

BIO Information for 2018 Board of Directors Nominee – Russ Kamphuis



Russ Kamphuis was born in Fond du Lac, WI in 1947. He grew up on his parents' dairy farm along with three sisters and one brother. Russ graduated from Waupun High School in 1965 and went on to attend the University of Wisconsin in Whitewater for two years.

In 1968, Russ took an entry level position at a local community bank in his hometown and eagerly learned every position in a bank during an era when all the work was done on paper ledgers and posting machines – i.e. – no computers! As he learned more about banking and attending banking schools he began to teach banking courses offered by the American Institute of Banking to hundreds of young people yearning to learn more about the profession.

Because of his knowledge and experience he was offered numerous banking opportunities and in 1985 he was offered his first Bank Presidency position in yet another community bank in central Wisconsin. The bank needed a great deal of corrective action to survive and Russ saved this bank and a small-town community bank from failing. As happy as that experience was for Russ it also made him into an individual the banking regulators looked to for assistance with other banks in financial trouble. During his career he worked for four banks and was the President & CEO of four other Banks. Because of Russ' love for banking, he looked forward to every day as a new challenge and new opportunities. He retired from his last Presidency at the end of 2012 though he remains active with that Bank currently serving on its Board of Directors.

During Russ' career he has served as President on numerous volunteer community boards including: Fond du Lac County Economic Development Corp., Lutheran Homes and Health Services, and South Hills Golf & Country Club to name a few.

Russ married his wife Sue in 1975 and raised two sons. His oldest son is now the President of the bank Russ retired from and his youngest son lives in Newport Beach, CA as a regional sales manager for a national sales organization. Russ & Sue now have seven grandchildren who they are all very proud of.

Russ & Sue purchased their first Green Valley home in 2016 and purchased another home in Madera Reserve in 2017. This is Russ' first year as a member of BAJA, but is extremely excited about the many opportunities that BAJA offers.

Because of his background, Russ feels confident that he can provide strong leadership as a BAJA Board member, especially in the area of financial reporting and planning.