

Biography

William E. Birnie

President/CEO Pacific Marine Credit Union



Bill Birnie holds a BBA degree with an emphasis in Finance and Banking as well as an MBA with an emphasis in International Business from National University. Bill has more than 25 years of experience within the Credit Union movement which began when volunteered for service on the Supervisory Committee at Pacific Marine Credit Union in 1988. He served eight years on the Committee, six of those years as Chairman. In addition, Bill served one year on the Board of Directors but had to resign due to military commitments.

Upon his retirement from the U.S. Marine Corps as a Sergeant Major in 1997, Bill accepted the position of Internal Auditor at Pacific Marine CU. In 2004 he was promoted to Vice President Finance and Risk Management responsible for the full spectrum of financial matters as well as the leadership of the Accounting, Risk Management, Facilities and Item Processing Departments. In 2007 he was selected as the President/CEO for Eagle Community CU, and led that Credit Union until his selection as the President/CEO of Pacific Marine CU in August 2015. He is a “Highest Honors” graduate of Western CUNA Management School and recipient of the Charles Clark Memorial award as well as the SCCUA’s inaugural Collaborator of the Year Award.

His previous industry involvement includes service as Chairman of the CUES Council Board for Southern California and Nevada, Chairman of the CU4K Advisory Board for the Children’s Hospital of Orange County, Steering Committee Member of the Southern California Credit Union Alliance, and served on the Board of Directors for the California Credit Union League. He is currently a member of the Political Action Committee at the California Credit Union League, Treasurer on the Board of Directors of the Camp Pendleton Historical Society, a member of the San Diego Political Action Committee, a Board member of the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, and has served as a faculty member at Western CUNA Management School since 2008, and was appointed as a member of the Board of Directors of the Defense Credit Union Council in February 2016.