MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL CONVENED ON AUGUST 19, 2015, AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: (16)

Officers of the Corporation:

RADM Cari B. Thomas, President
CWO (Ret.) John C. Baker, Vice President
Ms. Shay Cook, Treasurer
Mr. Barry Boisvierre, Secretary

Members of the Board of Control:

MCPO Mark H. Allen
Mrs. Debbie Brandt
LT James A. Crockett
PO1 Anika Doehl
PO1 Carey M. Jones

Mrs. Bethany Klein
CDR Beth A. Naff
CPO Eric P. Lowe
LCDR Brandy N. Parker

LT Mark M. Sanchez
CPO John M. Saxon
Mr. Frank Tatu
AUX Bruce A. White

Additional attendees: Mrs. Nickole E. Sciortino and Mr. Ronald C. Wolf

1. The Meeting was called to order at 1332.

2. It was noted for the record that the minutes of the July 15, 2015, Board of Control meeting had been approved by written consent of a quorum of Board members on August 3, 2015.


4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Management Committee

LCDR Parker reported that the Management Committee is working on two items. One is to enhance CGMA’s social media presence. The other is to review current CGMA policy and guidance with regard to non-discrimination and equal opportunity in lending.

Mutual Assistance Committee

Mr. Tatu reported that the Mutual Assistance Committee continues deliberation on two action items. One is to consider modifying and expanding the quick loan program. The other is to update and enhance the respite care program. He expects to present proposals for each at the next Board meeting.
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Audit Committee

CDR Naff reported that the Audit Committee explored and discussed options for conducting the next annual audit, and is prepared to make a proposal later in the meeting.

5. CGMA-HQ UPDATE:

Mrs. Sciortino gave a report on her participation in a recent Yellow Ribbon pre-deployment event in Seattle. Over 200 military members and their spouses attended. She had the opportunity to present valuable information about CGMA programs, participate in a panel discussion, and meet individually with both military members and their spouses. The event also afforded her the opportunity to confer with CG Work-Life representatives in the region.

Mr. Boisvere gave an update on progress toward identifying new office space and preparations for the upcoming move out of current spaces at Ballston. A potential new location has been identified and a lease agreement is in negotiation. Furniture, IT and phone issues are also being addressed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Boisvere presented a proposal to modify committee assignments. Based on a discussion at the previous Board meeting, the proposal would expand the Education Committee to seven members and reduce the Mutual Assistance Committee to nine members. CWO Baker made a motion to approve the proposed changes. Ms. Cook seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

CDR Naff made a motion to retain Murray/Jonson/White and Associates (MJW) to conduct the 2015 CGMA audit. Mrs. Brandt seconded. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

7. GOOD OF THE ORDER:

RADM Thomas presented letters from the Commandant to newly elected/re-elected Board members.

RADM Thomas introduced a brief discussion on ways to enhance assistance programs so that more funds could be applied to the needs of Coast Guard people.

The next monthly BOC meeting is scheduled for 1330, Wednesday, September 16, 2015, in Room 9GG13-01, CG Headquarters, St. Elizabeth campus, Lower Level 9.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 1415.

Submitted by: R. C. WOLF  
Director of Administration

B. M. Boisvere  
Secretary