

COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

US COAST GUARD STOP 7180
4200 WILSON BLVD., SUITE 610
ARLINGTON, VA 20598-7180

October 21, 2009

Board of Control

ADM Thad W. Allen
Chairman

RADM Ronald T. Hewitt
President

MCPO Emily L. Jennings
Chief Petty Officer
Vice President

CWO4 John C. Baker
Chief Warrant Officer
Treasurer

Mr. Barry Boisvere
Secretary

CDR Sean R. Murtagh
Commissioned Officer

CDR Laura D. Collins
Commissioned Officer

LCDR Jeffrey R. Bray
Commissioned Officer

MCPOCG Charles W. Bowen
Master Chief Petty Officer of the
Coast Guard

MCPO Claude F. Taylor
MCPOCG Alternate

MCPO Mark H. Allen
CPO Alternate

PO2 David Nava
Enlisted Member

PO1 Jeanni C. Lewis
Enlisted Member

Vacant
Enlisted Alternate

AUX Ordice A. Gallups
Auxiliary Member

Mr. Frank Tatu
Civilian

CDR Annette M. Tomkins
Reserve Member

SCPO Gregory A. Pankau (Ret.)
Retired Military Member

LT Timothy M. Merrell
Medical/TRICARE Specialist

Mr. Rodney B Whaley
Work-Life Specialist

Mrs. Michelle R. Bosau
Commissioned Officer's Spouse

Mrs. Marilyn B. Smith
Enlisted Member's Spouse

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL CONVENED ON OCTOBER 21, 2009, AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: (13)

Officers of the Corporation:

MCPO Emily L. Jennings, Vice President

CWO4 John C. Baker, Treasurer

Mr. Barry M. Boisvere, Secretary

Members of the Board of Control:

LCDR Jeffrey R. Bray

PO2 David Nava

MCPO Claude F. Taylor

CDR Laura D. Collins

SCPO Gregory A. Pankau

CDR Annette M. Tomkins

AUX. Ordice A. Gallups

Mrs. Marilyn B. Smith

Mr. Rodney B. Whaley

LT Timothy M. Merrell

Mr. Frank Tatu

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

Prior to convening the Board, Board members were presented a quarterly review of financial position by portfolio managers from Bank of America.

1. The Meeting was called to order at 1416.
2. SCPO Pankau made a motion to approve the August 19, 2009, minutes. Mr. Tatu seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.
3. CWO4 Baker presented the Treasurer's Report.
4. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee noted that it is scheduled to meet on November 4, 2009, to develop the 2010 budget.

5. CGMA-HQ UPDATE:

Mr. Boisvere provided the following information of note:

- Regional Director (RD) Phase-out continues to run smoothly in accordance with the implementation plan. RD's remain at only seven locations: Academy, District 14, TRACEN Petaluma, TRACEN Yorktown, TRACEN Cape May, ATC Mobile, and Sector San Juan.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL CONVENED ON
OCTOBER 21, 2009, AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC

- Mrs. Nicky Sciortino of CGMA Headquarters staff continues to visit locations around the Coast Guard where she is presenting crew members an overview of CGMA. A comprehensive report on this outreach initiative is planned for the November BOC meeting.
- The mailing address for CGMA Headquarters has changed due to measures put in place to screen mail. The new address is:

COAST GUARD MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
US COAST GUARD STOP 7180
4200 WILSON BLVD STE 610
ARLINGTON VA 20598-7180

CGMA Staff has taken steps to notify RD's, Representatives, vendors, and other correspondents of the change.

- After conducting several workload studies, it was determined that one of the financial assistant positions at CGMA Headquarters was no longer necessary. As a result, the position has been eliminated. The individual holding that position has departed and, upon departure, was provided a severance package commensurate with her years of employment with CGMA.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

Increase in SEG Authorization

Based on an analysis by CGMA Staff concluding that SEG requests would exceed the 2009 budget, Mr. Gallops made a motion to increase the SEG authorization for the calendar year 2009 by \$100K from \$600K to \$700K. SCPO Pankau seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Assistance Request Cases

The Mutual Assistance Committee presented two cases to the Board. The first was that of an Auxiliary Member who requested an \$18,000 grant for 6 months of anticipated car and home loan payments while he reestablished his real estate business. He had been unable to maintain the business for the past 2 years as he was undergoing treatment and rehabilitation for a number of serious medical conditions. He is married with two sons, 14 and 20. The family has been struggling to pay bills, receiving help from friends, fuel assistance and food stamps. They filed bankruptcy in April 2009. Their only current debts are the mortgage and car loan, and they are behind on both. The applicant noted that the car was essential to his business, and one of his medical conditions necessitates that the car be equipped with hand controls. The applicant states he has fully recovered and is now able to work full time to rebuild his real estate business. The Mutual Assistance Committee recommended disapproval of the grant, but recommended, instead, that the Board authorize a loan of \$5,720 to help with 2 months of mortgage and car payments, with repayment scheduled over a period of 50 months and the start of repayment delayed to January 2010. MCPO Jennings so moved and Mr. Tatu seconded. During the course of the discussion, LCDR Bray made a motion to amend the wording to increase the amount of the loan to \$11,440 to cover 4 months mortgage and car payments. SCPO Pankau seconded and the motion to amend carried in an 8 to 3 vote. After further discussion, the Board voted 8 to 3 to approve the motion as amended.

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING OF THE BOARD OF CONTROL CONVENED ON
OCTOBER 21, 2009, AT COAST GUARD HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, DC

The second case was that of an Active Duty E-7 requesting a loan be converted to a grant. In June 2008 the client received a \$15,000 loan to offset the loss of her husband's income and help with the cost of a HUMS move so her husband could be near his family while undergoing cancer treatment. They made the move and used an accelerated payment of Life Insurance/SGLI to pay off bills and buy a home. Her husband died in October 2008. With the loss of her husband's income sooner than expected and reductions in BAH, she felt she was in a "vulnerable financial situation." Her budget showed a \$769 monthly surplus after putting \$600 a month into savings and an additional \$1,500 a month beyond her monthly mortgage obligation toward principal on the house. Her current CGMA loan balance was \$13,700. The Mutual Assistance Committee recommended disapproval. MCPO Jennings made a motion to disapprove the request, CDR Tomkins seconded and after appropriate discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Education Committee Proposal

Based on a recommendation from the Education Committee, PO2 Nava made a motion that the Supplemental Student Loan and the Vocational/Technical Training Student Loan both be modified to eliminate the requirement for applicants to have a demonstrated financial need in order to be eligible. Mrs. Smith seconded the motion. It was noted in discussion that both programs are rarely used and eliminating the financial need requirement would increase assistance available to clients without a significant financial impact on CGMA's budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Expanding Eligibility to Include Retirement-Eligible Members of the IRR

A proposal from a member of the Coast Guard Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) that IRR members who are retirement-eligible be authorized to receive the Supplemental Education Grant (SEG) was tabled for further review by the Mutual Assistance Committee.

7. NEXT MEETING:

The next CGMA BOC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at 1330 in room JR 8-0830 at Coast Guard Headquarters.

8. ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned at 1505.

Submitted by: R. C. WOLF
Director of Administration

B. M. Boisvere
Secretary