



Member Notification

The 89th Annual Business Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at 5 p.m. at the Centris Headquarters building, 13120 Pierce Street, in Omaha. Three positions are up for election in 2024, and the nomination committee has selected three candidates for the three, three-year terms on the Board. We look forward to seeing you at the 89th Annual Meeting.

Nominations by Petition

Nominations for vacancies may also be made by petition. The petition must be signed by 500 Centris members to be valid. Valid petition nominations must be filed at: Attn: Katie Braga; Centris Federal Credit Union; 13120 Pierce Street, Omaha, NE 68144. Petition nominations must be received in person or postmarked by Thursday, Jan. 25, 2024. Petition forms and more information about the petition process can be obtained by contacting Katie Braga, executive assistant at kbraga@centrisfcu.org. Please use "Centris Petition Nomination" in the subject line of your email request.

Voting Procedures

An election will not be conducted by ballot, and there will be no nominations from the floor, when there is only one nominee for each position to be filled. If a petition for nomination is submitted, an election by ballot would take place with each qualified member of Centris who is at least 18 years of age receiving a ballot by mid-February. Ballots would be mailed to the address listed on your account. Complete instructions would be included in each mail ballot packet.

Candidate Bios

Paul Elofson

Paul is an experienced member of the Centris Board of Directors, previously serving as chair and currently serving as secretary of the Board. He is engaged in the practice of law at the Fitzgerald Schorr PC law firm and has been an attorney in Omaha since 1980. His practice consists of representing small and large businesses and individuals with an emphasis on business and real estate transactions, commercial litigation and estate planning.

Paul graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from Nebraska Wesleyan University in 1977. He earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Nebraska College of Law in 1980.

In addition to his law practice, Paul has served as a member of the adjunct faculty at Metropolitan Community College, teaching business law. He regularly lectures on various business-related topics. In the past, Paul was also a Boy Scout leader and a coach for the Millard Athletic Association.

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Kelly JC Koch

Kelly has been a Centris member since 2014 with Centris being his primary financial institution. In 2023, the Centris Board of Directors appointed Kelly to serve as an associate director.

Kelly has been employed by Central States Health and Life Co. of Omaha (CSO) since 1989. In his current position as vice president, new business and product development, Kelly supports CSO sales efforts in the financial channels. Kelly has considerable understanding of the consumer lending market as a previous consumer loan officer for Household Finance and from his experiences with CSO. Before CSO, Kelly taught at Benson High School in the business department and was part of the Benson coaching staff. Kelly's diverse work experience brings excellent consumer and finance insight to the Board.

Kelly earned a Bachelor of Science degree in vocational business education from the University of Nebraska-Kearney. He enjoys playing golf and is an active supporter of both Nebraska and Creighton athletics.

Lenny Swanger

Lenny has over 30 years of banking and credit union experience, including ten years with the FDIC as a bank examiner and eight years as director of audit services at Centris Federal Credit Union. He also spent 14 years in audit, consulting and anti-fraud leadership roles at Blue Cross Blue Shield Nebraska and Lincoln Financial Group.

Lenny has built a career as an accomplished professional, providing enterprise-wide risk analysis, regulatory compliance evaluations and consultations, credit risk reviews and assessments of organizational, operational and corporate governance for financial institutions. This diverse work experience is excellent for a Board role in directing and controlling the affairs of a financial organization and ensuring its effective and efficient management of operations.

Lenny is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and holds multiple professional certifications related to the roles he has held. Lenny has also served on various volunteer boards and committees such as the Better Business Bureau and as chairman of the Douglas County, NE audit committee.

