

# CEO Strategies 2024

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# **Agenda: CEO Briefing**

#### **TUESDAY MORNING**

- 8:00 REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST
- 9:00 CEO BRIEFING
  - What's Coming for CBX
  - Mergers vs. Alignments
  - The Compliance Balancing Act

10:30 BREAK

#### 10:45 CEO BRIEFING (cont'd)

- Vegas Datacenter & 2 Prod Boxes
- Our Approach to Integrations
- Project Management and the DHD
- Thoughts on EFT Projects

12:00 LUNCH

# **Agenda: CEO Roundtable**



#### **TUESDAY AFTERNOON**

- 1:00 CEO ROUNDTABLE
  - Top 5 Ideas For Your 2025 Strategic Plan
  - Integrations Getting Some Buzz
- 2:15 BREAK
- 2:45 CEO ROUNDTABLE
  - Strategies for Growing Revenue
  - Strategies for Driving Loan Growth
- 4:00 DAY WRAP-UP

#### WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 8:00 BREAKFAST
- 9:00 CEO ROUNDTABLE
  - Artificial Intelligence Strategies
  - Strategies for Helping Start-ups
- 10:15 BREAK
- 10:45 CEO ROUNDTABLE
  - Succession Planning Strategies
  - CDFI Strategies
- 11:45 EVENT WRAP-UP

How can **CU\*Answers act** as a hub to help you collaborate more with your peers in the network?

# What's Coming for CBX

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## **Build 2/Keep 1**



- CBX frees us from some of the limitations of GOLD
- What if future development were done more like online banking?
  - Pull in content that won't fit on the host screen
  - Present data in a new way
  - Use browser-like designs and techniques
- Build 2/Keep 1 will help us learn
  - Develop the CU\*BASE way
  - Develop the online banking way
  - Pick the result that works best, discard the other

### **Getting the Most Out of CBX**

- Technical considerations:
  - What browsers are you using?
  - How big are your monitors?
  - It's mouse-heavy—do yours have scroll wheels?
- Consider your branch connectivity and your remote employees!

Check the CU\*Answers website for hardware and network requirements



https://open.cuanswers.com/cbx

## **Our Top Priorities**



#### Performance

- Entirely new windows server network 16 dedicated servers for CBX
- Doubling our bandwidth early in 2025

#### User experience

- Easy transition for our users
- Dual development in GOLD and CBX ... for a little while!

## **CBX Rollout Timeline**



- October: Two credit unions on Alpha build
- Late 2024: A few partner board credit unions will get CBX
- Late 2024: Sign-ups for access to CBX in early 2025
- Early 2025: Begin onboarding clients signed-up for early access
- Mid 2025: All remaining clients will have CBX
- Most of 2025: GOLD will be accessible alongside CBX

# What Does This Mean for CU\*BASE GOLD?



- Last GOLD release will be 25.10
  - No further development, only critical bug fixes
- Mid/Late 2025: We'll be coordinating the removal of access to GOLD
- Late 2025: GOLD will be sunset for all clients

# **Stay Informed About CBX**

- Kitchen: <u>open.cuanswers.com/CBX</u>
- CBX email series
- CBX webinars
  - Technology and workstation questions
  - Introducing CBX and Q&A
- Conversations On...
  - What's Next for CBX?
  - CU\*BASE/CBX releases deployments in the future







# Mergers vs. Alignments Let's talk!

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### Dispelling Some Urban Legends



- Multi-corp. processing is only used for managing additional financials (G/L)
- Sunset support for this in all other areas over a decade ago
- CU\*BASE has nothing to support unique branding at the branch/location level
  - Best guess would be a very large project, 2,000+ hours

## **Our Solution is "Alignments"**

- Multiple file libraries managed by our Network Communities infrastructure
- This structure is also used by Xtend, NMS, and even our data center employees to manage multiple CU clients
- Requires alignment between the CUs of
  - G/L accounts
  - Products and services
  - Fee structures
  - Third-party vendors
  - Etc.

### **Solutions We've Developed**

- 5300 Call Report consolidation
- Financial report consolidation via Analytics Booth
- Analytic tools for combined G/L data via Analytics Booth
- Reach out EARLY in your planning!
  - These projects can take a year or more

# The Compliance Balancing Act

Let's talk!



# **Credit Unions' Boogeyman**

- How do we respond to new noise from regulators?
- How do we respond when your compliance people reach out?
- Who defines the solution when there's no black-and-white response?
- Along came CECL...

### **"Junk Fees" and MFA**



- After CECL, so-called "junk fees" hit the spotlight
- Where CECL was a technical issue, requiring programming, flavors of the month like junk fees are a "marketing" issue

- Now multi-factor authentication is under the microscope
- Where do we draw the line between what's expected of us by mandate and what's expected by public opinion?
- What's too far and what's not enough?

# **Break time!**

# Adding a 2<sup>nd</sup> Production Box

Let's talk!



