

# Current Volunteer Board Members



## Dr. Kamran Azimzadeh

joined Mission Fed's Volunteer Board of Directors in 2018, after serving as Chair of the Mission Fed Supervisory Committee for 26 years. Dr. Azimzadeh brings his experience of working with the Lakeside Union School District from 1988-2015, where he served as Assistant Superintendent of Business and Support Services, eventually being promoted to Deputy

Superintendent. Before joining the Lakeside Union School District, Dr. Azimzadeh worked with the San Diego Office of Education, where he held many positions, including Account Clerk, Business Assistant and finally Consultant. In 2018, he also spent a brief but effective time as the Interim Chief Business Official for the San Ysidro School District. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Business from Tehran Business College, an MBA from Texas A&M, and a DBA from W. H. Taft University.



## Lora L. Duzyk

has served on Mission Fed's Volunteer Board since 2008 and is Mission Fed Credit Union Service Organization's (CUSO) current Chair. Ms. Duzyk retired from her position as the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services at the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) with more than 30 years of experience in school business management and education

finance. Her roles included managing SDCOE budgets and business support services for the 42 San Diego school districts. In addition, Ms. Duzyk served on the California Schools Voluntary Employee Benefits Association (VEBA) and was a member of the County Treasurer's Oversight Committee. She is a past State Chair of the Business Administration Steering Committee for the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association, and was State President of the California Association of School Business Officials. Ms. Duzyk holds a BS from San Diego State University and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.



## Dr. Timothy Glover

joined Mission Fed's Board of Directors in 2023. His experience in education dates back more than 33 years, most recently as Superintendent of the Grossmont Union High School District. Dr. Glover was responsible for the administration, leadership and daily operations of the 21,000 student district grades 9-12, with another 15,000 ADA in Adult School. Prior to that he was Assistant

Superintendent of the Student Services and Programs Division at the San Diego County Office of Education. Other positions include senior director of the East County SELPA, and teacher, assistant principal, principal program manager, assistant director and director of special support services in South County. A lifelong San Diego County resident, Dr. Glover received an MS in Educational Administration from National University and a Doctor of Education in organizational management from the University of La Verne. He was Chair of CIF-SDS from 2018-2020.



## Wayne Oetken

provides more than 40 years of Mission Fed experience and commitment to his position including serving as current Chair of the Volunteer Board of Directors. He has also served on the Supervisory Committee and the Credit Union Service Organization (CUSO) Board of Directors. After retiring from his role as Assistant Superintendent of Business Services

from Cajon Valley Union School District, where he worked for 40 years, Mr. Oetken continues his career in educational administration, using his consulting expertise in a number of school districts. Mr. Oetken received a BS degree in Business Administration from National University, San Diego, and an MS degree in School Business Management from Pepperdine University, Malibu.



## Scott Patterson

joined the Mission Fed Board of Directors in 2015. He is currently the Deputy Superintendent of Business Services for the Grossmont Union High School District. Over his almost 40-year professional career, his extensive experience includes numerous leadership roles, including as the former CFO for the San Diego Unified School District, and as Business Operations Manager

at General Dynamics Corporation/Convair Division. Mr. Patterson also gives his time and expertise to the community as a member of the San Diego County Office of Education Investment Advisory Committee, and as a member of the California Interscholastic Federation San Diego Section Finance Committee. Mr. Patterson earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Arizona State University, his MBA in Finance from the University of San Diego, and a diploma in Program Management from Defense Systems Management College.



## Dr. Don Shelton

has served on Mission Fed's Board of Directors since 1998, and served as a member of the Supervisory Committee for six years. Dr. Shelton also volunteers his time on the Mission Fed Credit Union Service Organization (CUSO). Dr. Shelton served for over 25 years as the Assistant Superintendent of the Business Services Division of the San Diego County Office of Education,

responsible for budgeting, financial services, fiscal monitoring, business support, accounting, payroll, information technology, risk management and facility planning services for 42 local school districts. He was a health plan Board Member and has served on numerous statewide school business and policy committees. In addition, he was a founding member of the San Diego County Treasurer's Oversight Committee, and an adjunct professor at local universities, teaching graduate courses in school finance and school law. Dr. Shelton has a BS and an MS from San Diego State University, and an EdD from the University of Southern California.

