

**The Wharton Club of New York
Supplemental Board Meeting
Wednesday July 25, 2018**

By Conference Call

Attendees:

Arthur Bass (Board Member)
Kenny Beck (Board Member)
Diana Davenport (Board Member)
Nigel Edelshain (Board Member)
Bill Haddad (Board Member)
Regina Jaslow (Board Member)
Allen Levinson (Board Member)
Dana Michael (Board Member)
Rob Rizzo (Board Member)
Kofi Kankam (Board Member)

I. Opening and Chairman's Report (Kenny Beck)

- Kenny Beck, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. with a quorum of 10 of 11 Board Members.
- The minutes of the June 2018 meeting will be reviewed at the next regular Board meeting.

II. Investment Committee Report (Dana Michael)

- Dana indicated that during his initiation into the role of Treasurer he noted that the Investments area was complex. The Club had 5 accounts at different banks in order to keep balances less than the \$250,000 per bank maximum to get FDIC insurance on all funds. Each bank had different procedures to change signatories so switching signers is very inefficient.
- Prior to the Board meeting Arthur Bass gave Dana the name of his Merrill Lynch broker. Merrill Lynch has a program to automatically sweep balances greater than \$250,000 to FDIC insured banks eliminating needing to have more than one bank. Dana contacted Merrill Lynch and was told the following.
 - Merrill Lynch has a team approach where our broker will be supported by a team of three other staff. The WCNYS can receive good service from people we have met before.
 - When we need to change signatory again, Merrill Lynch can make this a simple change as they know our organization.
 - Transferring our current balances will be easy as Merrill Lynch will be motivated to get the transfer of funds completed quickly as they will get credit for assets under management.
- Allen Levinson asked questions for Merrill Lynch (note: these are not required to be answered prior to the vote later in the meeting).
 - If the Club needs a bank check, can Merrill Lynch provide it or does the Club need to have a separate bank account?
 - How does Merrill Lynch provide security over the account? Is it through their team approach to the account? Are there multi-level authentication?

- Allen suggested keeping one bank account open in case the Club needed bank services or wanted to be protected in case something negative happened to Merrill Lynch and liquidity was effected. The Board discussed this option and thought it was a good suggestion.
- Based on the Board discussion, Dana moved and Allen seconded the following resolution.

The Board Instructs the Treasurer and Vice President of Finance to 1) open an account with Merrill Lynch to receive additional services and assure the Club's funds are covered by FDIC insurance and 2) close all current bank accounts except for one which will serve as a back-up in case Merrill Lynch has problems.

- A roll call vote was held. There were eight yes votes, one abstain vote (Rob Rizzo to maintain his CPA independence) and Kenny did not vote as he was chairing the vote. Based on the results of the vote, the motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm (proposed by Allen Levinson and passed unanimously)

Minutes Prepared by Dana Michael July 26, 2018.