



St. Vincent and the Grenadines Co-operative League Ltd

31st Annual General Meeting



**Saturday, May 28, 2011
Co-operative League Centre
Lower Kingstown Park
St. Vincent and the Grenadines**

THEME

“Co-operatives Building a Better World”

VISION

**To be the model Co-operative League
operating within a unified Co-operative System,
taking advantage of linkages and synergies
to provide quality services to Affiliates**

MISSION STATEMENT

**To uphold the Co-operative Philosophy
Among Co-operative Societies
By representing and promoting their interest
Towards sustainable growth and development**

“Co-operatives Building a Better World”



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Notice of 31st Annual General Meeting

NOTICE is hereby given that the 31st Annual General Meeting of the St. Vincent Co-operative Credit Union League will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the Co-operative League Conference Room at 9:00 am.

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- Receive the Board of Directors' Report 2010;
- Receive the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for 2010;
- Elect Officers to serve for the 2011 programme year.

All affiliates are encouraged to ensure that their delegates are in attendance. Please be reminded that all outstanding dues must be settled if voting rights are to be exercised.

Resolutions for consideration by the Annual General Meeting should be submitted to the League Office not less than fourteen days before the meeting.

Co-operatively yours,

Sis. Cicyln Joseph
SECRETARY
Board of Directors



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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Credit Union Song and Prayer
3. Greetings
4. Update on ECCCL Projects
5. Ascertainment of Quorum
6. Apologies for Absence
7. Minutes of the 30th Annual General Meeting
 - a) Corrections, Amendments and Confirmation
 - b) Matters Arising
8. Statutory Reports:
 - a) Board of Directors
 - b) Treasurer
 - c) Auditor
 - d) Supervisory Committee
 - e) Development Fund Committee
9. Election of Officers:
 - a) Board of Directors
 - b) Supervisory Committee
10. Appointment of Auditors
11. Resolutions
12. Any Other Business
13. Adjournment



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STANDING ORDERS

1. (a) A member shall stand when addressing the Chair.
(b) Speeches shall be clear and relevant to the subject before the meeting.
2. A member shall only address the meeting when called upon by the Chairperson to do so, after which, he/she shall immediately take his/her seat.
3. No member shall address the meeting except through the Chair.
4. A member shall not speak on the same subject twice except:
(a) The mover of the motion - who has the right to reply;
(b) He/She rises to object or explain (with the permission of the Chair).
5. No speeches shall be made after a subject has been put and carried or rejected.
6. The mover of a “procedural motion” (adjournment, lay on the table, motion to postpone) shall have no right to reply.
7. A member rising on a “point of order” shall state the point concisely.
(A point of order must have relevance to the Standing Orders.)
8. (a) A member shall not call another member to order but may draw the attention of the Chair to a ‘Breach of Order’.
(b) In no event shall a member call the Chair to order.
9. Only one amendment shall be before the meeting at any given time.
10. When a motion is withdrawn, any amendment to it falls.
11. The Chairperson shall have the right to a ‘Casting Vote’.
12. If there is an equality of voting on an amendment, and if the Chairperson does not exercise his/her casting vote, the amendment is lost.
13. Provision shall be made for protection by the Chairperson from vilification (personal abuse).
14. No member shall impute improper motives against another member.



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MINUTES

30th Annual General Meeting, Saturday, May 29, 2010
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1. CALL TO ORDER

Bro. Michael John, Chairman of the Opening Session of the 30th Annual General Meeting of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Co-operative League Ltd, called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m.

The St. Vincent and the Grenadines National Anthem, the Credit Union Prayer and Song were rendered by all present after which one minute's silence was observed for departed co-operators.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman, Bro. Michael John, warmly welcomed members to the 30th Annual General Meeting of the League. In his opening remarks, Bro. John extended special words of welcome and appreciation to Bro. Ornan Johnson, General Manager of the Bahamas

Co-operative League Insurance Brokerage Ltd, for making it possible to attend the meeting to deliver the Feature Address on the day when the Bahamas League was having its Annual General Meeting.

Bro. John remarked on the progress that the SVG League continues to make and highlighted self insurance and microfinance as two of the society's key projects for the next year.

3. GREETINGS

Representatives of local Credit Unions, General Co-operatives, the Co-operative Department and the Eastern Caribbean Co-operative Central Ltd (ECCCL) delivered greetings and congratulatory messages to the meeting.

4. PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Bro. Junior Bacchus, President of the League welcomed participants to the



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meeting. He offered a special welcome to the Guest Speaker, Bro. Ornan Johnson.

Bro. Bacchus noted that, in comparison to other financial institutions, indicators show that credit unions were expected to perform well during the current economic crisis notwithstanding the challenges that have emerged. This was due in part to the relative straight-forward operations of most credit unions, their commitment to member service rather than short-term profit maximization, and prudent management practices which do not incite excessive risk-taking. The theme: **‘A Time of Opportunity – Harness the Co-operative Difference’** was chosen for this Annual General meeting to remind us of the advantages inherent in the Cooperative Business Model.

The President highlighted the returns that were given back to members as a result of the implementation of the Permanent Shares. He spoke of the advances of the Movement in its quest

to make the introduction of the harmonized Cooperatives Societies Legislation a reality. Bro. Bacchus also spoke of the sector’s plans to partner with the National Development Foundation to explore the possibility of starting a Micro Finance Institution so that members can make themselves more self sufficient.

Bro. Bacchus said that the League will be making a concerted effort to get its own insurance company off the ground during the course of this year. He expressed confidence that if the League continues on its current path it would soon be in a good position to can give dividends to affiliates.

In closing, the President thanked members for taking time off to attend the 30th AGM and encouraged them to participate fully to ensure that the meeting was a productive one. He also thanked the other members of the Board of Directors, the Supervisory Committee, other committees and the Manager and staff of the League for the



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support he received throughout the year.

5. FEATURE ADDRESS

Bro. Ornan Johnson, General Manager of the Bahamas Co-operative League Insurance Brokerage Ltd, delivered the Feature Address on the theme **“Capturing the Credit Union Market/Taking Charge of the LP/LS Insurance Programme”**.

As a build up to his presentation, Bro. Johnson summarized the performance of the League’s Loan Protection and Life Savings insurance activities for the 10-year period 2000 to 2009. He observed that the sector received five percent commission on premiums which he considered to be very small given the high volume of premiums paid by SVG credit unions.

Bro. Johnson expressed his conviction that the St. Vincent and the Grenadines League was capable of managing a centralized LP/LS insurance programme and using the profit to

develop the local credit union sector. He noted that care should be taken to ensure that reasonable reserves are built up annually during the first few years of operation.

Bro. Johnson advised that the League should operate a centralized LP/LS Programme for and on behalf of the Credit Union Movement. There were no restrictions in the Co-operative Act or the Insurance Act that might prevent the League from instituting such a programme. In sharing the Bahamas’ experience in getting their insurance programme off the ground, Bro. Johnson noted that the SVG Credit Union Movement was in a more fortunate position in that credit unions’ performance indicators were much better compared to those for the Bahamas Movement at the time that their programme was started 12 years ago.

In closing, Bro. Johnson highlighted the following as areas in which the SVG credit union sector would benefit



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from embarking on its own insurance LP/LS programme:

- retaining the profit within the Movement;
- helping to build wealth in St. Vincent and the Grenadines;
- creating employment;
- creating greater opportunities to serve people; and
- providing more loans for members.

