

27<sup>th</sup> Annual General  
Meeting of  
Southwark Credit  
Union Limited

The Pod at Peckham  
Library  
London SE15

20<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Annual Report and  
Audited Accounts of  
Southwark Credit Union  
Limited

For the year 30<sup>th</sup>  
September 2008



Southwark Credit Union



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**18 Pilgrimage St, Bermondsey, London SE1**

Opening hours are: Monday to Thursday - 9.30AM to 4.30PM. Friday 11.00AM to 4.30 PM.

Southwark Credit Union Limited is authorised and regulated by the Financial Services Authority FRN 213248 and is:

- An Industrial and Provident Society
- A Member of the Association of British Credit Unions Ltd
- Member of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme
- A Member of the Financial Ombudsman Service

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# Southwark Credit Union Ltd

### Members:

Southwark Credit Union has a common bond of "Residing in or being employed in the London Borough of Southwark or the postal area of SE1" and has 7885 members;

### Membership during the year

	New Accounts	Accounts closed	Total at Year End
Adult Members	1640	784	7885
Junior Savers	???	???	1345

Total Adult Savings	£4,820,938
Total out on loan	£5,170,414
Total Assets	£7,476,654

### Highlights of the year:

# 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Southwark Credit Union Limited

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20<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 5.30PM

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Minutes of the AGM held WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2008
3. Report of the Board Directors
4. Treasurer's Report
5. Consideration of Accounts
6. Auditor's Report
7. Declaration and recommendation of dividend
8. Supervisory Committee Report
9. Appointment of Auditors
10. Honorarium for the Treasurer
11. Election of Officers
12. Consideration of Motions

Details of Nominations and minutes of the previous meeting will be available at the AGM

Entry to the meetings will be on production of membership card or proof of membership. You may be asked for proof of identity.

**SOUTHWARK CREDIT UNION LIMITED  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
ON WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**1.OPENING:**

- 1.1. The President, Ann Brewster, opened the Meeting.
- 1.2. The President, Ann Brewster, welcomed the members and being quorate business commenced.
- 1.3. The Directors were introduced to the Meeting, also Richard Oswald of Appleby & Wood who are our Auditors.

**2.MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE 27th FEBRUARY 2007:**

2.1.The Minutes were read, there being no queries Joan Drane moved their acceptance, Anthony Anthrobus seconded the Motion. The Minutes were accepted.

**3.PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

3.1.Ann Brewster read the Report, there being no queries, Karen Michael moved its acceptance, Anthony Anthrobus seconded the Motion. The Report was accepted.

**4.TREASURER'S REPORT:**

4.1.Roy McLeod went through the Report, their being no queries, Anthony Anthrobus moved its acceptance, Patrick Scanlon seconded the Motion. The Report was accepted.

The Treasurer explained to the Meeting that although there would be no dividend recommended, Young Savers would be paid interest of 5% on their savings.

**5 & 6. CONSIDERATION OF THE ACCOUNTS & REPORT OF THE AUDITORS:**

5.1.Richard Oswald went through the audited Accounts. He stated that the Treasurer's Report had dealt with the financial aspects and that he had nothing to add, apart from:

- Overall reserves had increased substantially in proportion to growth and 20% had gone into the General Reserve.
- It is important to continue to build up the reserves of the credit union.
- The cost of the Banking Project has been capitalised and will be written off over 10 years and it is expected that the Banking Project will generate some income for the Credit Union to offset the related expenses.
- The increase in Net Current Assets is due to the inclusion of the Growth Fund Project

Richard Oswald was thanked for his Report, Peter Bussy moved its acceptance, and Joan Drane seconded the Motion. The Report was accepted.

**8.DECLARATION OF A DIVIDEND:**

8.1.Roy McLeod explained that a dividend could not be recommended this year for members due to the costs of launching various projects and events outlined in the Treasurer's Report.

**9.REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE:**

9.1. David Sokoya of the Supervisory Committee read the Report. Matthew Sweetlove moved its acceptance, Anthony Anthrobus seconded the Motion. The Motion was accepted.

## **10.ELECTION OF DIRECTORS:**

10.1.Ann Brewster and Tony Anthrobus were due for re-election and had been formally proposed. Joan Drane moved acceptance of the nominations, Roy McLeod seconded. The Nominations were accepted.

## **11.ELECTION OF THE SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE:**

11.1.Roy McLeod explained the duties of this Committee and asked for volunteers. The meeting was advised that David Sokoya and Karen Griffiths would be willing to continue and Heather Crawford was nominated to the Committee Stephen Roach moved acceptance of the nomination and Karen Michael seconded. The Nomination was accepted.

## **12.RESOLUTIONS:**

12.1.The following motions were proposed:

1) This AGM agrees, subject to approval from the Regulator, to adopt and register the ABCUL Model Rules 2007.

2) Common Bond Extension:

This Annual General Meeting agrees, subject to approval from the Regulator, to register a complete amendment to rules that will incorporate a new 'appropriate membership qualification' which will read as:

The qualification for admission to membership of the credit union shall be residing in, or being employed in the Anglican Diocese of Southwark, so that in consequence thereof, there shall be a common bond between all the members.

Roy McLeod moved acceptance, more than two-thirds of the meeting supported acceptance. The Motion was accepted.

## **7.APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDITORS:**

7.1.The Treasurer proposed that Appleby & Wood be retained for the Financial Year 2008/2009. Francisca Ubogagu moved acceptance, Karen Michael seconded the Motion. The Motion was accepted.

