



NCUA's Matz Elected Corporation's Vice Chair



Debbie Matz, a board member of the National Credit Union Administration (NCUA), has been elected vice chair of Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's board of directors. Federal Reserve Board Governor Edward M. Gramlich is midway in his second two-year term as board chairman.

"I look forward," Matz said, "to working with Chairman Gramlich and the other distinguished board members to achieve the important mission that Congress established for Neighborhood Reinvestment."

She also pledged to continue encouraging credit unions to work with NeighborWorks® organizations in their communities. "It's a perfect match. Credit unions reach

new markets with affordable mortgage loans, and NeighborWorks® organizations provide hundreds of hours of counseling to ensure that each borrower will become a successful homeowner."

A 24-year public service veteran, Matz is a member of three credit unions and resides in McLean, Virginia, with her husband and two children. Before her appointment to the NCUA board, Matz was appointed by President Clinton as deputy assistant secretary for administration in the Department of Agriculture.

Other board members include Thomas J. Curry, board member, Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC); James E. Gilleran, director, Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS); John C. Weicher, assistant secretary for housing, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD); and Julie L. Williams, first senior deputy comptroller and chief counsel, Comptroller of the Currency (OCC).

Margo Kelly Concludes Service with Corporation



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Margaret H. "Margo" Kelly (right), who in nearly 30 years with Neighborhood Reinvestment rose from assistant to the regional coordinator in Boston to chief operating officer, concluded her service with the Corporation July 30 and was honored at a reception August 11 at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

"I am, of course, sad to leave the remarkable people who make up this extraordinary organization," Kelly wrote in announcing her plans. "It has been absolutely remarkable for me to watch the evolution of this organization from the days of the Urban Reinvestment Task Force." A unanimous board resolution, presented at the reception, cited her for playing "a pivotal role in the creation of numerous NeighborWorks® organizations" and for contributing "significantly through her unflagging creativity, energy, and perseverance to the expansion and success of the NeighborWorks® model nationally."

The resolution was presented by Edward M. Gramlich, Neighborhood Reinvestment's board chair, and member, board of governors, Federal Reserve System.

At the reception, Kelly's Neighborhood Reinvestment coworkers and friends celebrated her career in song, verse and dance. "And so, true friend," wrote one, Gary Wolfe, Rocky Mountain District director, "Colleague and boss, Leader and supervisor, Role model by far. We'll miss you more than you will ever know. The heart and soul of all NR."

With Kelly are her husband, Steward Wooster, (second from right), Neighborhood Reinvestment CEO Kenneth D. Wade, and Ellen Lazar, Neighborhood Reinvestment's former executive director.



Corporate Grantmaking

Jeffrey T. Bryson (second from left), Neighborhood Reinvestment's general counsel, presents a \$150,000 Neighborhood Reinvestment expendable grant to Neighborhood Housing Partnership of Greater Springfield, Ohio. With him are U.S. Rep. David Hobson (right), Tina Koumoutsos, NHP executive director, and Ray Hagerman, NHP president. The funds may be used to strengthen and increase the local affiliate's organizational capacity to further revitalization efforts in its community.

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Jayna Bower comes to Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation as a senior manager in the Training Division in Washington, D.C. Bower's priorities will focus on the NeighborWorks® Center for Homeownership Education and Counseling. Her responsibilities include overseeing the expansion of the homeownership education and counseling certification program, as well as the establishment of national standards, certification tools, in addition to being a voice for the homeownership education and counseling industry. Previously, she served as president and chief executive officer of the Sacramento Home Loan Counseling Center, an organization that delivered quality homeownership and counseling services to more than 60,000 residents. She held other positions, which included program manager for Sacramento Home Loan Counseling Center; real estate sales administration at Caldwell Banker Residential Real Estate; commercial real estate appraiser; and adult education coordinator. Bower received her bachelor's degree in education from Bowling Green State University. She also has received training from the NeighborWorks® Training Institute, National Association of Realtors, FDIC – Money Smart, and the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers.