# 2024 Election

## Volunteer Board of Directors

### Election Process

In accordance with our Federal Credit Union Bylaws, a Nominating Committee was appointed by the Chair of our Volunteer Board of Directors and this Committee did nominate at least one member for each vacancy for which elections are being held. In addition to the slate of candidates presented by the Nominating Committee, nominations for vacancies may also be made by a petition signed by 500 members. Each nominee by petition shall be 18 years of age or older, a member in good standing and must submit a brief statement of qualifications and biographical data with the signed petition and include a statement that they are agreeable to nomination and will serve if elected to office. This information must be received by the Secretary of the Board on or before April 12, 2024. For more information, please email [AndreaL@MissionFed.com](mailto:AndreaL@MissionFed.com). Our Bylaws also state that, when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled, the election will not be conducted by ballot and nominations cannot be accepted from the floor.

### Annual Meeting

This serves as notification of the Annual Meeting of Mission Fed Credit Union on Thursday, May 23, 2024, at 5:00 pm in the Mission Fed Administrative Office, 10325 Meanley Drive, San Diego, CA, 92131.



# Nominees for the 2024 Election



## Dr. Melanie Branca

has been a Volunteer Board Member since 1988, including two terms as Chair and is Professor Emeritus at Southwestern College. While serving as Professor of Mathematics at Southwestern, she focused on the

professional development of math educators, founded two junior high school mathematics academies, helped launch the California Math Council for Community Colleges (serving in a leadership role for over 10 years, with two as President) and worked on programs to reduce math anxiety among the community at large. As Adjunct Professor in San Diego State University's School of Business, she taught statistics to both undergraduate students and MBA candidates. Dr. Branca received her BA in Mathematics from the University of Pennsylvania, an MA in Mathematics from Harvard University, and a PhD in Statistics from Columbia University.

*"I have dedicated my professional career to teaching mathematics. During that time, I enjoyed helping students gain an understanding of math, whether they wanted to use it to further their own careers or to feel more confident in their own personal financial management. I have also volunteered for many years as a member of the Board of Directors of Mission Fed Credit Union, establishing credit union policies and providing guidance to the leadership team to support the mission of the credit union and the goals of our individual members. I would be honored to continue to serve our membership as a Volunteer Board Member."*



## Dr. Lupe Holguin Buell

has served on the Board of Directors since 1979, is a past Chair of the Board and chaired Mission Fed's Credit Union Service Organization. Dr. Buell is the Single Subject Bilingual Program Coordinator

in the Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education at SDSU. Prior to SDSU, she was an Adjunct Professor at Point Loma Nazarene University. Dr. Buell held leadership positions in the Cajon Valley Union School District and as Bilingual Coordinator at the San Diego County Office of Education. She has served as the Director of Financial Affairs for the California Association of Bilingual Education. An advocate for nonprofit organizations, Dr. Buell has been the Vice President of Operations on the MANA de San Diego Board of Directors and is co-chair of the Latina Success Conference. She currently serves as chair of the audit committee for Parent Institute for Quality Education (PIQE). Dr. Buell earned a BA from San Francisco State University, an MA in Education from San Diego State University, and a PhD in Education jointly conferred by Claremont Graduate University and SDSU.

*"Mission Fed was founded in 1961 to provide financial services to meet the needs of our members at every stage of their lives, and I am proud to say that we have remained true to this guiding principle. If I am re-elected, I will continue to work closely with the other Volunteer Board Members, and the leadership team to ensure that Mission Fed continues to provide the financial soundness and service excellence that our members rely on, while exploring new ways to connect with all of our members, enhance our products to meet the needs of our members as well as support other non-profit community groups. My commitment is to continue to make decisions that benefit all of our membership. Thank you for being a member!"*



## Malliga Tholandi

joined Mission Fed's Volunteer Board of Directors in 2015, serving on the Supervisory committee for six years, including two years as the Chair. Ms. Tholandi served as the Associate Superintendent of Business at the

Poway Unified School District (PUSD) for more than five years prior to which she was PUSD's Chief Financial Officer. Ms. Tholandi retired from PUSD in 2016 after more than 30 years serving the educational community with her school business expertise.

Throughout her career, Ms. Tholandi has served across several school districts and also worked at the San Diego County Office of Education as the head of Financial Accounting. In addition, Ms. Tholandi previously served on the Redevelopment Agency Oversight Board for the City of Poway, and PUSD's districtwide Foundation Board. She was also a board member and Treasurer for a San Diego Toastmasters Club. She is a member of School Business Executives and a proud recipient of the Advanced Gold Level in Communications from Toastmasters International. Ms. Tholandi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration and earned a Chief Business Official Certificate.

Ms. Tholandi is a longtime resident of the Rancho Bernardo area. While enjoying retirement, she continues to serve on boards.

*"Throughout my professional career in Finance, both in the public and the private sectors, I have always kept the community and staff as my top priority. It's the people that matter. The Volunteer Board at Mission Fed is dedicated to serving the community and we keep our members in mind while making policy and operational decisions. I would be honored to continue to serve our membership as a Volunteer Board Member."*