6. VOTE OF THANKS

Sis. Cicyln Joseph, Secretary of the SVG Co-operative League expressed gratitude to the Chairman for his introduction and words of welcome to the meeting. She delivered special thanks to Bro. Ornan Johnson, General Manager of the Bahamas League Insurance Brokerage Ltd for accepting the invitation to conduct the feature address and for delivering such a powerful presentation.

Sis. Joseph extended thanks to the Registrar of Co-operatives, the President and other Directors of the

League, the members of the various serving committees and the Managers and officers of all affiliated credit unions.

Sis Joseph offered special thanks to the League Manager and her staff for the hard work they put in throughout the year and for ensuring such a turn out to the 30th AGM.

The opening session of the 30th Annual General Meeting ended at 11:35 a.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bro. Junior Bacchus, Chairman, called the Business Session to order at 11:40 a.m.

2. ASCERTAINMENT OF QUORUM

Eighty (80) members representing nine credit unions were in attendance at the 30th AGM. A quorum was deemed to be duly constituted.



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3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received for the absence of Bros Julian Jack and Elgin Richards and Sis Sylvia Sutherland.

4. ADOPTION OF STANDING ORDERS

The Standing Orders were adopted on a motion moved by Bro. Lennox Bowman and seconded by Bro. Telbert Samuel.

5. MINUTES

There being no amendments, the Minutes of the 29th Annual General Meeting were confirmed on a motion moved by Sis Miriam Roache and seconded by Bro. Lennox Bowman.

6. MATTERS ARISING

The slow progress being made to enact the revised harmonized Cooperatives Societies Bill continues to be a matter of concern for members.

The Chairman stated that during the year the League submitted feedback

to the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB), through the Ministry of Finance, on the sector's concern with aspects of the Bill. He emphasized that the lobbying efforts would be ongoing to ensure that the sector's concerns were fully considered and the draft legislation enacted.

7. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

President, Bro. Junior Bacchus, presented the Board of Directors' report for the year ended December 31, 2009. The report gave an account of the programme of activities and achievements of the League against the backdrop of the economic and financial crisis that impacted the global economy.

Highlights of the year included the strong performance of credit unions in all areas of operation, in spite of the consequences of the global crisis; the introduction of permanent shares; heightened lobby for enactment of the revised harmonized Co-operative Societies Bill (2010); and training and



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technical assistance to member credit unions.

During discussions on the Board of Directors' report, the following points were noted:

- ☐ The sector continues to closely monitor the developments of the BAICO-CLICO fiasco and to take advantage of every avenue to recover the funds invested in these companies.
- ☐ Encourage more members thirty five (35) years and under to become interested in serving in various capacities in the Co-operative Movement.
- ☐ The League should develop a check list of standards to assist the smaller credit unions in meeting minimum prudential requirements.

The President expressed his satisfaction with the overall progress the League continued to make. He encouraged affiliates to stand firmly behind the society and to come forward willingly to serve on the

advisory committees that will be set up from time to time.

The 30th Annual General Meeting adopted the Board of Directors' report on a motion moved by Bro. Telbert Samuel and seconded by Bro. Lennox Bowman.

8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports were presented to the meeting. The financial statements showed that the League maintained its profitability having generated a commendable surplus from operations for the year.

Following the review of the financial statements, the Treasurer's and Auditor's Reports were adopted on a motion moved by Sis Miriam Roache and seconded by Bro. Kelvin Pompey.

9. SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sis Miriam Roache presented the Supervisory Committee Report, which highlighted the work of the committee for the year ended December 31,



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2009. The Committee commended the League for conducting its affairs in accordance with the provisions of its By-Laws and the Co-operative Societies Act and Regulations.

Following discussions, the report was adopted on a motion moved by Bro. Kenneth Douglas and seconded by Bro. Jerome De Shong.

10. DEVELOPMENT FUND REPORT

The report of the Development Fund Committee was presented by Bro. Junior Bacchus, Chairman of the Committee. No project requests were submitted for the Committee's consideration during the year. As at December 31, 2009, the value of the Fund was one hundred and forty-five thousand, seven hundred and sixty-six dollars (\$145,766).

The Development Fund Committee Report was adopted on a motion moved by Sis. Cicyn Joseph and seconded by Bro. Lennox Bowman.

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Chairman invited Sis Neva Phillips-Cordice, Senior Field Officer of the Co-operative Department, to preside over the election of officers.

(a) Board of Directors

The results of elections to the Board of Directors for the 2010 year were as follows:

- i. Sis Cheryl Evans – 3 years
- ii. Sis Cicyn Joseph – 3 years
- iii. Bro. Kelvin Pompey – 3 years

(b) Supervisory Committee

The results of elections to the Supervisory Committee for the 2010 year were as follows:

- i. Sis. Miriam Roache
- ii. Bro. Kenneth Douglas
- iii. Bro. Jerome De Shong

(d) Appointment of Auditors

The firm of KDLT Chartered Certified Accountants was re-appointed to serve as auditors of the League for the 2010 year.



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12. RESOLUTIONS

- (1) Resolution for the League to explore the feasibility of establishing a centralized Loan Protection and Life Savings Programme to be co-owned by the League and affiliated credit unions.***

The motion for this resolution was moved by Bro. Telbert Samuel, seconded by Bro. Kenneth Douglas and unanimously approved by the AGM.

- (2) Resolution for the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Cooperative League Ltd and Member Credit Unions to work with the SVG National Development Foundation to pursue a unified approach towards the establishment of a central institution to finance MSMEs.***

The motion for this resolution was moved by Bro. Junior Bacchus, seconded by Bro. Kelvin Pompey and unanimously adopted by the AGM.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The 30th Annual General Meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m. on a motion moved by Bro. Kenneth Douglas and seconded by Sis. Cheryl Evans.

Signed:

Sis Cicyln Joseph
SECRETARY

Confirmed this _____ day of
_____ 2011

Bro. Junior Bacchus
President



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30th AGM ATTENDANCE LIST

Delegates:

1. Camella Holder	BCCU
2. Kathlynn De Bique	BCCU
3. Kelvin Pompey	GECCU
4. Aubrey Burgin	GECCU
5. Kenneth Douglas	GECCU
6. Lennox Bowman	GECCU
7. Hermina Robinson	GMMCCU
8. Cicely Joseph	KCCU
9. Michael John	KCCU
10. Jerome De Shong	KCCU
11. Isaac Haywood	MCCU
12. Brenton Smith	PCCU
13. Daniel Robertson	PCCU
14. Cecil Straker	PCCU
15. Andra Mc Millan	SRCCU
16. Junior Bacchus	SVUTCCU
17. Cheryl Evans	SVUTCCU
18. Cecil Charles	SVUTCCU
19. Miriam Roache	SVUTCCU
20. Nathaniel Williams	SVUTCCU
21. Celitha Davy	ULPCCU

Other persons in attendance (Cont'd)