### What Would Two Production Boxes Mean?



- Why do we need a second production box?
  - Time zone processing
  - Operations maintenance window
  - Learning and leveraging a new environment
- Opening a data center in Vegas
- Do we need to own and manage it ourselves, or can we trust a third-party datacenter with our data?

# Integrations and Managing the DHD Pipeline

Let's talk!



### **Concerns We Hear Often**

### "Projects Take Too Long!"

- NDAs, contracts
- Specs
- Queue, waiting your turn
- Lack of experience on the part of CUs in being builders

### "This Quote Is Too Expensive!"

- Vendor wants to build a rocket ship
- All you really need is a tricycle
- CU\*Answers is building APIs specific to the vendor, rather than to the task

### Not all integrations are created equally!



### **Understanding Integrations**

Tier 1 Standalone SSO Web Module (.NET Web SSO)

#### Tier 2 Standalone SSO Web Module (API Views)

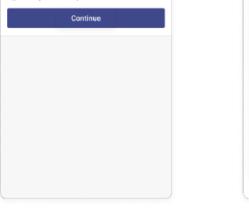


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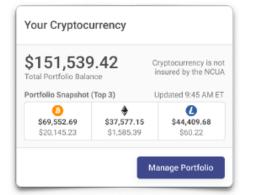




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#### Cryptocurrency Portfolio Type % of Portfolio Balance Bitcoin 12% \$69,552.69 81% \$37,577.15 ETH Litecoin Ð 4% \$44,409.68 ITC: Total Crypto Holdings \$151.539.42 Cryptocurrency is not insured by the NCUA Manage Portfolic



Tier 3

Native Widget

(.NET Web / iOS / Android)

Tier 4 Standalone Web Module (.NET Web)

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All Payee Types	•
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200-1000+ Hrs

100-200 hrs

400+ Hrs

# How the DHD is Evolving

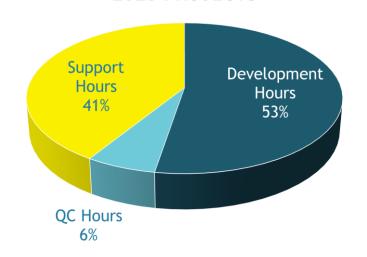


- Bringing a business person into the process
- Does it make business sense, is there a better way, is there something else already in the can?
- Communicating more, better with all parties
- Implementing API discipline
  - We build one API key for a task (e.g. get account number), not twenty to accommodate each individual vendor that comes to the table
- Will be wary of scope creep and vendor add-ons...

## **Project Discipline**

- As we add more integrations, more time is going to supporting them
  - A third of programming hours are going to supporting integrations today
- When a new technology arises (e.g. A.I.), we'll pick one vendor
  - (like what we did cryptocurrency, unlike what we did with chat/co-browsing)
  - Say no to the others until that is deployed
  - Publish and test the waters
  - Other vendors can then use what we built for the first one
- We'll also be more wary of scope creep—too often projects start as x, and before the end, the vendor has tacked on y and z





2023 PROJECTS

# Thoughts on EFT Projects Act early!

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# **Thoughts on EFT Projects**



- We've completed 156 projects in the last year alone
- Getting on the EFT pipeline used to be a 6-month lead
- The calendar is filling up fast—now we may need as much notice as a year!
  - Remember we're coordinating a project with three vendors! New vendor, old vendor, and CU\*Answers
- What types of projects would require getting on our calendar?

# Thanks for the morning!

See you after lunch!

# CEO Roundtable 2024

Let's talk!



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Will you move on these in 2025?



# Real-time payments via RTP<sup>©</sup> and FedNow<sup>™</sup>

You'll need to be on BOTH rails!

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# Multi-factor Authentication (MFA)

Available now...

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For personal info updates and P2P For your call center/teller line via MemberPass For online banking logins via text/email *Coming...* 

For online banking/mobile app logins via MemberPass

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Learn more



# Digital Card Issuance & Provisioning to Wallet

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# MOP 3.0 with Digital ID Proofing

50 CUs are live today, 24 in the queue



Top 10 Ideas **For Your** 2025 Strategic Plan



#### **FUEL Decision Model**

49 CUs live today 3 more in development



Top 10 Ideas For Your 2025 Strategic Plan

Honorable	
Mentions	
Request-a-Doc	Learn more
CLR Path Decision Advisor	Learn more
Analytics Booth	Learn more
AFG Integration	Learn more
OpenLending Integration	Learn more
Credit Card Cash Back	Learn more
Spanish Online Banking	Learn more

## Integrations Getting Buzz

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### MemberPass

- New way to authenticate your member
- Button on most member screens for convenience
- Has multiple applications for the future... like online banking MFA
- Planning on morphing it into our app to allow for auto-enrollment and broader usage





Search for "<u>MemberPass</u>" in the CU\*Answers Store



### InvestiFi

- You can do crypto or securities & investments, but not both today
- To get both, we need a champion to work with InvestiFi









- Integrated web chat and co-browsing within It's Me 247
- Coming to the mobile app soon





