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Credit union announces new board member, new board appointment

CLINTON TOWNSHIP, Mich. – The Board of Directors at FreeStar Financial Credit Union elected Jonel Jakupi to its board and appointed Jeffrey Bruss as secretary at the March 16 board meeting.

Jakupi, who resides in Troy, Mich., earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from Wayne State University and a Master of Science in Accountancy and a Master of Business Administration, both from Walsh College. Jakupi works for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles in Auburn Hills as a controller and has served in various leadership and accounting positions over the previous 12 years.

"Jon's extensive background in finance, accounting and leadership are attributes that will add diversification to the FreeStar Financial Board of Directors," said Drema Isaac, President and CEO. "Jon was our top candidate from a very qualified group of applicants, and we look forward to his contribution to our strategic planning and his leadership."

Bruss, a board member since 2012, will serve as secretary. Bruss, who works as an attorney and is a partner at Stewart and Bruss PC in Macomb County, earned his Juris Doctor from Thomas M. Cooley Law School and a Bachelor of Science in English from Central Michigan University. "I am grateful to Jeff for his contributions and expertise to the Board thus far and that he has taken on additional responsibilities to become the Board Secretary," added Isaac.

Our volunteer board is one of the unique differences that separate credit unions from other financial institutions. "Our Board of Directors generously volunteer their time and expertise to serve our members and provide oversight," added Isaac. "All our Board of Directors exemplify the credit union philosophy of 'people helping people' by generously volunteering their time to serve."

FreeStar Financial Credit Union is a full-service financial institution since 1957 serving members in 10 counties in Southeast Michigan and all military throughout the state.