

Rob Miller

VERMONT COMMUNITY DIRECTOR

Robert Miller is President and Chief Executive Officer of VSECU, a member-owned, not-for-profit, and democratically-controlled financial cooperative for anyone who lives or works in Vermont. VSECU currently serves more than 60,000 member-owners (nearly 10% of the Vermont population) through nine branch locations and employs over 170 employees. Total assets are in excess of \$700 million.

Rob also serves as President and Chair for VHFG, the wholly-owned, for-profit Credit Union Service Organization subsidiary of VSECU. VHFG invests in social enterprises in Vermont that promote the general good of VSECU's membership and support VSECU's overall vision, mission and strategy.

VSECU's mission is to improve the quality of life for members and the communities in which they live. By bringing people together in cooperation for mutual benefit, VSECU seeks to build a movement to empower the possibilities for financial, environmental and social prosperity. The organization is deeply committed to and guided by the Seven Cooperative Principles. Decisions on business matters are made locally by staff who know their communities, and control of VSECU is maintained by members through its cooperative design.

Members of VSECU have access to a full range of personal and business financial services, and are part of a movement to enhance the sustainability and prosperity of Vermont. The credit union's focus is twofold: to serve the financial needs of members through exceptional service and consultation, and to develop opportunities that leverage its scale, capacity, and resources to make the greatest impact possible on its mission.

With cooperation at its core, VSECU strives to bring people together in diversified ways to create greater prosperity for society. To support entrepreneurship, the credit union advocates and supports co-working spaces for Vermonters to work collaboratively and think innovatively to solve problems and create new opportunities. VSECU currently powers one such hub, The Lightning Jar, inside one of its financial branches. VSECU created Co-Op Capital, a program where a portion of its capital is redirected to make investments in other cooperatives, to create and sustain more shared economies. And VSECU was recognized by the U.S. Credit Union Journal as one of the seven top stories of the year for its innovative move to invest in an equity crowdfunding platform through VHFG called Milk Money Vermont to support start-ups and bring greater value to the local economy in Vermont.

Rob started his career with Citibank in New York and Chicago. After managing several Citibank units, he relocated to Vermont as a state employee and public servant. He worked for the Vermont Department of Economic Development where he was ultimately appointed Commissioner by Governor Howard Dean.

Prior to joining VSECU, Rob spent over a decade in the institutional investment management industry in Vermont and Connecticut. He led Dwight Asset Management's fixed income business development efforts targeting the pension, foundation, and endowment markets; then led their entry into the 3rd party insurance asset management space. Dwight (now part of Goldman Sachs Asset Management) was an institutional fixed income investment manager with approximately \$60 billion in assets under management as of 2007.

Subsequently, Rob served as Head of Global Business Development for Conning, a leading global

insurance asset manager with more than \$90 billion in assets under management as of 2014; as well as risk management consultant and software developer.

Rob is very active as a thought leader in Vermont. He currently serves on the Board of Directors for several non-profit organizations in areas of: poverty alleviation - Capstone Community Action; renewable energy - Energy Action Network; entrepreneurship - Vermont Center for Emerging Technologies; and economic development - Vermont Council on Rural Development. Additionally, he recently joined the Advisory Board for the Sustainable Entrepreneurship MBA program at the University of Vermont School of Business.

Rob possesses a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from the University of Vermont. He is a graduate of The Vermont Leadership Institute, a program of the Snelling Center for Government. He is currently working towards his Certified Chief Executive (CCE) designation through the Credit Union Executive Society (CUES).