44. Telbert Samuel	KCCU
45. Alston Scott	KCCU
46. Reuben John	KCCU
47. Lecia Quow	KCCU
48. Karen Johnson	KCCU
49. Adrian Wyllie	KCCU
50. Sherron Morgan-Peters	KCCU
51. Marcelle Alexander	KCCU
52. Benedict Charles	KCCU
53. Alric Caesar	MCCU
54. Judy-Ann Prescod	MCCU
55. Colin May	PCCU
56. Rachael Mc Kenzie	SRCCU
57. Jimmy Wilson	SVUTCCU
58. Curtis King	SVUTCCU
59. Melissia Charles	SVUTCCU
60. Rawle Caine	SVUTCCU
61. Elton David	SVUTCCU
62. Colin May	SVGPCCU
63. Clifford Davy	ULPCCU
64. Stacy George	MPCS

Other persons in attendance

22. Earna Bobb	BCCU	65. Lance Stevenson	SVACS
23. Vedette Bulze	BCCU	66. Marlon Stevenson	ECCCL
24. Kenrick Glynn	GECCU	67. Albert Edwards	Co-op. Dept
25. Sylvester King	GECCU	68. Neva Phillips-Cordice	Co-op. Dept
26. Elsa Wynne	GECCU	69. Ricardo Roberts	KDLT
27. Janice King	GECCU	70. Sherine Oliver	KDLT
28. Renato Gumbs	GECCU	71. Jeff Trotman	The Vincentian
29. Cecelia Williams	GECCU	72. Omesha Spence	The Searchlight
30. Elizabeth Williams	GECCU	73. Brenton Maloney	NBC Radio 705
31. Marva Cato-Robinson	GECCU	74. Donny Daniel	Videographer
32. Joel Poyer	GECCU	75. Ornan Johnson	Bahamas CLIBL
33. Cecil Ryan	GECCU	76. Angela Patrick	League Staff
34. Stewart Haynes	GECCU	77. Basil Chambers	League Staff
35. Merle Trotman	GMMCCU	78. Diana Browne	League Staff
36. Yvette Spencer-Mc Dowall	GMMCCU	79. Kimral Williams	League Staff
37. Jaydene Wilkes	GMMCCU	80. Shanette Parris	League Staff
38. Monica Pope	GMMCCU		
39. Jasmine Spencer	GMMCCU		
40. Jacintha Small	GMMCCU		
41. Cetroy Wilkes	GMMCCU		
42. Hudson Nedd	KCCU		
43. Harvey Farrell	KCCU		



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS' REPORT For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. INTRODUCTION

The Board of Directors is pleased to report on the activities of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Co-operative League Ltd for the year ended December 31, 2010.

During the year, the Board of Directors' designed and implemented strategies to further the development of the Credit Union Movement in St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the context of the new challenges and opportunities facing credit unions in a rapidly changing economic and social environment.

This year's theme "**Co-operatives Building a Better World**" highlights the significance of cooperatives to socio-economic welfare. It conveys the breadth and scope of co-operatives as a values-based business model in fostering development goals, and advancing financial inclusion, community building, democracy and peace.

Thematically formulated from the International Year of Co-operatives (IYC) 2012 slogan, the theme creates awareness of the defining opportunity that the upcoming year provides for cooperatives in St. Vincent and the Grenadines to come together under the IYC banner to rally the public to the co-operative way of doing business.

2. ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The economy of St. Vincent and the Grenadines endured another difficult year as a consequence of the longer term challenges arising from the global economic downturn. By the close of 2010, economic activity had slowed marginally with an estimated negative growth in GDP of 0.5% relative to the 0.6% decline in 2009.

The contraction of GDP was attributed to weak performances in principal sectors including tourism, construction, manufacturing and the



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distributive trades. Concomitant with reduced inflows from these sectors, reductions in the flow of foreign direct investment, the value of remittances and receipts from the exports of goods and services, contributed to significantly impairing the economy.

The shortfall in foreign direct receipts over the period 2008 to 2010, combined with the scale of financing needed to replace production capacity lost through the erosion of trade preferences, restrict financial contagion from the CLICO-BAICO crisis, address the adverse effects of the passage of Hurricane Tomas, and carry out fiscal and debt sustainability programmes present a context for exacerbating the existing situation and further retarding the county's growth trajectory.

Moving from 66% in 2008 to 92% in 2010, SVG's debt-to-GDP ratio is already well above the 60% fiscal benchmark set by the Eastern Caribbean Central Bank (ECCB).

Unemployment rates, quoted in a range of 19% to 25% in the pre-recession period, have accelerated with the loss of jobs in the productive sectors and the reduced access to the US job market.

To improve economic performance and sustain growth, SVG's development priorities must include a readiness to exploit new opportunities offered by the emerging development framework. The country's capacity to do so will depend on, among other factors, continuing efforts to improve competitiveness, identify new goods and services exports, build on areas of comparative advantage, and generally open new areas for investment, employment and income generation.

Current efforts to expand economic activities in micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), financial services, tourism, construction, fisheries, and agriculture highlight the potential for further expansion into service exports.



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3. KEY CREDIT UNION TRENDS

An analysis of industry statistics for the year ending December 2010 showed that the credit union sector stood up well to the stresses arising from the downturn in the economy. On a consolidated basis, the nine member credit unions of the SVG League recorded steady growth in savings, loans, assets and membership.

Chart 1
Key Performance Indicators
SVG Credit Unions: 2010 - 2009

Description	2010	2009	Increase (\$)	Inc (%)
Credit Unions	9	9	-	-
Membership	53,815	51,381	1,154	2%
	EC\$	EC\$	EC\$	EC\$
Savings	291,709,672	278,303,715	16,252,059	6%
Loans	181,789,274	172,099,198	9,793,305	6%
Assets	303,573,077	293,180,421	18,894,343	7%
Reserves	33,817,725	31,753,732	(2,612,092)	-8%
Institutional Capital	33,231,673	30,846,742	2,384,941	8%
Permanent Shares	8,809,360	6,234,085	2,569,602	41%

Market Share

Credit unions' share of the market in 2010 was 51% based on the total population as a measure of the degree of penetration. This means that approximately 5 out of every 10 persons in St. Vincent and the Grenadines enjoyed the benefits of belonging to a credit union.

Membership

Membership increased by 2,434 or 5% to 53,815 compared to the higher growth rate of 7% in the previous year. However, the lower rate of increase in membership may be indicative of the efforts by credit unions to restructure their registration lists in tandem with the reclassification of shares than any real decrease in new members.

Savings

Aggregate savings grew from EC\$278.3 million to EC\$291.7 million reflecting a growth rate of 6%. The favourable expansion in savings demonstrate the continuing confidence and trust that the 53,815 members place in their financial co-operatives.



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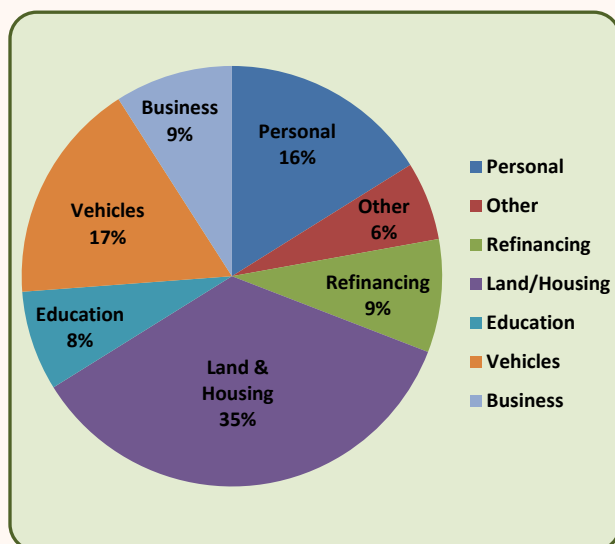


Loans

As at December 31, 2010 credit union loan balances stood at EC\$181.7 million, representing a 6% increase in the growth of credit for the year, compared to the previous period. Combined lending activity was at 60% of the aggregate asset base of EC\$303.6 million, which fell significantly below the PEARLS Standard of 70-80%.