Latora Davis joins Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation's Grants and Special Projects unit as a senior administrative assistant in the Washington, D.C., office. Davis' duties include assisting with the department's budget, research, writing correspondence and reports, and managing the consultant database. Prior to joining the Corporation, she worked as an administrative assistant with Social and Health Services Ltd. in Rockville, Maryland. Davis is currently working towards her bachelor's degree in business administration at the University of Maryland University College in College Park, Maryland.



Brian Harvey comes to Neighborhood Reinvestment as a project manager in the Grants and Special Projects unit located in Washington, D.C. Harvey provides project management services to the chief operating officer, the directors of field operations, national programs, finance and administration, and the manager of grants and special projects. Harvey has held a variety of positions with the Corporation for National and Community Service, including senior marketing specialist, alumni coordinator, AmeriCorps marketing specialist, and placement officer. He received his bachelor's degree in communications/journalism from Temple University.

Emily Jones joins Neighborhood Reinvestment's Washington, D.C., office as an administrative specialist in the Field Operations unit. Jones' responsibilities include providing executive administrative support and assisting the director with facilitating, coordinating and maintaining the flow of information and work among the division director and eight district offices. Jones received her master's degree in public administration from the University of Kansas and her bachelor's degree in political science from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland.



Rutledge Simmons joins the Neighborhood Reinvestment's legal team as deputy general counsel in the Office of General Counsel in Washington, D.C. Working with the general counsel, Simmons will help conduct the Corporation's legal affairs, provide advice, counsel, representation, and management services. In the general counsel's absence, Simmons will exercise final authority for opinions, the provision of representation and other services required by the board of directors and officers of the Corporation. Before coming to Neighborhood Reinvestment, Simmons practiced in the private sector with law firms in Boston, which included representing manufacturing, nonprofit, biotech, software, early stage and publicly traded companies. He

holds a J.D. from Columbia School of Law as well as master's and bachelor's degrees from Harvard.



Fred Zeytoonjian, (pronounced zay-TOON-jin), joins Neighborhood Reinvestment's Washington, D.C., office as an advisor in the Public Policy and Legislative Affairs unit. Zeytoonjian will be developing relationships with federal agencies, congressional staff, and other external audiences. His experience includes work in Washington politics since 1993 as counsel to the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries (1993-1995); compliance director for Clinton/Gore '96 and the Maine Democratic Party; and for the past three years, he served as the Washington office director for Gov. Ronnie Musgrove of Mississippi. In 2002, Zeytoonjian and his partner, Karen Sosnoski, finished a documentary film, "Wedding Advice: Speak Now or Forever Hold Your Peace" (www.wedding-advice.com), that was screened at 17 festivals and is currently being distributed by the University of California Berkeley. Zeytoonjian received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Northeastern University. He also has a master's degree in environmental law and a J.D. from the Vermont Law School. ■

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Calendar

October 2004

5-9 **Advanced Housing Management Course** – Denver

November 2004

5-6 **Resident Team Coordinator Training (Southern and Mid-Atlantic Districts)** – Miami

December 2004

3 **FY05 Round I Grant Decisions Announced**

9-11 **Rural - Housing Assistance Council (HAC)'s national conference** – Washington, D. C. (co-sponsored by Neighborhood Reinvestment)

9-11 **Consortium for Housing and Asset Management** – New Orleans

12-15 **Peer Forum** – New Orleans

13-17 **NeighborWorks® Training Institute** – New Orleans

January 2005

19-23 **CHAM/NHMS** – San Antonio, Texas

February 2005

7-11 **NeighborWorks® Regional Training Institute** – Denver

Multifamily Initiative new member clinic at this Institute **

March 2005

17 **FY05 Round II Grant Proposals Accepted**

April 2005

18-22 **NeighborWorks® Training Institute** – Minneapolis

18-20 **Multifamily Initiative Annual Meeting/NCC Annual Meeting** ** – Minneapolis

May 2005

2 **Syracuse Symposium** – Syracuse, New York

June 2005

4-11 **NeighborWorks® Week**

20-24 **NeighborWorks® Training Institute** – Boston

August 2005

22-26 **NeighborWorks® Training Institute** – Washington, D. C.

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