

Saint Lucia League Newsletter

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37th Annual General Meeting

CUMAS Meeting

Quarterly FSRA Report



“...The advent of new and unregulated entrants into the financial environment is degrading the fabric of the principles on which co-operative societies were founded. Credit Unions and by extension the League, must do all in our power to ward off such unconscionable activities which lead to the depletion of people’s financial stability...”

- President of the League - Sylvester Dickson

60TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

A delegation of thirty-three (33) from five credit unions including the League represented Saint Lucia at the Caribbean Confederation of Credit Union's 60th Annual International Convention in Varadero, Cuba. The Convention took place from June 16 to June 21, 2017 under the theme "Co-operatives: Re-shaping Caribbean Sustainable Development". The Event took place at the Memories Varadero Beach and Golf Resort.

37TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The morning of June 3rd 2017 was the day selected for the League to host its 37th AGM at Chateaux Heritage Dennerly. Once a quorum was ascertained the Board, Management and Staff established the meeting's protocol with the National Anthem and usual pleasantries. The members perused through the various committee reports familiarizing themselves with their League's statistics and progress of 2016.

Despite one Board-seat being available for re-election, the Participants chose to keep the current Board in its entirety.

Seats on the Supervisory Committee however were in Contrast to the Board as 4 positions were available for appointment.

The New Supervisory Committee is as follows:



MEMBERS	CREDIT UNION
MR. MARIO BOYCE	ECCCCU
MS. LANA ALEXANDER	LCCU
MR. LUCIUS LAKE	RSLPCU
MS. BRENDA EDWIN	ECCCCU

Pick up a copy of our Annual Report Booklet at the office or visit our website at www.sluculeague.org for more information.

Education, Training & Development

On the last day of Q2, 20 representatives of the Credit Union Movement attended a session to help improve their efficiency in dealing and preventing with member delinquency. Given the current trends of delinquency within the Movement the League felt it was still necessary to reinforce this subject knowledge. This rationale was even further reinforced whilst working with our members to ensure accurate records were being kept.

This session was attended by ten Credit Unions and was facilitated by Andre Cherubin and Robert Frederick. Both of the teachers possess a number of years in diverse Financial Services experience which was transposed to the Credit Union application.



LONG TIME MOVEMENT ADVOCATE SAYS GOODBYE AS FSJ GM

In 1994 under the chairmanship of Mr. Dominique Prospere, the Fond St. Jacques Development Committee sought of ways to improve the quality of life and building resilience by exploring the benefit of a community Co-operative.

Once the ground work was complete, on October 17 1996 the Fond St. Jacques Credit Co-operative Society was born. This Co-operative was registered with Mr. Prospere as Vice Chairman to the interim committee as the then Board was charged with the responsibility of initiating operations of the society. Since it's inception Mr. Prospere has worked tirelessly not only devoting his life to the FSJ society but to the Co-operative Movement on a whole. His wealth of knowledge and expertise stems from his own co-operative educational initiatives and love of the movement. This has led Mr. Prospere through the successful implementation of many initiatives for his society through his different roles which ranged from Committee Member, Board Director and most recently General Manager.



It was decided that a feasible financial cooperative be set up. Therefore on October 17 1996 the Fond St Jacques Credit Cooperative Society Ltd. was registered with Mr.

Prospere as vice chairman to the interim committee charged with the responsibility to start the credit union.

Mr Prospere has served on the BOD, supervisory committee and as general manager. He has been an asset to the Credit Union being a pillar of strength on which the Credit Union thrived in its infancy. In April 2017 the Credit Union and Co-operative Movement of Saint Lucia said goodbye to a long time Co-operative Advocate Mr.

Dominique Prospere as he officially resigned from his position as General Manager of the Fond St. Jacques Credit Union. Though his resignation from his position may be official, it is well known where his emotions and concerns for the Movement lay.

The Movement, the League, the Credit Unions, Staff, Members, Community and Colleagues will undoubtedly miss your kind, unselfish and positive influence, perspective and words.

The League would like to wish Mr. Dominique Prospere health, wealth, peace and success in all his future endeavours.