Chart 2

Distribution of Loan Portfolio - 2010
(Total Loans = EC\$181.7million)



The volume of credit extended in 2010 amounted to EC\$58 million, representing a 10% increase over the

previous year, 100% of loans approved and 98% of loans requested.

Credit unions continued to be an important source of funds for the productive sectors of the economy. EC\$63.6 million or 35% of aggregate loans went towards the development of housing and land. Loans for business development amounted to EC\$16.4 million or 9% of total loans, including Agriculture and Fisheries of EC\$0.327 million or 2% of the business loan portfolio.

Assets

Total assets increased by 4% to EC\$303.3 million in comparison to the higher rate of expansion of 7% in 2009. The lower rate of increase in assets may be attributed to the sluggish growth rates of loans and investments.

Revenue and Expenses

Credit union income for the period amounted to EC\$21.8 million, a marginal increase of EC\$0.084 million or 0.4% as compared to the previous



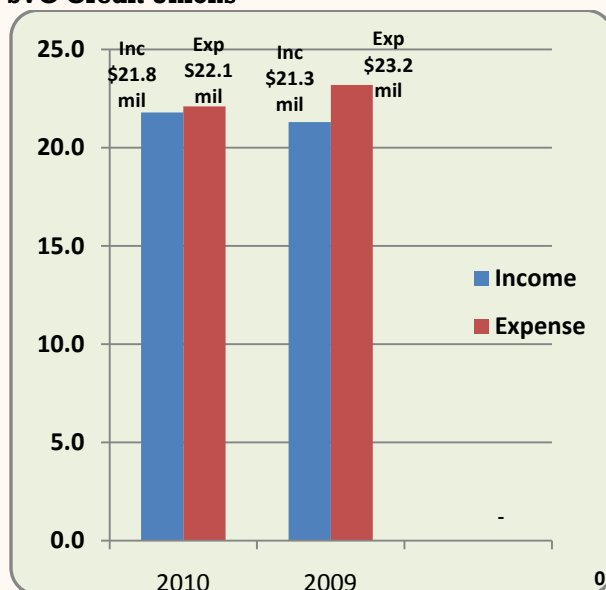
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year. The lag on income growth is partly attributable to the absorption of losses from operational deficits. It could also be an indication of how much revenue generation is a challenge given the current economic environment.

Chart 3

Total Income v. Expenses: 2010-2009
SVG Credit Unions



Key repercussions of the economic and financial crisis which may have adversely affected operating income and net interest income in the Credit Union Sector include low interest rates, slow loan demand, delinquencies, and

reductions in securities volumes and rates, and gains on investments.

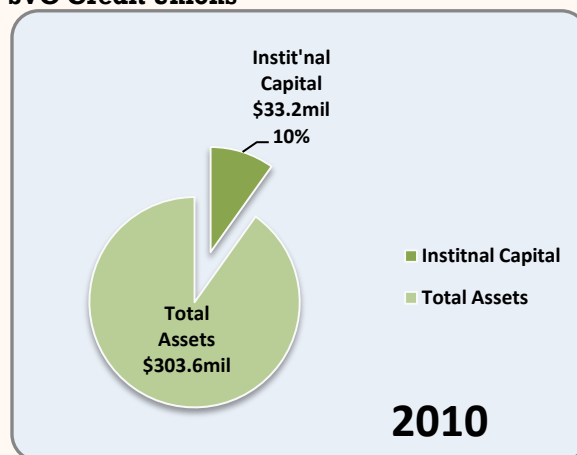
Credit unions' operating expenses decreased by EC\$1.1 million or 5% over figures reported at the end of 2009. With a decrease in income, the expense-to-income ratio for 2010 was 1.02, indicating a need for greater efficiency in minimizing costs while increasing profits.

Capital and Reserves

Growth in permanent shares remained strong in 2010, totalling EC\$8.8mil, an increase of EC\$2.6mil or 41% compared with the previous year.

Chart 4

Institutional Capital v. Total Assets - 2010
SVG Credit Unions





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Institutional capital was sustained at a growth rate of 8% resulting in an addition of EC\$2.4 million to reach a year-end total of EC\$33.3 million. At 10% of total assets, the aggregate institutional capital meets the minimum PEARLS benchmark. The level of institutional capital in relation to total assets and its favourable growth rate are good indicators of the potential for the sustained strength and profitability of credit unions. With a combined liquidity reserve rate of 12%, credit unions were compliant with prudential standards in meeting liquidity-reserve-deposit requirements.

Productivity

The employee base of the sector remained constant in 2010 at 100 persons. The 5% increase in membership resulted in an increase in the member-to-employee ratio, which averaged 538 as of December 2010.

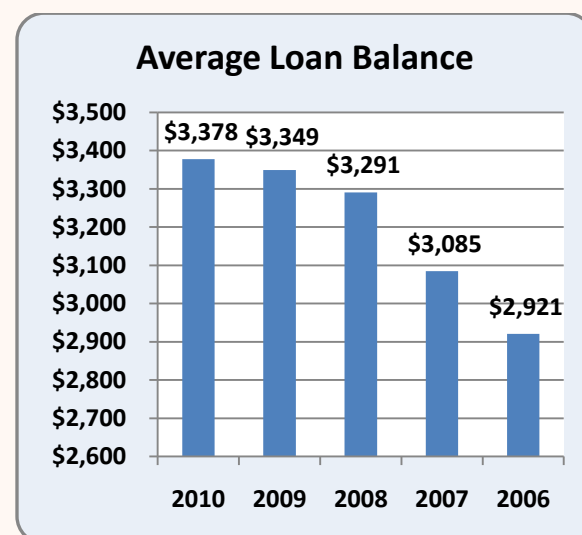
Income per employee increased slightly in 2010, moving to EC\$218 thousand. The EC\$5.3 million or 10%

increase in new loans during the period under review, gave rise to an average annual loan origination per employee of EC\$580 thousand.

Member Relationships

Chart 5

Average Loan Balance: 2010-2006
SVG Credit Unions



Average savings per member was EC\$5,421 in 2010 as compared to EC\$5,416 for the previous year. The average loan balance increased slightly to EC\$3,378 over the EC\$3,349 recorded in 2009.

With a combined net worth in excess of EC\$42 million at December 31, 2010 the credit union industry remains a principal source of savings and credit



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for more than 70% of the economically active population and a substantial base of the national economy.

4. GOVERNANCE

A. Board of Directors

The Board of Directors was elected at the 30th Annual General Meeting of the League that was held on May 29, 2010. At its first meeting following the AGM, the following Directors were elected to serve:

President: Bro. Junior Bacchus
Vice President: Bro. Michael John
Treasurer: Sis. Cheryl Evans
Secretary: Sis. Cicelyn Joseph
Director: Sis. Sylvia Sutherland
Director: Bro. Daniel Robertson
Director: Bro. Kelvin Pompey

During the period under review, thirteen meetings of the Board of Directors were convened.