### Other chat/co-browsing: Unblu and POPi/o

# Unblu





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### Tru Treasury

- Tools for your business memberships
- SSO project done for 2 credit unions so far
- Working on a project to provide more indepth integration to Tru Treasury via Janusea



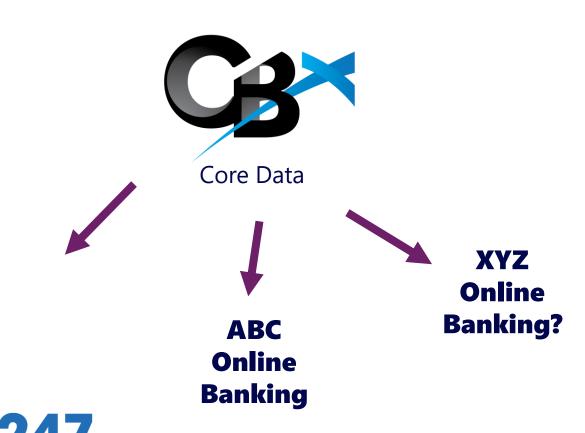


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#### **Connecting to Other OLB Providers**

- A 2025 study project
- Exploring how we could connect our core to another online banking product, either directly or via a middleman







Tell us about an integration you're interested in or have started researching



DON'T FORGET! Talk to us before you sign on the dotted line.

We're adding a "Can't Find" tile to the Store... What Other Integrations Are You Interested In?

## **Break time!**

## **Strategies for Managing Revenue**

Let's talk!



## **Strategies for Growing Revenue**

- Early post ACH
- Fee configuration tune-up

#### Learn from your peers

Let's talk!



Check out the New "Fee Options with CU\*BASE" doc for more ideas

https://open.cuanswers.com/FeeOptions

#### Fee Options with CU\*BASE June OF AVAILABLE FEE OPTIONS JUNE OF AVA

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### **Strategies for Driving Loan Growth**

#### IClick Offers

- IClick Credit Card Offers
- IClick Unsecured / LOC Offers
- IClick Deposit Secured Loans
- IClick Unfunded Offers
- ...and coming next year:
- IClick Relationship Offers

#### Other things we're thinking about

- IClick Limit Increase Offers
- 1Click Pay-Over-Time Offers (BNPL)
- IClick Refi Offers

#### IClick Autopilot





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## Artificial Intelligence Strategies

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## **Artificial Intelligence**

- Intelligent search capability in CBX
  - Working with Boost.ai
- Non-authenticated member-facing
  - Chat bots on your website
- Authenticated member-facing
  - Chat bots in online banking
- Loan decisioning
- Next Suggest Product, member- and staff-facing

- Learn from your peers
  - Let's talk!



## Strategies for Collaborating with Peers

Let's talk!



### **Getting Creative to Help Start-ups Thrive**

- 5 start-ups on CU\*BASE the past year alone!
- 8-10 more in incubation
- Mentor a start-up CEO and CU\*Answers will credit your invoice monthly
  - Who's interested?

- Learn from your peers
  - Keith Stone, The Finest FCU

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## **Break time!**

## Succession Planning Strategies

Let's talk!



### **Succession Planning Strategies**

What can the network do to help?

## **Strategies for Finding Resources**

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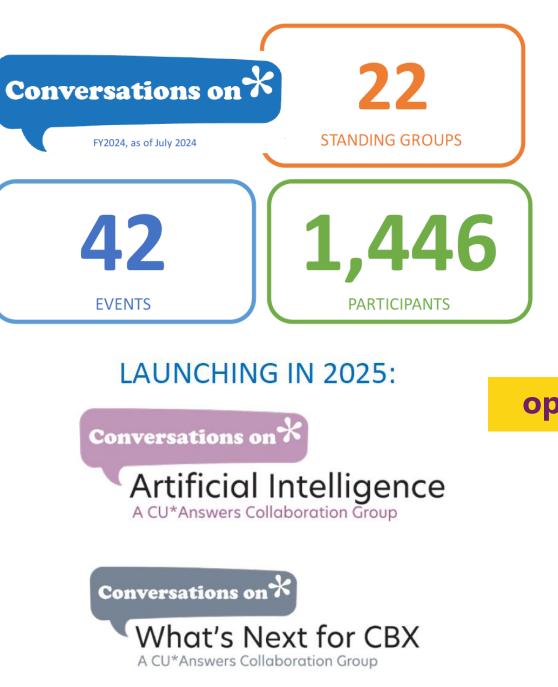
### **Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) Status**

#### Benefits?

- Associated investment?
- Talking to a CUSO about some ideas
  - Brokering loans between CDFI credit unions
  - Helping CDFI CUs maintain their certification
  - Using CU\*BASE Participation Loan tools

What else can we do to help foster this program?

How can **CU\*Answers act** as a hub to help you collaborate more with your peers in the network?



#### Join the Conversation!

#### open.cuanswers.com/conversations



Feedback on this year's format?

Would you send your management team to a Zoom session(s) to review these ideas?

Ideas for next year's event?

#### Wrap-up

## **Thanks for** the day!

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