BOARDS OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
20 November 2007
Conference Call

Notice: 26 October 2007

Governors Present: Mark J.P. Anson, CFA  Jeffrey D. Lorenzen, CFA
Alida Carcano, CFA  Daniel S. Meader, CFA
Pierre Cardon, CFA  George W. Noyes, CFA*
Emilio Gonzalez, CFA (Chair)  Brian D. Singer, CFA
James E. Hollis, CFA  John C. Stannard, CFA, FSIP
Teong Keat (T.K.) Yap, CFA  Samuel B. Jones, Jr., CFA
Stanley G. Lee, CFA

Governors Absent: Jeffrey J. Diermeier, CFA  Nicola Ralston, FSIP
Vincent Duhamel, CFA  Thomas B. Welch, CFA
Margaret E. Franklin, CFA

Presidents Council
Representatives Present: Helmut Henschel  Ralph Lehman, CFA
Jan Jackrel, CFA  Jeffrey Matthias, CFA
Attila Koksal, CFA

Also Present: Raymond J. DeAngelo, Managing Director, Member & Society, CFA Institute
Robert R. Johnson, CFA, Deputy CEO and Managing Director, Education Division, CFA Institute
Joseph P. Lange, Corporate Secretary, CFA Institute
William P. McKeithan, General Counsel, CFA Institute
Timothy G. McLaughlin, CFA, Managing Director and Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Corporate Support, CFA Institute
Guy P. Williams, Head, Finance and Risk Management, CFA Institute

Materials Distributed Prior to Meeting:
Meeting Agenda
Financial Results and Audit Report Resolution
FY 2007 Draft Management Discussion and Analysis Memo
Draft CFA Institute Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of Independent Auditor
Draft Research Foundation Consolidated Financial Statements and Report of Independent Auditor

* Present for Part of Meeting
Awards Committee Background Information FY 2008
Approval to Update Signatories on CFA Institute Investment Account Resolution
Approval to Update Signatories on CFA Institute Hong Kong and Malaysia Resolution
Board Meeting Minutes dated 11 October 2007

Chair: Emilio Gonzalez, CFA
Meeting Secretary: Joseph P. Lange

Financial Results and Audit Report

The Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) Chair gave his opening remarks on the financial results and audit report. ARC recently held an in-person meeting with PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and received very positive feedback. One issue was noted regarding a delay caused by Siebel with the implementation of some of the databases that contained information on the membership and dues. This was considered a one-time event associated with the new system and should not occur next year. Overall, ARC was satisfied with the process and the outcome of the audit.

The CFO gave an overview of the financials. It was noted that the delay caused by the implementation of Siebel at the end of the fiscal year was absorbed into CFA Institute’s timeline so that the financials were delivered to PwC within the schedule. PwC presented a clean audit with no disagreements with management, no adjustments to the financials, no material weaknesses noted to the organization’s internal controls, and no reportable conditions. PwC did provide four management recommendations that management has the prerogative to consider implementing. They were stated as follows:
  o Maintain documentation on the monitoring of the back up of the servers;
  o Review user rights for CGI;
  o Implement a second layer of passwords on Great Plains GL; and
  o Confirm contracts with all service providers were updated.

In the spirit of transparency, the management discussion and analysis will be included with the financial statements in the CFA Institute annual report to be published on the website by 30 November. This will provide plain language and the kind of structure making the financials more understandable by linking results to performance of the strategic objectives.

It was explained that the CEO and CFO do not sign off on the financial statements because CFA Institute has not yet complied with section 404 of Sarbanes Oxley with regards to having had a full internal control audit across the entire organization. The CEO and CFO do sign the IRS 990 tax reports.

The Board proceeded to discuss the financials and the following resolution was passed unanimously.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors approve the Audit Report and accompanying audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending 31 August 2007 substantially in the form presented at this meeting.
India Update

The General Counsel provided an update on the recent litigation developments in India. It was explained that administration of the Level I exam in India had been put on hold due to an order issued by the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE). CFA Institute is continuing to reach out and meeting with officials of the Human Resource Development Ministry and AICTE to try and resolve the situation.

The Board discussed the affect and options for candidates that had already enrolled to sit for the December exam prior to the issuance of the AICTE order in May.

Awards Committee

The Chair noted that the Awards Committee recently held their first meeting to discuss which awards to convey this year and began vetting potential recipients. The Board was encouraged to send in their suggestions on possible award candidates.

Update Signatories on CFA Institute Accounts

The CFO explained that it is industry standard and the requirement of banks that governing boards resolve to approve signatories on various accounts. CFA Institute is simply updating its authorized signatories on the accounts below due to recent staff changes. The following resolutions were passed unanimously.

CFA Institute Investment Account

RESOLVED, that the following individuals shall be authorized signatories on the CFA Institute investment account below:

Jeffrey Diermeier, President and CEO
Timothy McLaughlin, Chief Financial Officer
Guy Williams, Head, Finance and Risk Management
Jean Cash, Managing Director, Human Resources

U.S. Treasury Bills and Strips Account SunTrust Robinson Humphrey Account ####

The Board of Governors accepts and approves in the form presented at this meeting.

CFA Institute Hong Kong and Malaysia Bank Accounts

RESOLVED, that the following individuals shall be authorized signatories on the CFA Institute bank accounts below:

Jeffrey Diermeier, President and CEO
Timothy McLaughlin, Chief Financial Officer
Guy Williams, Head, Finance and Risk Management
Jean Cash, Managing Director, Human Resources
Jan Squires, Managing Director, Asia Pacific Operations
Ashvin Vibhakar, Deputy Head, Asia Pacific Operations
Lee Kha Loon, Head, CFA Institute Centre, Asia Pacific
Joanna Kwok, Director, Office and Event Administration
The Board of Governors accepts and approves in the form presented at this meeting.

Meeting Minutes

The Board accepted and approved the 11 October 2007 meeting minutes as submitted.

December Level I Exam MPS Meeting

The governors were reminded that the Board will be holding an executive session meeting by conference call on Thursday, 3 January 2008 to set the minimum passing score for the December Level I exam. The meeting time for the conference call was tentatively scheduled for 7 a.m. eastern time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph P. Lange
Corporate Secretary

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