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Net income rises 9% for Wisconsin credit unions

MADISON – Wisconsin’s state-chartered credit unions grew net income by 9% in the six months ending June 30 compared to the previous year, according to data released today by the Wisconsin Department of Financial Institutions (DFI). Net income was \$110.3 million, up from \$101.2 million in the first half of 2012.

Compared to the six months ending June 30, 2012, Wisconsin’s 179 state-chartered credit unions:

- Grew assets by 5.1% to \$24.3 billion.
- Improved net worth to 10.28%, up from 9.83%.
- Lowered the delinquent loan ratio to 1.26% from 1.55%.
- Reduced operating expense ratio to 3.33% of assets from 3.44%.

“Wisconsin credit unions once again demonstrated that the way to grow earnings is through good loan quality and prudent expense management,” DFI Secretary Peter Bildsten said.

Bildsten noted that credit unions’ deposit growth of 5% outpaced loan growth of 3.3% in the first two quarters.

“Figuring out how to put excess deposits to work in a low-interest rate environment continues to be a challenge for the industry,” Bildsten said.

Kim Santos, Director of the Office of Credit Unions, pointed out that merger activity in the past year was strong for a variety of reasons, with the number of state-chartered credit unions declining to 179, compared to 194 as of June 30, 2012.

“Some of our smaller credit unions are struggling with loan growth, loan quality and expense control,” Santos said.

A full report on the second-quarter 2013 performance of Wisconsin credit unions will be available on the DFI website, www.wdfi.org, by the end of August.

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