The following schedule shows the Directors' attendance to meetings during the period:

Chart 6:
Attendance Schedule – Board of Directors

Director	No. of Meetings	Attendance
Bro. Junior Bacchus	13	13
Bro. Michael John	13	11
Sis. Cheryl Evans	13	13
Sis. Cicelyn Joseph	13	9
Sis. Sylvia Sutherland	13	10
Bro. Daniel Robertson	13	13
Bro. Kelvin Pompey	13	8

B. League Representatives

Three League Representatives' meetings were held during the year to discuss key aspects of the League's operations and critical issues affecting the Credit Union Movement.

C. Supervisory Committee

Eight regular meetings of the Supervisory Committee were held during the period to examine the operations and internal controls of the League.



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D. Advisory Committees

The following advisory committees functioned during the period under review:

- ☐ Haitian Earthquake Appeal Committee;
- ☐ Death Benefit Committee;
- ☐ Insurance Task Force;
- ☐ Microfinance Consortium Task Force;
- ☐ Credit Union Week Committee.

5. PROGRAMME PRIORITIES

Every sub-sector of the financial services industry has been affected in one way or another by the challenges resulting from the global economic downturn. Cognizant of the emerging dynamics in the economic and financial environments which now confront credit unions, the Board of Directors gave exhaustive impetus to initiating the development programmes for the Credit Union Movement approved by the 30th Annual General Meeting.

The Board instituted and worked steadfastly with several consultative

committees to advance the following programme priorities:

- a. Facilitate Co-operative Sector partnerships aimed at building a central consortium dedicated to financing Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- b. Design and implement plan to capitalize on potential opportunity for establishing a wholly-owned credit union insurance company.
- c. Continue lobby for enabling legislation and regulatory framework for the Co-operative Sector.
- d. Implement the recommendations of the Death Benefit Committee in respect of the establishment of a centralized Death Benefit Fund.
- e. Devise and implement a plan-of-action to facilitate expedient restructuring and consolidation of the Credit Union Sector.



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6. MICROFINANCE CONSORTIUM

As key providers of finance to micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs), credit unions are conscious of the gaps that exist in this service area, particularly in the wake of an indepth study of the MSME sub-sector that was initiated by the Government and the Commonwealth Secretariat in 2009.

The research produced a national “Integrated Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise (MSME) Policy and Strategy for St. Vincent and the Grenadines”, inclusive of a recommendation for private sector entities to work together to provide MSMEs with greater access to improved financial services through sustainable microfinance programmes.

Following a series of deliberations over the period May 2009 to May 2010 on how the Co-operative Sector could best address this developmental and financing need, the SVG Co-operative League’s 30th Annual General Meeting of May 29, 2010, unanimously

endorsed a resolution giving the mandate to design a mechanism for co-operatives to pursue a unified approach towards the establishment of a central institution to finance MSMEs.

A 5-member Microfinance Task Force of Co-operative Sector representatives was established on May 31, 2010 to implement a 9-point work plan leading to the institution of an autonomous small business and microfinance consortium by December 31, 2010 co-owned by the League, its member credit unions and associate service co-operatives, and designed to increase access by more viable enterprises to much needed financial services.

The League contracted the services of a microfinance consultant to enable the MFI Consortium Task Force to implement research and development activities crucial to the exercise, inclusive of:

- extensive consultations with all credit unions at the membership, management and League levels to



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determine the market, financial and technical feasibility of the proposed MFI consortium and the most appropriate legal personality it should assume;

- consultations with stakeholders (NDF, CED, WINFA, ECTAD, CASME), development agencies (Embassy of Taiwan, COMSEC, CDB, UNDP, EU, BDO, CIDA, CEDA) and government, including 2 meetings with the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.

By December 31, 2010 the work of the Task Force and consultant enabled the League to make the following progress on the Microfinance Consortium Project:

- a. unanimous approval by the Special General Meeting (SGM) of November 13, 2010 of the feasibility study report recommending the establishment of the microfinance consortium in line with the Co-operative Business Model, and the draft Bye Laws of the proposed entity;
- b. formal registration of the SVG Small Business and Microfinance Consortium (COMFI) on November 24, 2010 in accordance with the mandate of the November 13 SGM and institution of a provisional Board of Directors;
- c. conduct of a Loan Portfolio Audit to inform the COMFI Business Plan on the quality of business loans held by the League's member credit unions;
- d. approval of the draft 3-year COMFI Business Plan with (i) the recommended equity structure and work plan to effectively capitalize the entity; and (ii) a clear process of resource mobilization, infrastructure development, product design, systems design and linkages, capacity building, enhancing skills and knowledge competencies, marketing, and relationship building to support



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the efficient start-up and operation of COMFI.

The League Board will be working closely with the provisional Board of COMFI to have the new entity in place during 2011.

7. COMBINED INSURANCE

The issue of how the movement could leverage the credit union market to develop and manage its own insurance company that would meet the Life Savings, Loan Protection and other insurance needs of members continued to occupy the Board's attention during the period under review.

In investigating ways in which the League could approach the issue, the Board collaborated with the Bahamas League in an attempt to draw lessons from their experience as a carrier of insurance services for the Bahamas co-operative movement.

Data amassed by the League on CUNA LP/LS insurance premiums, rates,

claims history, commissions, etc for the 10-year period 2000 to 2009 was shared with the Bahamas Co-operative League for analysis. The outcome of the review was that having generated premiums far in excess of claims over a 10-year span, with efficient administrative oversight, a centralized LP/LS insurance plan could be sustainably implemented by the League and its member credit unions.

Pursuant to the 30th Annual General Meeting insurance resolution, the Board established an Insurance Task Force to explore the feasibility of instituting a centralized LP/LS insurance programme, co-owned by the League and Affiliate Credit Unions.

On recommendation of the Task Force, an actuary was contracted to undertake the research and development activities. The actuarial report and final recommendations of the Task Force are projected for completion and delivery to the Board during 2011.



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8. DEATH BENEFIT SERVICES

The Death Benefit Committee that was established by the Board pursuant to the recommendations of the October 15, 2009 Leadership and Strategy Forum, gained the approval of the 30th AGM for additional time to devise and implement a comprehensive work plan that would allow it to more fully realize its mission. The Committee's extended mandate included assessing the feasibility of credit unions consolidating resources to institute the following:

- i. a central death benefit fund through the League to serve the needs of all credit unions;
- ii. an investment partnership with funeral home(s) to make services available to credit unions members at more affordable rates; or the establishment of a funeral services co-operative jointly owned by all credit unions and the League

The Committee set as its main task for the latter quarters of 2009, undertaking the necessary field research to support an evaluation of the performance of credit unions' death benefit plans for the five year period 2010-2005.

The Board anticipates receiving the Committee's report and plan-of-action during 2011.

9. CREDIT UNION SECTOR MODERNIZATION

Credit unions remain the fastest growing segment of the financial services sector in St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and with strong popular ownership and broad geographic penetration constitute a major engine for strategic, people-centered economic development.

Despite the overall growth and dynamism of the sector, credit unions face a number of problems which severely restrict their potential to play a greater role in the financial market.



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In view of the challenges and opportunities that have emerged in the financial and economic environment, and given credit unions' weight in the country's productive activities, the League is focused on re-engineering the sector into a unified, distinct and powerful engine for economic growth.