## **13.HONORARIUM FOR THE TREASURER:**

12.1. Mufu Durowoju proposed that an Honorarium of £8,755 be paid to the Treasurer. This will be net of PAYE and NIC. David Sokoya expressed the Credit Union's thanks to the Treasurer for the amount of his own time and efforts he devotes to the Credit Union. David Sokoya moved acceptance of the proposal, Anthony Anthrobus seconded. The Proposal was accepted.

## **14.ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

14.1.Francisca Ubogagu asked what was the ratio between community and workplace members. Lakshman Chandrasekera responded that the split was approximately 70% community and 30% workplace.

## **15.CLOSE:**

The Meeting closed at 13.55 hours

**SOUTHWARK CREDIT UNION LIMITED  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**REPORT OF THE BOARD DIRECTORS FOR YEAR ENDING 30 SEPTEMBER  
2008**

On behalf of the Board of Directors it is with great pleasure that I present this annual report as President of the Southwark Credit Union Limited (SCU).

The 15<sup>th</sup> November 2007 saw the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration and the launch of the publication of our book of "Southwark Credit Union at the House of Commons hosted by Harriet Harman MP, Deputy Leader of the Labour Party. Other MPs who attended were James Plaskett MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Department of Work and Pensions, Simon Hughes MP, the Chairman of the Liberal Democrat Party, Cllr Nicholas Stanton, Leader of Southwark Council and many other distinguished guests.

The business of the Credit Union has once again continued to grow from strength to strength and now has a membership total of 7,885. Our shares have now reached over £4.8 million with loans in excess of £5.1 million. We currently service 1,345 junior saver accounts and we intend to pay 5% interest for those young savers to show our recognition as our investment in the future. These are the next generation of our membership. Unlike many young people, they are the lucky ones who have been given an opportunity to understand the importance of managing money and a knowledge of different financial products, hopefully we can help steer this generation into making the correct financial decisions throughout their lives.

During the financial year we have refurbished our head office reception area to provide more comfortable environment for the members. Our Denmark Hill office is operating to its full capacity and we have also installed an Air Condition system for the benefit of our staff and upgraded our network cable system for us to work more efficiently. We have also introduced a new "mobile banking" facility where our members could text and receive their account balances instantly.

This year without exception we continued our support and hosted visits from both national and international credit unions. We have also received visitors from the HM Treasury, HSBC Bank, Association of British Insurers.

Despite the current economic climate SCU has steadily continued its development. The growth we are experiencing shows that we are making strides in meeting the needs of the membership.

Full credit must be given to all the volunteers of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Committee. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our dedicated staff. Their enthusiasm and hard work is a credit to the organisation and how it has grown.

Finally I would like to thank all our members for their continuing loyalty and look forward to all your support for the incoming year so that we can continue to expand and develop this excellent service for the communities that we serve.

**Ann Brewster  
President**

# Governance Report

## Elected Members

Board of Directors			Meetings	
Name	Position	Year Elected	Possible Attendances	Actual Attendances
Ann Brewster	Chairperson	1998	12	12
Karen Michael	Secretary	2006	12	8
Louis R McLeod	Treasurer	1996	12	12
Anthony Chesterfield Anthrobus		2004	12	12
Mufutau Presley Durowoju		2007	12	11
Albert Eze		2006	12	11

Supervisory Committee			Meetings	
Name	Position	Year Elected	Possible Attendances	Actual Attendances
David Sokoya	Chairperson	02/07/2002	12	6
Karen Griffiths		02/07/2002	12	2
Heather Crawford		06/06/2008	3	3

The training undertaken by elected members in the year to xxxx included:

## Governance Report

Southwark Credit union Limited is committed to achieving the requirements of the Code of Good Governance and Best Practice for Credit Unions and has appointed a specific person whose responsibility it is to monitor the credit union's progress.

The code of governance requires that the credit union reaches compliance in elements of:

1. **COMPLIANCE AND CONTINUITY** – The credit union strives to ensure compliance and transparency with the requirements of the law, the regulator and members of the credit union and takes steps to safeguard the future of the credit union.
2. **INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY** -The credit union strives to maintain the integrity of elected individuals, staff and the credit union as a financial provider and an ethical co-operative business and in doing so aims to maintain accountability to all of its stakeholders.
3. **SKILLS AND ABILITY** - The Board and Senior Management must ensure that all those involved in the operation of the credit union will have the opportunity to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to operate the credit union successfully
4. **STRUCTURE AND THE PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE** -The credit union must develop and maintain an accessible, clear and co-operative structure

The code of Governance has been introduced into the UK credit unions by the Association of British Credit Unions in November 2008 at their Autumn Conference. It is a voluntary code that all credit unions are recommended to be embraced which also shows the transparency of the affairs of the credit union to all its stakeholders.

The Board of Directors of Southwark Credit Union has decided to take part on the programme at their November 2008 Board meeting the Board appointed a Director and the CEO to be responsible for implementing the Governance programme for Southwark Credit Union.

Under 4 categories listed above, there are 45 individual elements to be achieved continuously. They are divided into 30 required standards and 15 gold standards

As per table below we are pleased to inform you that we have achieved 68% of the required standards and 37% of the Gold standards for Southwark Credit Union.

REQUIRED STANDARD					GOLD STANDARD			
	Achieved			%	Achieved			%
Compliance & Continuity	7.5	from	8	93.75	0	from	3	0.00
Integrity & Accountability	4	from	8	50.00	3	from	5	60.00
Skills & Ability	2.5	from	6	41.67	0	from	3	0.00
Structure and Good Governance	6.5	from	8	81.25	2.5	from	4	62.50
<b>OVERALL TOTALS</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>68.33</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>from</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>36.67</b>

We have identified the remaining elements which are not being met as yet and have prepared an action plan for implementing them in the new financial year. We intend to report our progress in our website all through the year.

# Treasurer's Report

Auditors report

