

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Buyside General Counsel Committee

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 5, 2012

Federal Reserve Bank of New York

33 Liberty St., New York, NY

Present:

Thomas C. Baxter, Jr., FRBNY (Chair)
Scott B. Bernstein, Caxton Corporation
David Brooks, Fortress Investment Group LLC
Marcy Engel, Eton Park Capital Management
Joyce Hansen, FRBNY
Roy Katzovicz, Pershing Square Capital Management, L.P.
John Liftin, D. E. Shaw & Co., L.P.
Owen Littman, Ramius LLC
Simon Lorne, Millennium Management LLC
Andrew Paul, Tudor Investment Corporation
David Sewell, FRBNY (Secretary, acting)

Mr. Baxter called the meeting to order at approximately 12:30 p.m.

1. Administrative Matters

a. Committee Governance

The Committee adopted a charter that had previously been distributed to members in draft form. Consistent with the New York Fed's policy on external committee governance, the charter will be posted to the New York Fed's website together with the Committee's agendas and meeting minutes on a going forward basis.

b. New Members

Mr. Baxter put forward two candidates for membership and asked members to provide comments on the nominations, if any, directly to him.

2. U.S. "fiscal cliff"

Members discussed their views regarding macroeconomic conditions in the United States, and particularly the risk of a stress event related to the so-called "fiscal cliff." Some members expressed interest in working through industry associations to convey to policymakers the consequences for the buyside community – including pension funds, endowments, hedge funds, and asset managers – if steps are not taken to address the structural concerns.

3. Eurozone situation

Members discussed their firms' contingency planning and other preparations for the possibility that a broad disruption in credit or funding markets could result from ongoing

difficulties in the Eurozone. Firms' preparations include instituting lower and stricter risk limits for traders transacting in certain markets and products; engaging in more frequent communications with central counterparties and financial market utilities abroad; and making alternative arrangements for financing in the event of significant disruptions in the normal channels.

4. Lehman update

A member gave the regular update on recent developments in the Lehman Brothers bankruptcy proceedings, currently pending in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York.

5. Miscellaneous

Members discussed apparent anomalies in new reporting rules for the Department of Treasury's Form SLT, which most buy-side firms are now required to file. Members also identified common questions regarding SEC Form PF. The Committee agreed to collect more information and to address the issue in greater detail at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.