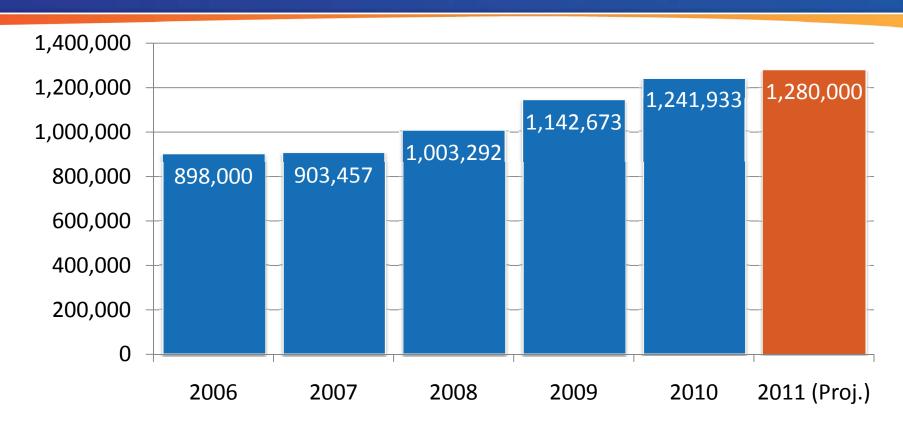
# **Projecting Shareholder Value**

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



#### **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

# Celebrating Our Customer Owner Model



Practicing as an IT operational collaborative

#### My rankings (1 being first):

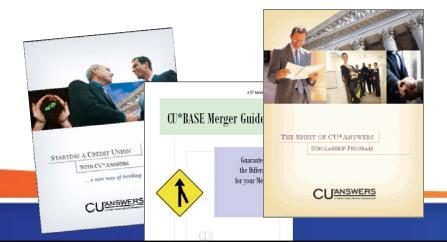
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- 2. Cooperation Among Cooperatives
- 3. Autonomy and Independence
- 4. Voluntary and Open Membership
- 5. Democratic Member Control
- 6. Member Economic Participation
- 7. Education, Training, and Information



Can we be the inspiration to business designers building their own cooperatives, practicing as a financial institution?

## **#1: Concern for Community**

- **Concern**: relate to, affect, involve, be about, have to do with, be connected with, matter, interest...
- Affiliate: associate, partner, colleague, member, link, connect, join, associate, belong to...
- Represent: stand for, symbolize, correspond to, signify, embody, epitomize, act for, speak for, stand for, stand in for...
- **Foster**: promote, further, advance, cultivate, forward, encourage, look after, care for, nurture...



Those who work in a community and drive a cooperative for that community first and foremost need to be members of that community

We are not DP professionals, we are credit union DP professionals

# **#2: Cooperation Among Cooperatives**







cuasterisk.com is

1.5 Million
Electronic Communications
with Members

each year

cuasterisk.com is

over 600
Credit Unions
Nationwide

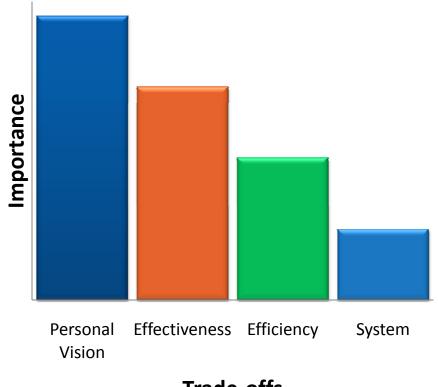
cuasterisk.com is

\$37 Billion in combined assets

We don't just ask CUs to cooperate; we walk the talk

## **#3: Autonomy and Independence**

- Whether it be our cooperative, our industry, or our country, we are strongest when we combine and aggregate as individuals
- It is our differences that allow us to choose the best from hundreds of ways to do things
- ❖ It is the passion we have for our own independent, personal vision of where we are going that gives us the strength of commitment and the power of perseverance to achieve our goals



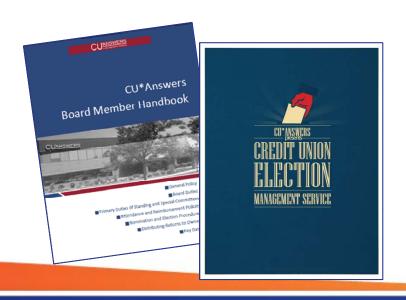
## #4: Voluntary and Open Membership

- CU\*Answers is built on patronage capital
  - Patronage and an ongoing interest to build the firm is almost more important than the monies invested in capital...success can always build capital
- For this reason, we must always welcome new owners, new ideas, new passions, and new hopes for the future with wide-open arms and a sense of equal equity from the first handshake
  - One owner, one vote...
  - Each new owner adds to the value (2.x)...
  - Equating our deal with the member's deal
  - Pricing that says "owner" before you invest



#### **#5: Democratic Member Control**

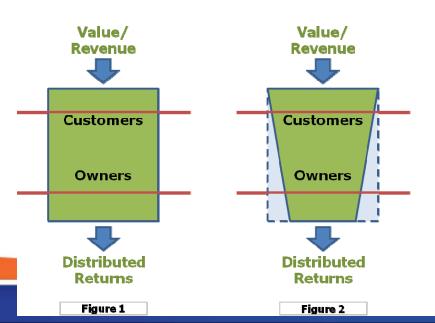
- So easily doubted by those who care too much
- So easily taken for granted by those who do not care enough
- ❖ It is for us to find a balance and build a cooperative network that can use the power of the customer's voice to truly blend with all participants in a way that yields a firm that is different from our competitors

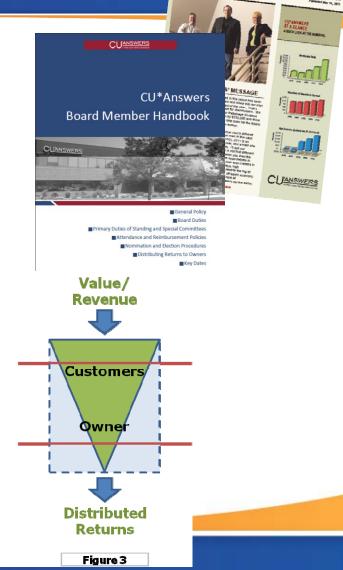




# **#6: Member Economic Participation**

- Maximizing current-year distributions
  - Target 1: Patronage Dividends
  - Target 2: Stock Dividends
- Maximizing Stockholder Value
  - Target 3: New Owners
  - Target 4: Per-Share Value





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**#7: Education, Training, and Information** 

- This principle is not just about educating the customer in the services you provide
- It's educating the customer-owner about the business that they own
- It's giving special insight to the customer-owner about both sides of the transaction, and creating a winwin empathy between the supplier and the consumer





Like a member who never becomes an owner, if you see CU\*Answers as only a data processing vendor, you're missing half the equation

# **Designing Businesses Is a Moving Target**

- ❖ We sit here tonight celebrating our partnership in an ongoing effort: an effort to build cooperatives that generate not only financial success, but also pride in a job well done
- ❖ It is my hope that over the years people will look at us and say, "You're not the businesses you used to be" – for we must adapt to the market and to our members as they move forward
- ❖ But should those people dig a little deeper, I hope they will find that we are still true to the principles of being a cooperative: **true to our members**

Thanks for another year and for allowing this business designer the chance to hone his skills

# **Election Results**



# Back upstairs!

