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Samuel Ayiefor

I have been a postman since 2005, working at Nuneaton DO before moving to Coventry North DO. Whilst working as a postman, I also undertook a postgraduate degree in business administration specialising in Risk and Management Controls, which I completed in 2010. During this time I have also been a member of Commsave and was privileged to join the Audit Risk Sub Committee (ARSC) in 2017 where, as the Vice Chairman with a lot of experience supporting multinational organisations, I have been valuable in supporting the good governance of Commsave and in the interest of members. As a director, I believe I will be able to do more for Commsave, especially supported by my skills, knowledge and experience.

Mohammed Braimah

Director

Mohammed Braimah has been a Director since 2009. Currently he works for Royal Mail at the Greenford Mail Centre in Greenford in, London. He has been working for Royal Mail since 2001 and has been a member of the Credit Union Since 2008.

Experience

Mohammed has held various positions on the board which has equipped him with wide range of skills. Below are the positions held to date:

- Treasurer – current
- Chairperson
- Vice Chairperson
- Secretary

With the wide range of skills, Knowledge of the Postal Sector and a Finance background, he is able to bring that knowledge for the execution of the strategic objectives of the Credit Union.

Achievements

Over the course of his Directorship, Mohammed Braimah achieved the following qualifications within the Credit Union Sector:

Fundamentals in Corporate Treasury – Association of Corporate Treasurers (Ongoing)

Certificate in Credit Union Professional Conduct. - London Institute of Banking and Finance (2017)

Abcul Academy -

Award in Credit Union Practice – Ifs School of Finance (2010)

Credit Union Foundation

Development Education (2012)

Education

Mohammed graduated from the University of West London with a Bachelor of Arts in Accounting and Finance

My aspirations for Commsave are, to see it grow continuously and to ensure competitive dividends are paid whilst protecting the interest of members.

If re-elected, I will continue to use my knowledge and experience in collaboration with my colleagues to strategically position the Commsave to ensure its continuous growth and to also protect the interest of members at all times.

Mohamed Dawo

When I became a member of Commsave Credit Union about a decade ago, I realised that it is not only the easiest and most convenient way to save but also the best way to borrow.

I have worked for Royal Mail for more than sixteen years. I have been a CWU Rep for about seven years and a Commsave Rep for about six months and signed up many new members.

Professionally, I am a Research Scientist accredited with many publications in highly-rated scientific journals, some of these are accessible on the Internet. I have many years of experience as Consultant and Director of Research in Agriculture and Rural Development and have done many presentations in Conferences in these fields. These roles have enabled me to develop skills in management, planning, financing, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation.

University qualifications: BSc Honours degree, various postgraduate qualifications including one in Agricultural Co-operatives and a PhD (Doctor of Philosophy), Leeds University.

Professional affiliations: Zoological Society of London, Society of Experimental Biology, Octopus - Sub Committee of CODATA, the Committee on Data of the International Science Council which is responsible for Mining Space and Terrestrial Data for Improved Weather, Climate and Agriculture predictions.

I have been a potential Director after the last AGM in 2020 and I took part in the July Board Meeting as an observer. I am currently pursuing the ABCUL Academy training for Directors.

I hope to bring in my experience to the Board if elected as Director. Thank you.

William Kari

I would like to stand for the board membership position. I am seeking your support and vote. I have been a Commsave Rep at (National Distribution Centre) in Northampton for Royal Mail for many years and recruiting new members for the Commsave . I am a people's person, who welcomes and kept people informed about our offers by speaking to individuals, groups, and Families.

I also was one of two founders who made a successful magazine for Royal Mail at NDC. In addition, I successfully advertised our CommSave and recruited many new members, which achieved the goals as a rep.

We were so successful that we won the Royal Mail Chairman's award and the magazine went national advertising Commsave on the 500 years of the Royal Mail anniversary. I have been working with the top management for the past 9 years on different projects.

I was actively involved in the (World Class Mail) group this job included working alongside staff on the floor and management in developing new structures for the future of the business.

I have a qualification in the subject of Economics and Politics, ABCUL Training Management 1, 2, 3 for the board. If I get this opportunity I will bring my skills and experience to the board, this includes quality & efficiency of products. I would like to be involved and offer my support to the Commsave board on the efficiency of the business and supporting strategy program for the future of the Commsave.

Rose Owusu

I have been a volunteering Director at Commsave Credit Union since 2017, because I believe it is an ethical organisation aiming to provide fair financial services to its members.

I have gained in-depth knowledge and experience of the credit union sector and Commsave through board participation. I have also attended conferences and undertaken ABCUL academy courses which has further enriched my knowledge and passion. With my education background in Business Management & Public Policy, Level 5 Diploma in Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) and an MBA in Business, I have gained excellent organisational and communication skills. I aim to bring these skills to the role of volunteering director, as well as always sharing knowledge of good practice with the rest of my team.

I would like to be re-elected to continue to work with the board of directors to achieve Commsave's strategic objectives and provide members with exceptional service, whilst simultaneously analysing both internal and external factors to maximise Commsave's productivity.

Working in HR for over 8 years within educational and the Charity sector, I can work with individuals from different cultures and backgrounds. These are transferrable skills I believe will support the Board as Commsave continue to grow and expand its services. My overall approach is to continuously commit to a proactive and efficient working attitude, teamed with an admirable work ethic. I will contribute an exceptionally high standard of work in alignment with Commsave's mission and objectives.