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New CUES Governance Toolkit Equips CUs to Lead with Confidence and Clarity

MADISON, Wis. —August 19, 2025—CUES is proud to introduce <u>CUES Governance Toolkit</u>, a self-paced, five-part learning series designed to elevate credit union governance through practical, expert-led resources.

"Strong credit union governance is more than compliance; it's key to building member trust, navigating regulatory change and enabling growth and stability," said Dawn Abely, CUES SVP/Chief Sales & Member Relations Officer. "CUES Governance Toolkit equips credit union boards with the strategic insights and practical tools they need to lead with confidence—directly strengthening their ability to serve their communities and achieve their strategic goals."

CUES Governance Toolkit is free to Unlimited+ members and available for purchase for nonmembers and other CUES members. The learning series includes expert-led videos, workbooks, tools, and valuable resources on five essential topics:

- Board Communications
- Board and Committee Chairs
- New Director Orientations
- Strategy-Forward Agendas
- Best-Practice Board and Committee Minutes

CUES Governance Toolkit was developed by <u>Stabilization Central Credit Union</u>, leveraging their expertise in credit union regulation, risk management and governance. Their broad understanding was used to incorporate diverse perspectives in the toolkit, while making sure that it is relevant and practical for credit unions of all sizes—and their boards. The quality of this toolkit was evidenced when the Governance Professionals of Canada

honored Stabilization Central with an award for Board and Director Effectiveness for their work on this toolkit.

"Stabilization Central is really excited to partner with CUES to help credit unions deal with increased regulatory expectation, starting with our award-winning governance resources that have been tailored-made to support credit union boards," said Bill Corbett, CEO, Stabilization Central Credit Union.

The modules were built in partnership with Sylvia Groves, FCG, Acc. Dir., President of Governance Studio, an award-winning governance expert and author of AAA+ Minutes. With decades of experience helping boards improve how they lead and top management to enhance how they operate, Groves crafted the modules to meet busy schedules and diverse learning styles, with content designed for optimal retention.

"Board members are often the unsung heroes of credit union success," said Groves.

"They're responsible for setting strategy, ensuring accountability and guiding the organization forward—while juggling full-time careers or other commitments. Top management are often tasked with implementing the improvements. These modules are easy to follow, highly practical, and deliver real value—helping board members become more effective, efficient, and impactful from day one."

To coincide with the launch, CUES is offering an Early Access promotion; nonmember credit unions that join now for 2026 will start receiving their benefits immediately, including access to the CUES Governance Toolkit for those who purchase <u>Unlimited+ Membership</u>.

"This is the ideal time to join CUES," said Abely. "The best value will go to those who join now, since they will get an extra four to five months of membership at no additional cost. The sooner you join, the more value you receive."

CUES Governance Toolkit is available to everyone at a credit union which has purchased or accessed it through their Unlimited+ Membership.

As part of the new partnership, Groves will be offering governance consulting services through CUES. Learn more by emailing governance@cues.org.

Learn more about CUES Governance Toolkit here. Learn more about CUES at cues.org.

About CUES

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