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Ms. Hyland serves as the Executive Director for the National Credit Union Foundation (the Foundation), the philanthropic and social responsibility leader of America's credit union movement. The Foundation raises funds, makes grants, manages programs, and provides education empowering consumers to achieve financial freedom through credit unions.

Donations to the Foundation enable credit unions to help their members reach life-changing goals. Through the Foundation's grants and programs, credit unions create greater access to affordable financial services, provide widespread financial education, and empower more consumers to save, build assets, and own homes.

Prior to her work with the Foundation, Ms. Hyland served as a Board member of the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), the independent federal agency created by the U.S. Congress to regulate, charter and supervise federal credit unions. With the backing of the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government, NCUA operates and manages the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund, insuring the deposits of nearly 94 million account holders in all federal credit unions and the overwhelming majority of state-chartered credit unions.

During her seven-year tenure on the NCUA Board, Ms. Hyland spearheaded a number of key initiatives including co-authoring a policy white paper on supplemental capital and a report on credit unions' outreach to people of modest means. She also directed the translation of NCUA's consumer facing website, MyCreditUnion.gov, into Spanish. During the financial crisis of 2008-2010, she provided strategic leadership, policy direction and execution of extraordinary initiatives and regulatory changes to respond to the failure of the four largest corporate (wholesale) credit unions. An innovator and strategic thinker, Ms. Hyland initiated the use of webinar technology at NCUA and fostered direct communication with examiners and regional offices at the agency to assure alignment of policy decisions and examination practice.

Ms. Hyland served as NCUA's representative on the NeighborWorks® America Board of Directors. NeighborWorks® America is one of the country's preeminent leaders in affordable housing and community development. She served as Chairman of the Board, Chair of the Corporate Administration Committee, Chair of the CEO Search Committee and a member of the Audit Committee. She also served as the NCUA Board liaison to the World Council of Credit Unions (WOCCU), the National Association of State Chartered Union Supervisors and the International Credit Union Regulators' Network.



Prior to joining the NCUA Board, Ms. Hyland's career spanned fourteen years serving the credit union community as an executive, attorney and advocate. She served as SVP, General Counsel for Empire Corporate FCU in Albany, NY, VP, Corporate Credit Union Relations at the Credit Union National Association; and Managing Partner of the family law firm, Hyland and Hyland. A graduate of the College of William and Mary with a B.A. in comparative literature, Ms. Hyland also earned her J.D. from George Mason University School of Law and an Advanced Diploma in International Law from McGeorge School of Law. Hyland also earned her Credit Union Development Educator (CUDE) designation in 1994.

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