Arising out of the consultative meetings held with member societies in June to December 2010, the Board devised a roadmap to restructure, strengthen and integrate credit unions over a 12-month period beginning January 2011. The key elements of the one-year action plan for modernizing the Cooperative Sector are the following:

1. Conduct institutional analyses of the small and medium-sized credit unions to assess reconstruction and institutional development needs.
2. Produce and implement customized reconstruction plans in the target credit unions.

3. Institute a clean-up plan focused on elevating and streamlining standards and best practices across the sector to compliment COMFT's professional business approach.
4. Initiate a 3-tier sector integration strategy: (a) shared branching strategies; (b) reconstruction of medium-level credit unions and consolidation of the 4 weakest credit unions with the stronger ones, and (c) affiliation of the two owner service cooperatives into membership of the League.
5. Institute plan to strengthen the institutional capacity of the SVG League as the apex body to undertake its full mandate for the developmental direction of the Cooperative Sector.

10. LEGISLATIVE LOBBY

The 30th Annual General Meeting of the League agreed on the urgency for the League to take proactive measures



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to intensify dialogue and advocacy aimed at ensuring that the role, function, ethos and mission of co-operatives do not become neglected and lost in the new regulatory framework being designed for the Sector.

In keeping with the AGM mandate, the League hosted four sector consultations over the period June to September 2010, which:

- a. examined changes in the revised harmonized legislation and recent initiatives by the Government in respect of the new regulatory structure; and
- b. devised a collective strategy to engage Government officials in dialogue on the need for legislative and regulatory reform that protect the distinct and important role that co-operatives play in the society and economy.

The League collaborated with CCCU to enlist the expertise of Bro. Melvin

Edwards to assist us in shaping and expediting a feasible lobby strategy and process.

Consultations were held with the Prime Minister and Minister of Legal Affairs, the Minister of Co-operatives and the Attorney General to highlight pressing concerns regarding legislative reform for the sector.

It was unanimously agreed at the meeting between the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and 34 Co-operative Presidents and Managers representing the interests of 52,000 Vincentians that Government would give due consideration to the Sector's concern for preserving the Co-operative Philosophy within the framework of a single regulatory authority.

Recognizing the urgency of adopting and complying with higher levels of governance, transparency and accountability, particularly in view of the new challenges being imposed by



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the emerging financial and economic environment, Government agreed to give priority to enacting the revised Harmonized Co-operative Societies Bill within the 2010 parliamentary year. There was also unanimous agreement on the need for the Co-operative Sector and Government to continue working in partnership to instill the highest levels of public confidence in the Sector.

11. MEMBER SERVICES

During the period under review, the League provided assistance to Affiliates in the areas of:

- ☐ Administration of CUNA insurance services;
- ☐ Office support services;
- ☐ Co-ordination of national and regional events:
 - Credit Union Week activities;
 - Haiti Disaster Relief Efforts
 - Sector consultations with policy makers
 - 8th OECS Credit Unions Summit;

- 52nd CCCU International Convention;

- ☐ Promotion and publicity;
- ☐ Representation and advocacy;
- ☐ Policy development;
- ☐ Research and development;
- ☐ Resource mobilization.

12. TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

During the period under review, training and technical assistance was conducted in the following areas:

- ☐ Compliance Issues re loans, operations and governance
- ☐ Leadership and Organization Development
- ☐ Permanent Shares;
- ☐ Record-keeping
- ☐ Technical assistance re loan analysis and classification; credit administration.

In collaboration with the Ministry of Education, the League conducted a customized programme of training on the history and development of co-operatives for senior students of 13



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secondary schools. The programme is demand driven and constitutes five modules to be delivered in 3-hour seminars held in February and November each year.

The training has been designed to provide information to students with an interest in selecting co-operative enterprises as an area of research for their CXC School-Based Assessment projects.

Outreach to member credit unions continued through field visits by League Directors assigned to specified societies as liaison officers. These visits focused on the development needs of credit unions and identified areas in which the League could provide training and technical support.

13. ADVOCACY & REPRESENTATION

During the period under review, the League represented the Sector through the following initiatives and partnerships:

- ☐ Consultations with the Prime Minister/Minister of Legal Affairs, the Minister of Co-operatives and the Attorney General legislative and regulatory issues critical to the sector;
- ☐ Consultations with the Co-operative Department;
- ☐ Meetings of NESDC, Non-State Actors Advisory Panel and SIF;
- ☐ Meetings with various Government Ministries and Departments on a range of development issues;
- ☐ Meetings with Guardian Life Insurance Company to explore more competitive medical plans for the sector;
- ☐ Meetings with representatives of the Caribbean Credit Bureau;
- ☐ Affiliations with the ECCCL and CCCU.

14. COOPERATIVE DEPARTMENT

During the period under review, the League and member credit unions attended quarterly meetings convened by the Co-operative Department. The meetings facilitated the exchange of



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information and views on a range of issues including co-operative sector compliance with the Co-operative Societies Act and other relevant legislation, the Single Regulatory Unit, financial reporting and schools co-operatives.

15. CREDIT UNION WEEK

The League spearheaded activities to commemorate Credit Union Week over the period October 17 to 23, 2010. The week was observed under the theme *“Local, Trusted, Serving You...Experience the Credit Union Difference”*.

The main elements of the programme of activities for the week were a National Schools Co-operatives Awards, Credit Union Outreach and Rap Session (Grenadines), Credit Union Market Place (public exhibition), and an Inter Credit Union Sports Day.

The week's activities were successfully implemented with the full support of all Affiliates.

16. 8TH OECS CREDIT UNION SUMMIT

A delegation of thirty-five representative(s) drawn from nine credit unions, the League and Cooperative Department attended the 8th Annual OECS Credit Union Summit in St. Lucia from August 18 to 22, 2010.

The Summit was convened under the theme: **“Co-operating to withstand our present day Challenges”** and examined the following key issues:

- a. strategies for assisting credit union members to personally cope with the effects of the world financial crisis on the economies of Eastern Caribbean States.
- b. Reinvesting in the Credit Union Movement – A case for Central Finance Facility (CFF).



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- c. The Financial Services Regulatory Legislation, what to expect, how do we prepare?
- d. OECS Economic Union – Its implications for the Movement.

The 8th OECS Credit Unions Summit outlined recommendations to be used as a roadmap by cooperative leaders to guide their programs and advocacy on behalf of the movement.

The meeting agreed that the 9th OECS Credit Summit would be convened in Grenada in 2011.

17. CCCU CONVENTION

A delegation of twelve (12) representatives of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Credit Union Movement attended CCCU's 53rd Annual International Convention from June 25 - 30, 2010 in St. Maarten, Netherlands Antilles.

During the business segment of the Convention, delegates participated in seminars on a range of issues

including attracting innovative new markets for credit unions; new policy, legislative and regulatory changes for credit unions in CARICOM; Internal Supervision, Risk Management and Compliance - The Premium for Credibility; and Roles and Functions of External Auditors, Government Examiners and Compliance Officers.

Six delegates represented the League at the 39th Annual General Meeting of the CCCU:

- Bro. Junior Bacchus - Delegate
- Sis. Cheryl Evans - Delegate
- Bro. Michael John - Delegate
- Bro. Julian Jack - Alternate Delegate
- Sis. Camilla Mandeville - Alternate Delegate
- Bro. Jerome De Shong- Alternate Delegate.

