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officer, controlling person, or agent of a savings association, to provide such periodic or other reports as it may determine to be necessary or appropriate for protection of investors or the Office.

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§ 563.190 Bonds for directors, officers, employees, and agents; form of and amount of bonds.

(a) Each savings association shall maintain fidelity bond coverage. The bond shall cover each director, officer, employee, and agent who has control over or access to cash, securities, or other property of the savings association.

(b) The amount of coverage to be required for each savings association shall be determined by the association's management, based on its assessment of the level that would be safe and sound in view of the association's potential exposure to risk; provided, such determination shall be subject to approval by the association's board of directors.

(c) Each savings association may maintain bond coverage in addition to that provided by the insurance underwriter industry's standard forms, through the use of endorsements, riders, or other forms of supplemental coverage, if, in the judgment of the association's board of directors, additional coverage is warranted.

(d) The board of directors of each savings association shall formally approve the association's bond coverage. In deciding whether to approve the bond coverage, the board shall review the adequacy of the standard coverage and the need for supplemental coverage. Documentation of the board's approval shall be included as a part of the minutes of the meeting at which the board approves coverage. Additionally, the board of directors shall review the association's bond coverage at least annually to assess the continuing adequacy of coverage.

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§ 563.191 Bonds for agents.

In lieu of the bond provided in § 563.190 of this part in the case of

agents appointed by a savings association, a fidelity bond may be provided in an amount at least twice the average monthly collections of such agents, provided such agents shall be required to make settlement with the savings association at least monthly, and provided such bond is approved by the board of directors of the savings association. No bond need be obtained for any agent that is a financial institution insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

§ 563.200 Conflicts of interest.

If you are a director, officer, or employee of a savings association, or have the power to direct its management or policies, or otherwise owe a fiduciary duty to a savings association:

(a) You must not advance your own personal or business interests, or those of others with whom you have a personal or business relationship, at the expense of the savings association; and

(b) You must, if you have an interest in a matter or transaction before the board of directors:

(1) Disclose to the board all material nonprivileged information relevant to the board's decision on the matter or transaction, including:

(i) The existence, nature and extent of your interests; and

(ii) The facts known to you as to the matter or transaction under consideration;

(2) Refrain from participating in the board's discussion of the matter or transaction; and

(3) Recuse yourself from voting on the matter or transaction (if you are a director).

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§ 563.201 Corporate opportunity.

(a) If you are a director or officer of a savings association, or have the power to direct its management or policies, or otherwise owe a fiduciary duty to a savings association, you must not take advantage of corporate opportunities belonging to the savings association.

(b) A corporate opportunity belongs to a savings association if:

(1) The opportunity is within the corporate powers of the savings association or a subsidiary of the savings association; and

(2) The opportunity is of present or potential practical advantage to the savings association, either directly or through its subsidiary.

(c) OTS will not deem you to have taken advantage of a corporate opportunity belonging to the savings association if a disinterested and independent majority of the savings association's board of directors, after receiving a full and fair presentation of the matter, rejected the opportunity as a matter of sound business judgment.

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§ 563b.1 Scope of part.

(a) *General.* Except as the Office may otherwise determine, the provisions of this part shall exclusively govern the conversion of mutual savings associations to capital stock associations, and no mutual savings association shall convert to the capital stock form without the prior written consent of the Office. The Office may grant a waiver in writing from any requirement of this part for good cause shown.

(b) *Provisions of prescribed forms.* Any provision in a form prescribed under this part and covering the same subject matter as any provision of this part shall have the same force and effect as if it were a provision of this part except as it relates to information not deemed material.

(c) *Conflicts with State law.* (1) In the event an applicant finds that compliance with any provision of this part would be in conflict with applicable State law, the applicant may file a written request for waiver of compliance with such provision by the Office. Such request may be incorporated in the application for conversion; otherwise, the applicant shall file four copies of such request.

(2) In making any such request, the applicant shall:

(i) Specify the provision or provisions of this part with respect to which the applicant desires waiver;

(ii) Furnish an opinion of counsel demonstrating that applicable State law is in conflict with the specified provision or provisions of this part; and