



Nominating Committee Selects Two Candidates

The Nominating Committee for Thrivent Federal Credit Union's 2019 Election has nominated the following candidates for two open positions on the board of directors. There are two seats up for election that have regular three year terms. Please review their business and life skills and how their leadership can contribute to the oversight of the credit union and to our mission. Please note that you are not being asked to vote at this time.

Todd H. Sipe

President & CEO

Thrivent Federal Credit Union

Todd Sipe has served as President and CEO of Thrivent Federal Credit Union since December 2012. In this role, he oversees the credit union and has overall leadership and profit and loss responsibility for all credit union functions. Todd is responsible for developing organizational strategies and ensuring their successful execution.

Todd was President, CEO and Chairman of the Board at Thrivent Financial Bank from 2006 to 2012. Prior to joining Thrivent Financial Bank, Todd held several executive positions, including VP of member services for US Federal Credit Union and executive and senior VP positions with Bremer Bank.

Todd became a member of the Thrivent Federal Credit Union Board of Directors in 2012. He has served as director on the boards of Thrivent Financial Bank, the Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance and the Minnesota Home Ownership Center, and is the past president of two church councils including Calvary Lutheran Church in Alexandria, MN and Shepherd of the Valley in Apple Valley, MN. Todd holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead.

Todd and his wife, Barb, reside in Prior Lake, Minnesota. They are the parents of four children and three grandchildren. They currently attend Berean Baptist Church in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Elena Ochian

Director of Couples & Money Segment

Thrivent Financial

As the Director of the Couples & Money segment at Thrivent, Elena brings their mission to life by enabling couples to build resilience in their relationships and make wise money decisions. She serves as the leader for the Prepare/Enrich business unit and programs that are focused on serving at the intersection of Love & Money. Additionally, Elena serves on Prepare/Enrich board of directors.

In previous roles at Thrivent, Elena led departments that provided strategy and implementation of financial professionals and field management compensation and incentives programs, and benefits for the entire workforce. She also served as an internal business consultant partnering with executive leaders on key strategy projects, including assessing feasibility of mergers and acquisitions for the banking segment.

Prior to joining Thrivent, Elena worked as a brand management consultant and lead research projects on new product development.

Elena earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Marketing and holds a Masters of Business Administration in Finance and Strategy from the University of Minnesota.

Elena is originally from Romania and is passionate about teaching Romanian lessons to kids. She and her husband, Lucian, have a young son and enjoy taking road trips through the national parks.