

# 2025 Board Elections

## Current Elections

The 2025 Provincial Credit Union elections for our Board of Directors is currently underway. Voting is open from February 18<sup>th</sup> to March 7<sup>th</sup>.

There are currently two seats open for voting.

## Meet the Candidates

Below are the candidates running in this election. A full biography of each candidate is available below.

### Charlottetown, Montague, Stella Maris and Stratford Region Nominees



Christopher  
Bulman



Jacinta  
Doiron



Jody  
Sanderson



Maggie  
MacEachern



Patricia  
Caporaso

### Malpeque Bay Region Nominees



Bill  
Drost



Dale  
Sabean



Peter  
Pidgeon

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## Candidate Biographies



**Christopher Bulman**

Christopher is a dedicated community advocate with a strong foundation in education and volunteerism. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in 1986 and a Bachelor of Education in 1987 from the University of Prince Edward Island. He raised his four children with his wife, Eva, in Miscouche, PEI. For forty years, Christopher served with the Department of Justice as an Education Consultant and Video Court Officer, with the most rewarding aspect being his work guiding at-risk youth and helping them build brighter futures.

Christopher served on the Holland College Board of Governors from 2010-2016 and completed a two-year term as a Director of the PEI Union of Public Sector Employees in the 1990s. A passionate athlete, he coached minor league sports and competed in over 160 races, including three Boston Marathons, as a member of the PEI Road Runners Club. He has also contributed to the running community by promoting inclusivity and wellness through sport, serving as a volunteer with PEI's Torch Runs for Special Olympics, and as a founding board member of the PEI Run for the Cure. Christopher's family has recently relocated to their heritage farmland in Rustico, where they preserve the land using sustainable practices like Acadian reforestation.

Christopher believes Credit Union members thrive in strong communities. If elected as Director, Christopher will advocate for local resources, promote sound governance, and support the financial well-being of members. Christopher understands the importance of ensuring all members, especially seniors, have access to equitable support in today's technological world.

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**Jacinta Doiron**

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Jacinta resides in St. Ann's with her husband, Mike, and enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren. Jacinta has worked as a Federal Public Servant with the Canada Revenue Agency for the past 25 years and has had the honour of serving as Director with the Provincial Credit Union for the past 12 years, most of those years as Corporate Secretary.

Throughout this time, she has had the opportunity to develop skills and gain experience at the leadership level while serving on many committees. Jacinta has developed qualities of being a team player and strong communicator, all while helping Provincial Credit Union achieve the goals and objectives outlined in its strategic plan.

Jacinta believes in providing the best client service to the people she interacts with, whether it be work-related or in the various volunteer roles she serves in. She is very proud to be part of the achievements Provincial Credit Union has undergone over the past many years with all the successful mergers leading to the largest credit union in Atlantic Canada.

Jacinta believes her enthusiasm, people skills, leadership qualities, and ability to adapt to change will continue to serve Provincial Credit Union well into the future. She is excited for the future of Provincial Credit Union and would be proud to continue to serve members as a director.

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Jody Sanderson

Born and raised on PEI, Jody grew up working on the Sanderson farm in York Point before pursuing a career in finance. He has 25 years of global banking experience, including 22 years with HSBC, one of the world's largest banking groups. As Managing Director and Regional Global Banking Head for five countries, he oversaw \$75 billion in credit limits and led \$250 billion in capital financings across Canada, Asia, and the Middle East.

Jody held senior executive roles on HSBC governance forums including Financial Crime, Credit Risk, Performance Review/Renumeration, and Compliance Committees, and led HSBC to be recognized by *EuroMoney* as the "Best Investment Bank" in the Middle East. This achievement resulted from his focus on talent development, governance, risk management, and innovative strategies to support businesses.

Since resettling on PEI, Jody has dedicated himself to supporting local communities. As Director/Partner of IHD Holdings, he helped develop the successful Royalty West Project, emphasizing affordable housing. Jody is also the Founder/CEO of Sanderson Capital, specializing in financing small businesses, advisory services, and real estate investments. He is involved in the community through the North River Minor Hockey Association, the Cornwall Curling Club, and Standardbred Canada.

Being part of the Provincial Credit Union board would be deeply meaningful to Jody; it represents an opportunity to use his global experience to support the people and communities he cares about most. Jody is passionate about contributing to the financial well-being of members and helping PCU thrive in its mission to empower individuals, businesses and communities across PEI.

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**Maggie MacEachern**

Maggie is a Project Coordinator on the People, Programs, and Policy team at the Canadian Red Cross, where she supports organizational initiatives, policy development, and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) projects. Her expertise in data visualization, SharePoint management, and survey analysis provides actionable insights that drive executive decision-making.

Outside of work, she volunteers with PEI Ground Search and Rescue, co-chairing a federally funded project on recruitment, retention, and training. This experience has strengthened her leadership, collaboration, and strategic planning skills. In addition to holding a BSc degree, she is certified in ICS 300, equipping her with advanced knowledge of managing complex incidents and leading organizations in high-pressure situations.

