

## **Minutes of the Operations Managers Working Group**

Meeting, October 8, 2014 Host: Bank of America Merrill Lynch

## **On-Site Attendees**

James Wallin Katherine Andrews Jorge Hidalgo Kimberly Carabetta Allison Eisso Vandermeulen James Andrews Anthony Ghibesi Alliance Bernstein Bank of America Merrill Lynch Barclays Goldman Sachs ICAP JP Morgan Chase Standard Chartered

## **Dial-In Attendees**

**Tony Rocchio** Ken Rozycki Luke Pollock Daniel Lennon **Rob Duff** Krishna Sheshabhattar **Danny Smith Marcellus Fisher Richard Maling** Paul Christakos Judi Long Christopher Vogel Jason Cronin Peter Connolly Rob Eby Tahir Mahmood

Bank of New York Mellon Brown Brothers Harriman Citi CLS HSBC Microsoft Morgan Stanley PIMCO State Street UBS US Bank Blackrock Wellington Wells Fargo Wells Fargo Wells Fargo

## Federal Reserve Bank of New York Attendees

Christina Getz Nancy Liao, Counsel



1. High level best practices update

The buy-side co-chair, James Wallin, welcomed the group and thanked Bank of America for hosting the meeting. He then turned to the Foreign Exchange Committee (FXC) secretary to discuss the status of the FXC's and OMWG's review of FXC best practices documentation. She also discussed the plan for the longer-term effort to update and consolidate the best practices documents. Members discussed the timing of the longer-term effort and how best to form working groups for the project.

2. Member update on Execution-to-Settlement Recommendations for Non-dealer Participants

Ken Rozycki updated the OMWG on the working group reviewing the Execution-to-Settlement Recommendations for Non-dealer Participants. The working group, consisting of FXC and OMWG members, suggested potential changes to the Recommendations to reflect relevant changes in the market and regulatory landscape. The working group will continue to develop draft language with input from members the Financial Markets Lawyers Group (FMLG).

3. FXC and FMLG updates

FXC member, Peter Connolly updated the OMWG on topics discussed at the September 2014 FXC meeting. He noted that the FXC discussed the longer-term effort to consolidate and update the best practices documents. He also highlighted the FXC's discussion of current market conditions. FXC member, Christopher Vogel highlighted the FXC's discussion of volatility in the FX market.

Counsel updated the Group on recent topics of discussion by the FMLG. She discussed a request from the FMLG for the relevant OMWG members to provide data relating to non-acceptance or affirmative rejections of prime brokerage transactions. The data will help inform the FMLG on a proposed workflow for the execution of prime brokerage transactions on swap execution facilities. She also gave an update on CFTC staff no-action letter 14-108, which provides time-limited relief to SEFs from certain confirmation and recordkeeping requirements.

4. Market discussion

James Wallin discussed various factors around clearing of NDFs from the regulatory perspective. He highlighted regulations in Europe as well as the U.S. and some trends he observed in the market.

5. Other business

The next OMWG meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13 at 4:00 PM, hosted by Blackrock.