18. EASTERN CARIBBEAN COOPERATIVE CENTRAL

The Eastern Caribbean Co-operative Central convened its second Annual General Meeting on August 21, 2010. At the Board meeting immediately



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following the AGM, Directors were elected to serve as follows:

- Aaron Moses - Chairman - (Grenada)
- Clement Carty - Deputy Chairman (Dominica)
- Emil Michael - Secretary (Antigua and Barbuda)
- Daniel Robertson - Treasurer (St. Vincent and the Grenadines)
- Steadroy Pemberton - Director (St. Kitts and Nevis)
- Alexander Joseph - Director (St. Lucia)

The following persons were elected by the second AGM to serve on the Supervisory and Compliance Committee for the 2010-2011 year:

- Nigel Fulgence - Chairman (St. Lucia)
- Cheryl Evans - Secretary (St. Vincent & the Grenadines)
- Coleen Bernabe - Member (Dominica)

During the 2010-2011 programme year, the ECCCL Board and Management plan to give priority attention to raising funds for the day-to-day operations of the society and

finalizing plans for the launch of its MasterCard and IRNET projects.

19. PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The past year has seen an unprecedented level of consultative activities initiated by the SVG Cooperative League on matters pertinent to protecting and promoting the interests and relevance of the Sector.

The Feasibility Study Report of the Microfinance Consortium Project revealed that the League has made a visible shift during the past 2 years. It has moved from being an apex body that merely provides information exchange, training, events coordination and occasional representation to a **prominent advocacy and developmental organization focused on re-engineering the Co-operative Sector into a unified, distinct and powerful economic engine.**



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The Report stressed that by converting the recent shocks and misgivings associated with the impairment of credit unions' investments in the CL Financial Group's instruments into an introspective approach to search for "avenues for greater networking and consolidation", the League's Board and Management are proactively influencing a new tactical direction among all co-operatives, towards ***"taking advantage of linkages and synergies to provide quality services to Affiliates"*** as espoused in the society's Vision Statement.

The SVG Cooperative League's 12-month plan-of-action for strengthening and integrating the Cooperative Sector is a vital component of the strategy to restructure, consolidate and rebrand the Co-operative Business Model for competitiveness. The Board of Directors will be moving deliberately and diligently to ensure the fulfillment of the deliverables under this plan.

One of the Board's main priorities in 2011 would be to work closely with the Boards of the Police, Marriaqua, Barouallie, Georgetown - Mt. Coke Methodist, ULP and South Rivers Credit Unions to facilitate in-depth dialogue with GECCU, KCCU and SVUTCCU to devise and implement a plan for **mergers/amalgamations among these societies.**

The Board will continue to facilitate the efforts of the Task Forces to ensure that the research and development work underpinning the **COMFI Project, Insurance Project and Death Benefit Project is completed and applied to enable timely implementation in 2011.**

The Board has already laid the groundwork that would initiate the planning process by the League and its member credit unions early in 2011 to craft a programme of activities to commemorate the **International Year of Cooperatives (IYC) 2012.**



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This milestone is indeed a defining opportunity for the SVG Cooperative Sector to join the international Cooperative Movement in showcasing the achievements and contributions of cooperatives. The League and Affiliate Credit Unions stand ready to work with the National IYC Coordinating Committee to fashion a cohesive blueprint for commemorating the Cooperative Year.

20. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The achievements of the past year could not have been possible without the contribution and co-operation of all stakeholders of the SVG Cooperative League.

The Board of Directors wishes to convey special thanks to the following:

- Member credit unions for their steadfast support;

- The statutory and advisory committees that served during the year under review;
- The Registrar and staff of the Co-operative Department for their ongoing collaboration and support;
- Government ministries and departments for their ongoing support to the cooperative sector;
- Regional and international credit union associations particularly the ECCCL, CCCU and WOCCU;
- Management and staff.

Presented by and on behalf of Board of Directors:

Bro. Junior Bacchus
President



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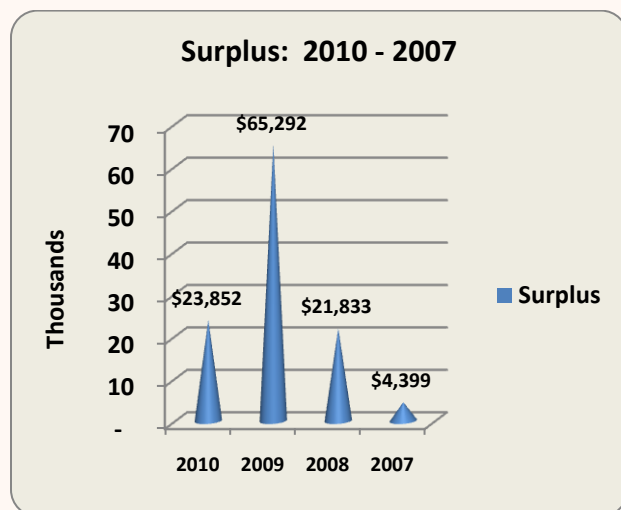
TREASURER'S REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. SURPLUS

The financial statements for 2010 showed that the League experienced positive increases in the major areas of operation.

Chart 1: Surplus: 2010 – 2007
SVG Co-operative League



A surplus was generated from operations for the year totaling \$23,852. Although this represents a 41% decrease in comparison to 2009,

the higher profit level for that year was due to the net result of receipts and expenditures for the 7th OECS Credit Unions Summit, an event that has a 7-year cycle in the programme calendar of the League.

The positive growth continues a trend which began four years ago when the League registered a surplus for the first time in many years, thereby reversing a legacy of operating deficits that plagued the society in the past.

The reduced net surplus from operations resulted in a marginal decrease of the accumulated surplus balance for 2010, which moved from \$110,767 in 2009 to \$96,223 in 2010.

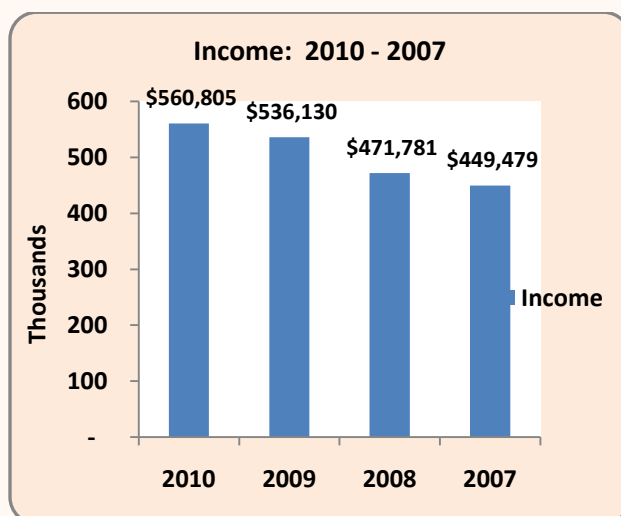


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2. INCOME

Chart 2: Income: 2010 - 2007
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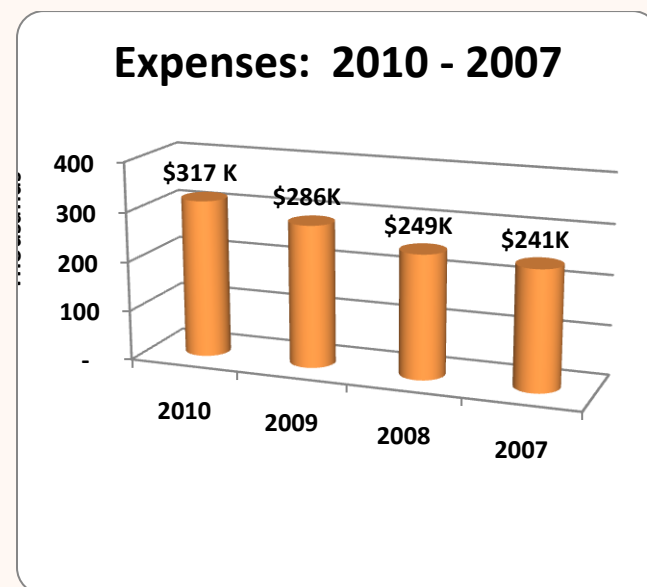
The income generated from operations was \$560,805, an increase of \$24,675 or 5% compared to the \$536,130 or 14% rate of increase for the previous year.