SECTOR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

PEARLS RATIOS	Standard	RATINGS					Q1 (2016)		Q1 (2017)	
		1	2	3	4	5	Combined Report		Combined Report	
							PEARLS RATIO	PEARLS RATING	PEARLS RATIO	PEARLS RATING
PROTECTION							0	0	0	0
Provision for Loans Delinquent >12 months	100%	>=100%	99%-80%	79-60%	59-40%	<40%	-95.14%	5	38.63%	5
Provision for Loans Delinquent < 12 months	35%	>= 35%	34-25%	24-15%	14-10%	<10%				
EFFECTIVE FINANCIAL STRUCTURE										
Loans/Total Assets	80%	>=70%	69-60%	59-50%	49-40%	<40%	52.09%	3	41.81%	4
Savings Deposits/Total Assets	80%	100-70%	69-60%	59-50%	49-40%	<40%	59.96%	3	49.18%	4
*Net Institutional Capital/Total Assets	Minimum 10%	>=12%	11.9-10%	9.9-7%	6.9-4%	<4%				
ASSET QUALITY										
*Total Delinquency/Gross Loan Portfolio	Max 5%	>=5%	5.1-6%	6.1-8%	8.1-10%	>10%	9.31%	4	7.01%	3
Non-Earning Assets/Total Assets	Max 5%	>=5%	5.1-7%	7.1-9%	9.1-11%	>11%	6.83%	2	5.58%	2
RATES OF RETURN										
*Operating Expenses/Total Assets	5%	>=5%	5.1-6%	6.1-8%	8.1-10%	>10%	0.58%	1	0.44%	1
**Net Income/Average Total Assets	2%	>=2%	1.9-1%	0.9 - 0.5%	0.49-0%	<0%	0.56%	3	0.54%	3
Fixed Rate Loans & Invests. > 5 years/ Net Capital	150%	>100%	100%-150%	150%-250%	251%- 350%	>350%	95.76%	1	93.30%	1
LIQUIDITY										
*Liquid Assets – ST Payables/ Deposits	Min 15%	>=15%	14.9 -12%	11.9 - 8%	7.9 - 4%	<4%	17.55%	1	18.38%	1
SIGNS OF GROWTH										
Growth in Total Assets	Min 10%	>=10%	9.9-8%	7.9-6%	5.9-4%	<4%	3.75%	5	6.64%	3
						Average Rating		2.5		2.75

* Indicates Key Ratio.

SECTOR FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE - CONT'D

There has been an overall change for the better for the Movement's Pearls Rating in comparison to the first quarter of 2016. Though this is the first reading for 2017, it is an indication of where the Movement is which gives us adequate time to work on the areas which need improvement. The Movement went from an average rating of 2.5 for quarter one of 2016 to 2.25 for quarter one of 2017.

Loan Delinquency is the only key ratio out of the three key ratios with a concerning rating of 5 for this quarter. It is an issue that needs to be worked on with haste. The Pearls Rating may not be a reflection of your individual Society's rating. However if there is a specific area your Credit Union may need training on, do not hesitate to call us here at the League. We will make arrangements to assist you.

UPCOMING: Youth Training Seminar | International Co-operative Day 2017

On the 12th and 13th of July 2017, join the League, the Department of Co-operatives and the National Youth Council as we celebrate Co-operative Month 2017. On this day the League and the Department of Co-operatives will be hosting a session entitled "Exploring the Co-operative Business Model" which will inform not only practicing co-operators, but individuals and organizations who frequently work with the Co-operative Movement as to grow their understanding of our ethos. Within this session, we are aiming to enlighten the participants on the true nature of the Co-operative Business Model and the people it was conceptualized to serve. International Co-operative Day is an almost centenary tradition and is acknowledged this time of year and with it comes the blessings and reassurances of those who created it so that we execute. It is the generation of now who is charged with the responsibility of continuing the legacy imprinted by the Co-operative Movement, and it is us to this generation to carry the mantle and venerate its purpose.

Join the St. Lucia Co-operative Credit Union League and other Co-operatives worldwide as we acknowledge the work of the Co-operative Movement during this Month.

