

# **Minutes of the Operations Managers Working Group**

Meeting, February 13, 2014

Host: Teleconference due to weather

### **Dial-In Attendees**

Daniel Lennon CLS

James Wallin Alliance Bernstein

Katherine Andrews
Joe Demetrio
Bank of America Merrill Lynch
Bank of New York Mellon
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Christopher Vogel Blackrock

Ken Rozycki Brown Brothers Harriman

Allison Measso Credit Suisse

Luke Pollock Citi

Mandy Lam Global Financial Markets Association

Brian Caffrey Deutsche Bank

Rob Duff HSBC
Michael Przieglec HSBC
Eisso Vandermeulen ICAP

James AndrewsJP Morgan ChaseMark KaufmanJP Morgan ChaseGregory EnglishMorgan StanleyValerie GavoraMorgan Stanley

Marcellus Fisher PIMCO

Michael Hanlon Standard Chartered Jodi Burns Thomson Reuters

Michael Reese UBS

Jason CroninWellingtonPeter ConnollyWells FargoRobert EbyWells Fargo

### Federal Reserve Bank of New York Attendees

Christina Getz

Joy Zhu

Shawei Wang, Counsel



## 1. Global Financial Markets Association presentation on OTC FX options clearing analysis

The Chair welcomed guest speaker Mandy Lam from the Global FX Division of the Global Financial Markets Association (GFMA) for this portion of the meeting. Ms. Lam provided an overview of the GFMA's FX options clearing project. She highlighted that the purpose of the project was to quantify the potential scale of the same-day liquidity challenge associated with the clearing and settlement of over-the-counter FX options. Further, she remarked that the results of the analysis could inform how central clearing counterparties (CCPs) develop resilient clearing models for physically-settled OTC FX options. In the ensuing discussion, private sector members commented on the presentation and considered the potential implications of GFMA's findings for FX market functioning.

#### 2. FXC and FMLG updates

Christopher Vogel, FXC liaison to the OMWG, updated the Group on the topics discussed at the February 2014 FXC meeting. He indicated that Mandy Lam also presented to the FXC and private sector FXC members discussed the presentation. Mr. Vogel also noted that the FXC reviewed descriptions of the Committee's best practice documentation. Additionally, he stated that private sector FXC members discussed current FX market conditions and themes.

Counsel updated the Group on recent topics of discussion by the Financial Markets Lawyers Group (FMLG). The FMLG continues to work on projects related to interpretation of new regulations, including FXPB and SEF issues.

3. October 2013 FXC Survey of North American Foreign Exchange Volume

The Secretary provided a brief summary of the <u>FX volume survey results</u>, based upon the press release published on January 28, 2014. She noted that average daily volume declined compared to the prior survey, though was modestly higher year-over-year. Private sector members discussed the survey and trends in FX volume.

## 4. Topics of focus in 2014

Robert Eby, OMWG Co-Chair, continued the discussion around potential topics of focus for the Group in 2014 that was initiated at the prior meeting. He noted that the topics under consideration included a review of best practices around operational risk and improvement of buy-side and sell-side communications during the trade allocation processes.

#### 5. Market discussion

Private sector members discussed current operational issues related to European Market Infrastructure Regulation (EMIR). The conversation centered on the interpretation of trade reporting requirements under EMIR.

#### 6. Other business

The next OMWG meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 2 at 3:00 PM and will be hosted by Wells Fargo.