

THE FEDERAL RESERVE BOARD

Administers the Federal Reserve Act of December 23, 1913, as amended. Exercises general supervision over the twelve Federal reserve banks, including their open market operations. Its powers include the review and determination of their discount rates; the examination of such banks; and supervision of the issuance of currency by them. It appoints three of the nine directors of each Federal reserve bank; designates one of the three as Chairman and Federal Reserve Agent; and approves salaries of officers and employees of such banks. It passes upon the establishment and discontinuance of branches and agencies of Federal reserve banks and appoints certain directors of each branch. It prescribes conditions of membership in the Federal Reserve System of State banks and trust companies; passes upon applications of national banks for permission to establish foreign branches; grants trust powers to national banks; passes upon reductions in capital stock of national banks; and issues permits under the provisions of the Clayton Act relating to interlocking bank directorates. It supervises corporations engaged in international and foreign banking which are created under Federal law or in the stock of which national banks are permitted to invest; and carries on other activities.

GOVERNOR OF THE BOARD

Active executive officer of the Board. Presides at all meetings of the Board, in the absence of the Secretary of the Treasury, who is a member ex-officio and Chairman. Has general charge of the executive and routine business of the Board not otherwise specifically assigned and exercises supervision over the staff of the Board.

ASSISTANT TO THE GOVERNOR

Performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the Governor of the Board.

SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

Performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the Governor or by the Board.

OFFICE OF FISCAL AGENT

Collects and deposits all moneys receivable by Board with Treasurer of United States, in a special fund established on the books of the Treasurer for Federal Reserve Board. Makes payment of expenses and other disbursements of Board upon proper vouchers out of moneys advanced to him by requisition and warrant out of special fund and placed to his official credit. Prepares quarterly account for submission to General Accounting Office. Maintains budget records and submits monthly reports thereon to Board.

DIVISION OF EXAMINATIONS

Examines the Federal reserve banks, their branches and agencies and examines corporations organized under Section 25(a) of Federal Reserve Act and those operating under agreement with Federal Reserve Board in accordance with Section 25 of Act. Prepares detailed reports thereon. Reviews reports of examinations of national banks by Comptroller of Currency and of state member banks by state banking authorities and Federal reserve banks. Prepares reports on applications of state banks for membership in the Federal Reserve System and applications of national banks for trust powers. Also prepares reports to Federal Reserve Board regarding consolidations, mergers, etc., involving state bank members, which may affect their membership in the Federal Reserve System. Drafts communications to Federal reserve banks and member banks regarding the various matters enumerated.

DIVISION OF BANK OPERATIONS

Compiles, analyzes and interprets statistics pertaining to (1) condition, operations, earnings and expenses of the Federal reserve banks; (2) condition, earnings and expenses of member banks; (3) bank suspensions, consolidations, organizations, branches, groups, chains, etc., and (4) miscellaneous information relating to Federal reserve banks and member and nonmember banks. Prepares for publication the weekly condition statements of the Federal reserve banks and of about 425 reporting member banks in leading cities, the weekly statement of bank debits to individual accounts by banks in about 265 leading cities, the quarterly Member Bank Call Report, and the statistics published in the Federal Reserve Bulletin and the Board's Annual Reports relating to the condition and operations of Federal reserve and member banks. Maintains record of holdings of Federal reserve bank stock by member banks and changes therein. Operates Gold Settlement Fund and maintains books and records thereof. Handles orders for printing of Federal reserve notes and Federal reserve bank notes and maintains joint custody of supply of unissued notes at Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Supervises distribution of currency among Federal reserve banks, ordering shipments of Federal reserve notes and Federal reserve bank notes by Comptroller of the Currency and of United States issues by Treasurer of the United States.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Prepares minutes covering the proceedings of the Board and conducts official correspondence of the Board. Administers matters relating to Board's personnel and payroll, space, supplies, equipment, telephone, telegraph, mail, duplicating, filing and messenger service. Conducts administrative audit of vouchers covering expenditures by the Board. Handles distribution of Federal Reserve Bulletin and other publications of Board.

DIVISION OF RESEARCH & STATISTICS

Keeps Board informed of developments in business and financial situation that have a bearing on formulation of credit policy. Exercises supervision over similar work at the twelve Federal reserve banks. Compiles tables and prepares charts and interpretative text on production and distribution of commodities, on employment, payrolls, and the course of prices, as well as on the course of banking developments, gold movements, and the foreign exchanges. Also keeps the Board advised of principal financial and economic developments abroad. Has charge of publication of Federal Reserve Bulletin and supervision over monthly reviews of the twelve Federal reserve banks and prepares material for Board's Annual Reports.

OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

Advises the Board, or any member thereof, regarding legal questions arising in the conduct of its business. Prepares communications involving legal questions, and, also opinions, regulations, rulings, forms and other legal papers. Reviews general correspondence. Prepares proposed amendments to the law; analyzes and reports to Board on pending legislation on banking and related subjects; and prepares digests of State laws on certain banking subjects. Prepares reports on applications for interlocking directorates between banks under Clayton Antitrust Act; passes upon legal aspects of applications of national banks for trust powers and of State banks for membership in the Federal Reserve System; and passes upon legal aspects of organization of corporations under Federal law to engage in international or foreign banking. Collects and disseminates among counsel for Federal reserve banks information regarding cases of general interest involving Federal reserve banks and consults with and renders assistance to Federal reserve bank counsel in more important litigation.

ISSUE AND REDEMPTION DIVISION

Verifies by actual count of halves Federal reserve notes and Federal reserve bank notes sent to Washington for redemption. Arranges with Bureau of Engraving and Printing for shipments of Federal reserve notes and Federal reserve bank notes to Federal reserve banks and arranges and maintains records of insurance. Maintains records of printings, shipments, issues and redemptions of Federal reserve notes and Federal reserve bank notes. (While the expenses of this division are defrayed out of the funds of the Federal Reserve Board, its direct supervision, under the law, rests with the Comptroller of the Currency.)