# Tough Questions Series: A Question of Culture

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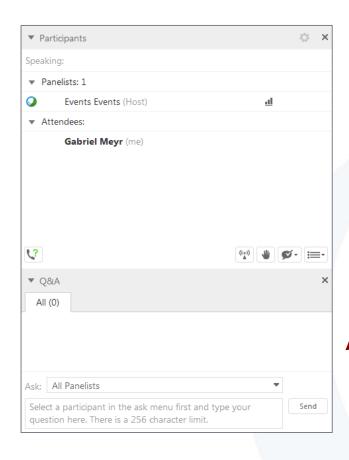
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#### What We'll Cover Today

- Why internal culture impacts everything
- How to identify disconnects and improve member service
- What successful credit unions are doing to build better cultures
- Tips to create a culture that empowers employees



#### IT'S A QUESTION OF CULTURE



#### What's Culture?

- Company culture is made up of:
  - all the spoken and unspoken rules
  - norms and practices that take place inside your company
  - influencing how co-workers relate
  - and how they do their jobs
- One way to think about culture is as your "organization's personality"



### Another Way Is As Your Office Air





#### Why Is Culture Important?

- Company culture is one of the most important factors that differentiates employers in today's ultra-competitive job market.
  - Skilled employees know that they're in demand, and they know what they want - a culture that facilitates their best work in every way possible.



#### Culture By The Numbers

- Your culture directly impacts your ability to attract, hire, and retain A players. But most employers struggle to build a company culture that's right for their team.
  - In fact, only 12% of executives believe their companies are driving the "right culture,"
  - And just 19% of executives believe their company has the "right culture."



#### Culture By The Numbers

- 60 70% of all employee turnover is voluntary.
  - The cost of replacements after turnover is \$15,000 per person for an employee earning a median salary of \$45,000 a year.
- 47% of HR leaders said employee turnover and retention are their top challenges.

Source: SHRM and Globoforce's <u>2018 Employee Recognition Survey</u>); ADP Research Institute's <u>Revelations from Workforce Turnover report</u>; Work Institute's <u>2017</u> Retention Report.



#### What's Your Air Quality?





#### Roundtables Gauge Air Quality...and More



- Peer-to-Peer Learning
- Engagement
- Shared-Purpose
- Empowerment
- Alignment

Source: CreditUnions.com



#### Let's Talk Personality!

Individual's Personality



Organization's Personality





#### Disconnects Reveal Opportunities





#### Clear Values Are The Foundation

- A good culture starts with clear company values everyone understands.
- When you have values to guide you, you can always stop to check any practice, policy, or process against them.





#### Address Misalignment Early



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 First Commerce CU takes its culture seriously.

 So seriously it pays new hires \$1,000 to quit if they don't buy into what the credit union is selling.

Source: CreditUnions.com



#### Culture Builds On Itself



Shared Purpose

Mission & Values



#### **Telling Your Story**

- Why should someone join your credit union?
  - The differentiator is not WHAT but WHY!

 Being able to share your WHY is what will move the needle.





### Tips for Your Credit Union

- 1. Building a great culture is everyone's job but **designating a point person** to be in charge will lead to better outcomes.
- 2. Make sure all employees have a compass to follow with clearly understandable and relatable mission, values and shared purpose.

#### Tips for Your Credit Union

- 3. Empowerment is key. All employees need to know they are empowered and expected, to help the credit union achieve its overarching mission...with every action every day.
- **4. Tell your story** internally and externally. It's the passion for why you do what you do that will drive results.

### The Tough Question

### Does your culture empower your mission or hinder it?





#### Questions & Discussion

