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**SOOPER C.U. VOLUNTEERS FIRST IN COLORADO
TO RECEIVE CUNA AWARD**

Denver, CO. (November 18, 2008)-Sooper Credit Union's Board Chairman Dale Rutt and Supervisory Committee Member Jim Mastroni were among the first of 34 volunteers to receive the prestigious CUNA Credit Union Volunteer (CCUV) Award. Directors and Supervisory Committee Members were provided with a CUNA-certified training program designed specifically with the needs of volunteers in mind. Twenty five Directors and nine Supervisory Committee members from all across the United States attended September's training in San Diego, California.

Chairman Rutt explained that "it was an intense training school with exams daily. We received training on topics like risk, regulations, strategic planning and board operations. Completion of this course means that attendees will not have to complete any V.A.P.'s as everything is covered in this program. CUNA plans to offer the program annually. Jim enjoyed it as much as I did!"

Sooper Credit Union CEO, Dan Kester stated that "Credit union volunteers provide us with unbiased, critical feedback about our products, services, and operations. This program is instrumental in the continuing education that credit union boards need and deserve. I am proud that two of our volunteers are among the first of many to receive this award."

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