It should be noted here as well that the increased growth in income for in 2009 over 2010 was due largely to the net results of activities associated with hosting the 7th Annual OECS Credit Unions Summit.

3. EXPENDITURE

Expenses for the year amounted to \$317,421, which was an increase of \$31,019 or 11% over 2008. The increase was largely attributable to increases in the items board and affiliate meetings, 8th OECS Summit travel expenses and stationery, supplies and offices.

Chart 3: Expenses: 2010 - 2007
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The increases in these items were directly attributable to the heavy programming activities associated



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with coordinating the work of the COMFI, Insurance and Death Benefit Task Forces as well as the Haitian Relief Efforts.

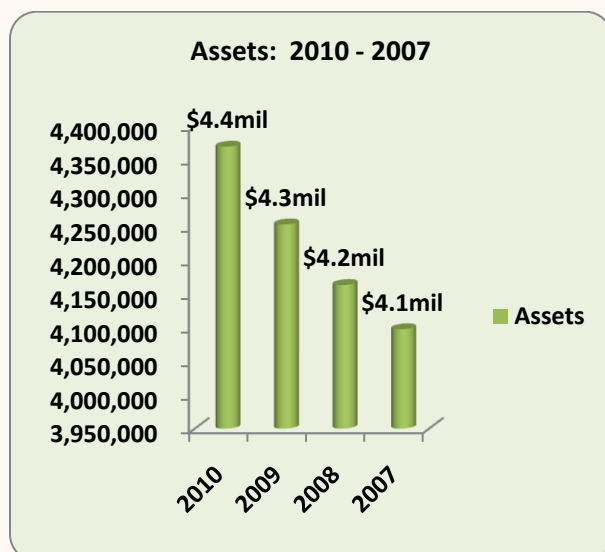
\$10,666, resulting mainly from balances for accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

Signed:

Sis. Cheryl Evans
Treasurer

4. ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Chart 4: Assets: 2010 - 2007



The increasing trend in assets was maintained in 2010. Assets totaled \$4,368,845 representing an increase of \$115,505 or 3% over the previous year.

Liabilities totaled \$3,154,595 representing a marginal increase of



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SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. INTRODUCTION

The role of the Supervisory Committee is defined in the Cooperative Societies Act 1999 and by the By-laws of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Co-operative League.

Its core function is to make internal audits and inspections in order to ascertain and ensure that the League's accounting records and management procedures accurately reflect the true and transparent operations and results of the society.

During the past year, the Supervisory Committee maintained oversight over the general functioning of the League. Close attention was paid to accounting controls as practiced.

2. FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMITTEE

The Supervisory Committee was elected at the League's 32nd AGM held at the Girl Guides Headquarters on May 19, 2010. Immediately following the AGM, the elected members met briefly and elected the Chairperson and Secretary. The result is listed below:

Miriam Roache – Chairman

Jerome De Shong – Secretary

Kenneth Douglas – Member

During 2010, the Supervisory Committee met on eight occasions and frequently met with staff to review the accounting system in place and, where necessary, made recommendations to address weaknesses.



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Attendances at these meetings were as follows:

Sis. Miriam Roache	8
Bro. Jerome de Shong	8
Bro. Kenneth Douglas	7

3. REVIEW OF RECORDS

For the period under review, the Committee paid attention to the following:

(i) Fixed Asset Register

The committee was able to verify the assets listed by physically counting the items in the different departments to which they were placed.

(ii) Rent Register

The amounts outstanding for rent receivables were substantial and too long past due. This was a great source of concern to the Committee. The committee met with management and discussed the need for an aggressive collection effort.

(iii) Receipt journal

The League's accounting system is computerized using Quick Books. All accounting records were effectively maintained.

Other Documents

The committee looked at the minutes of the League's Board meetings to track the implementation of set policies targeted for 2010-2011. The League's strategic and operational plans and the Development Fund account and the usage were also examined.

The Committee was however unable to determine the level of progress on the following:

- the mentoring of the smaller Credit Unions
- the tasks force set up to look at the death benefit.

The Committee however recognized the Boards focus and effort on realizing the objects of COMFI during the year.



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4. CONCLUSION

In general, the Supervisory Committee is satisfied with the accounting controls in place at the League.

The Board, Management and Staff must be commended for the conducting the Leagues business in a manner consistent with the Co-operative Societies Act and the policies, practice and principles of the co-operative movement.

Its members wish to thank members of the League for the vote of confidence which enabled them to serve on this very important committee.

Signed:

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Miriam Roache
Chairman

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Jerome De Shong
Secretary

.....
Kenneth Douglas



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DEVELOPMENT FUND COMMITTEE REPORT

For the Year Ended December 31, 2010

1. MANAGEMENT

Two meetings of the Development Fund Committee were convened during the period under review. The management team that was elected by the League Representatives to serve on the Development Fund Committee continued to administer the operations of the Fund during the period. The team comprised the following members:

Chairman: Bro. Junior Bacchus

Secretary: Bro. Kelvin Pompey

Treasurer: Bro. Reuben John

Member: Sis. Merle Trotman

Member: Sis. Cheryl Evans

Member: Bro. Lennox Bowman.

The League Board reviewed reports on the operations of the Fund in accordance with its mandate to monitor and supervise the Fund. All

major decisions of the Committee were ratified by the Board.

The Co-operative Department was kept abreast of the progress of the Fund through regular reports.

2. FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

The main functions of the Development Fund Committee are to:

- i. develop operational guidelines for the management of the Fund;
- ii. receive and study development proposals to the Fund;
- iii. recommend investment options to maximize returns on the Fund.



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3. PROJECTS

Two projects were evaluated and approved by the Development Fund Committee during the period under review:

- (a) Research and Development – SVG League and Affiliates joint Microfinance Co-operative Project (EC\$112,000);
- (b) Research and Development – SVG League and Affiliates joint Insurance Services Project (EC\$22,000);

Contributions to the Development Fund are made in accordance with the following formula:

- 5% of the society's surplus for the year provided that the sum calculated does not exceed thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000).

All registered co-operatives making contributions to the Development Fund, and which are in good financial standing, are eligible to submit projects to the Fund in keeping with the prescribed criteria established by the committee.

4. STATUS OF FUND

As at December 31, 2010, the Development Fund stood at a total value of two hundred and sixty-five thousand, one hundred and forty-six dollars (\$265,146).

Bro. Junior Bacchus
Chairman



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