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Financial Beginnings welcomes two new board members

PORTLAND, Ore., November 5, 2013—Financial Beginnings, a Portland-based nonprofit that provides financial education programs, is pleased to welcome MacGregor Hall, President of Deschutes Investment Consultants, and Amy Nelson, Co-CEO and Chief Operating Officer at Point West Credit Union to its board of directors.



Hall is the President of Deschutes Investment Consulting, a Portland based firm of experienced professionals, specializing in corporate retirement plan management and individual wealth advice. Hall has spent the last 25 years helping companies implement retirement plan benefit programs that help their employees become more financially secure and prepared for retirement, through education and advice. Hall has a BS degree in Finance from the University of Oregon and a Certified Investment Management Analyst (CIMA) designation through the Investment Management Consultants Association/Wharton Executive Education Program.

Hall said “I am excited to join the Board of Directors because I fully support the work that Financial Beginnings is doing to help our future work force learn how to manage their financial affairs.”



Nelson is a dedicated credit union professional currently serving as Co-CEO and Chief Operating Officer at Point West Credit Union in Portland, where she oversees human resources, technology, marketing, and member services. During the recent economic crisis, Nelson played a pivotal leadership role, restoring the credit union’s net worth and creating a strong and revitalized member-owned institution. Prior to joining Point West, she specialized in human resources at Advantis Credit Union. Nelson received her BA in Journalism and Communication from Pacific University in Forest Grove. In addition, she has received her HR Management Certificate from Linfield College and her certification as a Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR).

Nelson said “I am thrilled to be able to take my volunteer efforts at Financial Beginnings to the next level and further the partnership between Point West and Financial Beginnings.”

About Financial Beginnings

Formed in 2005 and based in Portland, OR, Financial Beginnings is a nonprofit organization that provides free financial education programs throughout the Pacific Northwest. Financial Beginnings’ largest program educates youth and young adults in the basics of personal finance through visits to schools or community groups. Financial Beginnings’ courses incorporate all aspects of personal finance to provide individuals the foundation needed to make informed financial decisions. More information is available at www.financialbeginnings.org.