Maggie is a proud member of the Provincial Credit Union and understands the essential role credit unions play in financial empowerment and community well-being. Contributing to the public good has been a cornerstone of her professional and volunteer pursuits. Maggie is committed to making decisions that positively impact society, enhance quality of life, and promote a more just and sustainable world.

As a candidate for the Board of Directors, Maggie aims to champion innovation, financial inclusion, and sustainable practices. She brings a results-driven mindset, governance experience, and a deep commitment to advancing the mission and values of the Provincial Credit Union.

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**Patricia Caporaso**

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Patricia resides with her husband in Clinton, PEI, and has been a member of the Provincial Credit Union since she moved to Prince Edward Island seven years ago. She has gained valuable leadership experience in her role as one of the world's top equine nutritionists, as well as global director for the world's largest animal nutrition firm. More recently, she has been an entrepreneur, founding ynSyte, a collaborative decision-making digital platform. In 2019, Patricia became an executive with Hilburg Associates with responsibilities in board governance.

Patricia is a graduate of Wharton, Yale, and Columbia's governance programs, speaks four languages (Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English), and holds a master's degree in both Agronomic Engineering and in Political Economy.

For the past six years, Patricia has served on the Executive Committee of the Island Nature Trust, including serving as Chair of Governance, Nominating, and Land Acquisition Committee. In addition, Patricia has served on the boards of Cobram Estate and the University of California, Davis.

As an inquiry-driven leader, Patricia truly believes that questions are the keys that unlock the doors to knowledge and collective understanding. She believes the best way to shape the future is to lose oneself in the services of others.

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**Bill Drost**

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Bill was born and raised on a small family farm and understands the struggles of the small business and farming industries. He worked many jobs to put himself through university including cab driver and disc jockey. Bill's career experiences are varied and range from big agribusiness, to government, and now entrepreneurship. For the last 15 years he has owned and operated Bay Winds Consulting, an engineering company supporting construction and other business sectors. In his previous career, Bill also served PEI as a senior government official for 15 years as Deputy Minister and other senior positions.

Bill has served as a councilor for the Resort Municipality. In addition, he has served as board member for the New London Fire Company and the Kensington Club, the President, Councilor, and Committee Chair for Engineers PEI, and sat on the Host Committee for Atlantic Midget Champions.

Since credit unions merged, Bill has witnessed and spoken to others about the transformation of branch operations. Some changes undoubtedly have been positive. Bill voted in favor of the merger. Other changes may have had unintended consequences whereby local decision-making has been centralized and branch staff have been negatively impacted and left with limited service and transactional roles.

If elected, Bill will always consider the impacts on the local branches as a primary consideration. Bill is grateful for the opportunity to be considered for a seat on Provincial Credit Union's Board of Directors.

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**Dale Sabeau**

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Dale has enjoyed an extensive range of administrative and supervisory responsibilities in his many years of service to the Public Sector. He has worked as a Superintendent, Director of Corporate Services-Human Resources, Property Services, and Pupil Transportation, Director of Operations-Property Services & Transportation, as well as a school system and school-based administrator. These experiences have provided him with the knowledge, understanding, and skills to assume a more recent role in Transportation and Property Services with the Public Schools Branch. Today, Dale works as a private consultant for the Public Schools Branch.

Dale believes his expertise would be a good fit for the role of Provincial Credit Union Board of Directors. In his previous roles, he has demonstrated superior judgment and decision-making competencies, a high level of financial expertise, well-developed negotiation skills, and participation and leadership in developing plans and strategies for organizational growth.

Dale joined as a member of the Teacher's Plus Credit Union, Nova Scotia in 1971 and became a member of the Provincial Credit Union in 2024. He holds a Master of Educational Administration degree from the University of Alberta and has had countless in-service training sessions. This, along with his 40+ years of experience in active public service make him a good candidate for Provincial Credit Union's Board of Directors.

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**Peter Pidgeon**

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Peter has been a member of the Provincial Credit Union since 2011 and has served on the Board of Directors of the Provincial Credit Union for the past four years. Peter resides in the community of Springbrook, PEI and he and his wife have three children and seven grandchildren.

He has been involved in several community organizations, serving as an executive of the PEI Fisherman's Association. Over the years, he has also taken on multiple roles on the French River Harbour Authority including President, Treasurer, and Secretary. In addition, Peter has been involved with the New London Fire Department for twenty years acting as a Board of Directors, firefighter, and Fire Chief for a time.

Peter has been self-employed as a fisherman for 40 years. Over this time, he has seen many changes come to the community and knows there will be more changes ahead. Peter enjoys working with people and continuously endeavors to make his community a great place to live. One of the main reasons Peter is running for the Board of Directors position at the Provincial Credit Union is to help ensure future generations will have a viable, successful financial institution to trust. Peter is grateful for the opportunity to continue serving on the Board of Directors with the Provincial Credit Union.

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