

Ascend Schedules 75th Annual Meeting & Board of Directors Election

Meeting to be held Saturday, March 21, 2026, at 1 p.m.

The Nominating Committee for the Ascend Board of Directors has submitted nominations for three Board seats to be filled in 2026. Biographical data on nominees P. David Elrod, Ramon J. Guzman, and Anthony J. Taylor are included.

Nominations by petition must be submitted to the secretary of the Board of Directors no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, to qualify. Nominations by petition must be signed by 1% of the membership (minimum of 20 and maximum of 500 signatures). Biographical data and a signed "Notice of Willingness to Serve" must accompany petitions.

Blank petitions and "Notice of Willingness to Serve" forms may be obtained by contacting the Ascend marketing team at mktg@ascend.org. In the event that no nominating petitions are filed by the general membership, nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee will be elected by acclamation. In this case, according to the by-laws, a mail ballot is not required.

Nominations will not be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting if there is at least one nominee for each position to be filled.

The results of the 2026 Annual Election will be announced at the 75th Annual Meeting, scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, March 21, and will be held in the Apollo Conference Room at Ascend Headquarters in Tullahoma.



RAMON J. GUZMAN

3 Year Term

EMPLOYMENT

- CEO, SwitchPoint Ventures, 2018 – present
- SVP/Analytics, Intermedix/R1, 2017 – 2018
- Chairman/CEO, WPC Healthcare, 2012 – 2017
- Microsoft Corporation, 2002 – 2012
- Venture Technologies/Freeliant, Inc., 2001 – 2002
- Dialogic Communication Corp, 2000 – 2001
- Network Admin/Information Systems Manager, US Army, 1997 – 2000

EDUCATION

- AS, Kaplan University, 2003
- US Army, 1998

EXPERIENCE

- Member Ascend FCU, 2020 – present
- Board of Directors, 2021 – present
- Associate Board Member, 2020 – 2021



P. DAVID ELROD

3 Year Term

EMPLOYMENT

- Dean, Raymond B. Jones College of Engineering, Lipscomb University, 2018 – present
- Sverdrup Technology/Jacobs Engineering, 1995 – 2018
- Vice President, Business Development/Technical Fellow, 2016 – 2018
- Regional Vice President, Business Development, 2000 – 2016
- Vice President (Jacobs) and General Manager, Aerospace Testing Alliance, 2000 – 2011
- Deputy General Manager, AEDC Group, 1997 – 2000
- Deputy Director, Technology & Development Facility, AEDC Group, 1995 – 1997
- Manager, Space Technology Dept. and Scene Generator
- Test Capability, Project Management Office, Micro Craft Technology – Calspan/AEDC, 1989 – 1995
- Senior Lead Engineer & Research Project Engineer, Calspan/AEDC, 1982 – 1989

EDUCATION

- PhD, Industrial and Systems Engineering and Engineering Management, 1999, University of Alabama, Huntsville
- MS, Engineering Management, 1988, University of Tennessee Space Institute
- BS, Physics, 1977, David Lipscomb College

EXPERIENCE

- Member Ascend FCU, 1979 – present
- Board Member, 2020 – present
 - Board Secretary, 2021 – present
- Associate Board Member, 2019 – 2020



ANTHONY J. TAYLOR

3 Year Term

EMPLOYMENT

- Retired Manager, Human Resources, National Aerospace Solutions
- Manager, Benefits & Development, Aerospace Testing Alliance
- Manager Personnel Deployment, Aerospace Testing Alliance
- Manager, Benefits, Aerospace Testing Alliance
- Sr. Manager, Human Resources, Aerospace Center Support
- Human Resources Management Specialist, Aerospace Center Support
- Manager, Human Resources, SSI
- Compensation / Benefits Administrator, SSI,

EDUCATION

- JD, 1979, Nashville School of Law
- BS, Political Science, 1974, Middle Tennessee State University
- AS, College Parallel, 1972, Motlow State Community College

EXPERIENCE

- Member Ascend FCU, 1972 – present
- Board of Directors, 2012 – present
 - Treasurer, 2013 – 2014
 - Vice Chairman, 2014 – 2017
 - Chairman, 2017 – 2020
- Supervisory Committee, 2004 – 2012; 2020 - present
 - Chairman, 2006 – 2009, and 2012
- Board Development Committee, 2003 – 2004
- NAFCU Certified Volunteer Expert (NCVE)