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NEW CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE BOARD TAKE OFFICE AT FCUL'S ANNUAL CONVENTION; NEW PROCEDURE ADOPTED TO CHOOSE FCUL BOARD

Tallahassee—The 72nd annual Florida Credit Union League Convention and Exposition was held last week in Orlando, Florida and the Board of Directors have chosen their table officers for the 2006-07 term. Elected chairman was John Hirabayashi, President/CEO of Community First Credit Union of Florida. He succeeds Trudy Prince, President/CEO of Central Florida HealthCare FCU

Also chosen as table officers for the League were: Richard Helber, a volunteer board member of GTE FCU of Tampa as chairman-elect. Chris Brooks, volunteer board member of Gulf Winds FCU, was reelected as treasurer; Allen Upchurch, President/CEO of Harvesters FCU, was selected as secretary and Mary Wood, President/CEO of Florida West Coast CU, was chosen as executive officer at-large. All of the table officers assumed their new roles immediately following the FCUL Annual Meeting, which took place on June 15, 2006.

In other news of note, the FCUL Board of Directors adopted a by-law amendment that changes the way members of the FCUL board are selected. The new procedure provides for membership on the board to be determined by the membership size of credit unions. Four different membership groups are created and three board members from each group will be elected. An additional board member, for a total of 13, will be elected at-large. The membership classes are: Class A, 1-4,999 members; Class B, 5,000-29,999; Class C, 30,000-74,999; Class D, 75,000 and more. Each class is guaranteed to have three members.

A phased-in process will continue board members elected under the old method of geographical representation for the next several years until all members will be chosen by the new method. The new proposal was adopted by an overwhelming majority at the annual meeting held on June 15.

A picture of the new executive board is attached. From left to right they are: Rich Helber, GTE FCU, chairman-elect; Allen Upchurch, Harvesters FCU, secretary; Chris Brooks, Gulf Winds FCU, treasurer; John Hirabayashi, Community First CU of Florida, chairman; Mary Wood CCUE, Florida West Coast CU, executive officer at-large.