

13.1.6 Summary of Public Comments and Amendments to s. 24.3 – Suspension in Certain Circumstances and Related Provisions of MFDA By-law No. 1

**SUMMARY OF PUBLIC COMMENTS
RESPECTING
PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 24.3 – SUSPENSIONS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES
AND RELATED PROVISIONS OF MFDA BY-LAW NO. 1
AND
RESPONSE OF THE MFDA**

On October 27, 2006, the British Columbia Securities Commission published for public comment proposed amendments to Section 24.3 – Suspensions in Certain Circumstances and related provisions of MFDA By-law No. 1 (the “Proposed Amendments”).

The public comment period expired on November 27, 2006.

Three submissions were received during the public comment period:

1. The Investment Funds Institute of Canada (“IFIC”)
2. Independent Financial Brokers of Canada (“IFB”); and
3. Portfolio Strategies Corporation (“Portfolio Strategies”).

Copies of the comment submissions may be viewed at the offices of the MFDA, 121 King Street West, Suite 1000, Toronto, Ontario by contacting Ken Woodard, Director, Communications and Membership Services Manager, (416) 943-4602.

The following is a summary of the comments received, together with the MFDA’s responses. Unless otherwise indicated, all references are to sections of MFDA By-law No. 1, including the Proposed Amendments.

1. Consistency between Self-Regulatory Organizations

IFIC, IFB and Portfolio Strategies commented that there is a lack of consistency between the provisions of the Proposed Amendments and the requirements under Investment Dealers Association of Canada (“IDA”) rules on similar matters. For example:

- (a) IFIC cited section 24.3.2(d)(iv) [sic, should read “(vi)”] of the Proposed Amendments, which does not require the MFDA to demonstrate that a Member’s failure to cooperate with an examination or investigation gives rise to a risk of imminent harm to the public before summary action may be taken.
- (b) Both IFB and Portfolio Strategies commented that any application by the MFDA without notice to an Approved Person or a Member must make a clear case that there is an immediate harm/threat to the public interest before it is granted.
- (c) IFB expressed the concern that under section 24.3.1(b) of the Proposed Amendments a Hearing Panel can impose penalties on an Approved Person if his/her license has been suspended, cancelled or terminated not only by a securities body but also by a “financial services regulator or professional licensing or registration body”.
- (d) IFB expressed the concern that section 24.3.1(f) of the Proposed Amendments broadened the offence to include both criminal and regulatory offences.
- (e) With respect to section 24.3.1(g) of the Proposed Amendments, IFB commented that there was no analogous IDA provision for incapacity of Approved Persons and was concerned that the provision could be broadly interpreted. IFB also expressed the concern that this section could breach privacy rights.

MFDA Response

In maintaining its commitment to regulatory best practices, the MFDA reviewed the regulatory practices of various self-regulatory organizations, securities regulators and professional bodies in developing the Proposed Amendments. While the Proposed Amendments are generally consistent with the processes followed by the IDA (now the Investment Industry Regulatory Organization of Canada (“IIROC”)), they are not identical. We believe the Proposed Amendments will provide Hearing Panels with the measures necessary to address the full range of regulatory concerns they may be called upon to determine in a flexible, timely and responsive manner.

It should be noted that the fact that an application can be made by Staff does not mean that in every instance the Hearing Panel will make an order. The Hearing Panel is required to act in accordance with the principles of natural justice and fairness and must determine the application solely on the basis of the evidence before it. The Hearing Panel will decide each application on a case-by-case basis in determining whether it is fair and appropriate to make an order under the summary process provided for in section 24.3 of the Proposed Amendments. It should be noted that most of the Public Representatives who chair MFDA Hearing Panels are retired justices and will generally have experience with similar matters.

Implicit in the amendments as initially published for comment was the requirement that any order imposed by the Hearing Panel would have to meet the test of being in the public interest. This public interest test would include but not be limited to situations that involve an element of financial loss or imminent harm. As a result of comments received during the CSA approval process, the MFDA further amended s. 24.3.1 and 24.3.2 to explicitly include the public interest test. These changes make it clear that there is a threshold for the making of an order, and we note that the threshold is substantially similar to that of the IDA.

- (a) In section 24.3.1(b) of the Proposed Amendments, the MFDA has expanded the category of agencies beyond securities regulatory authorities to include financial services regulators and professional licensing or registration bodies in the interests of increasing collaboration and cooperation with these agencies. The amendment recognizes that these agencies may, for example, commence proceedings against or sanction a Member or Approved Person for misconduct under their jurisdiction, which may in turn give rise to grounds for the MFDA to make an order against the Approved Person or Member (e.g. in cases of allegations or findings of theft).
- (b) The MFDA has included “regulatory” offences in section 24.3.1(f) of the Proposed Amendments in order to capture so called “quasi-criminal” offences prosecuted under provincial securities legislation (e.g. insider trading, illegal distribution of securities) as well as other serious regulatory offences that are not “criminal” offences under the *Criminal Code*.

The threshold requirement under sections 24.3.1(f) and 24.3.2(g) of “charged” as opposed to “convicted” of an offence is consistent with the IDA’s analogous By-law 20.43(1)(d).

- (c) The incapacity provision in section 24.3.1(g) of the Proposed Amendments is designed to enhance investor protection in circumstances where an Approved Person is no longer fit to conduct securities related business. In addition to receiving evidence of the incapacity, the Hearing Panel must be satisfied that the Approved Person cannot continue to conduct securities related business without risk of imminent harm to the public, other Members or the MFDA. Pursuant to MFDA Rule of Procedure 1.8(2), the Hearing Panel may order that all or part of the application be heard in the absence of the public where it is of the opinion that matters of a highly personal or sensitive nature may be disclosed at the hearing, such that the desirability of avoiding disclosure of the matters outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that all hearings be open to the public. Section 24.3.1(f) is based on the analogous provision contained in Ontario’s *Law Society Act*, the statute pursuant to which the Law Society of Upper Canada regulates lawyers in Ontario.

2. Due Process

IFIC commented that processes should not be arbitrarily imposed without recourse for a Member who disagrees with the conclusion or action. IFIC requested an explanation of the recourse available to a Member who disagrees with a finding by the MFDA that there has been a failure to cooperate.

MFDA Response

The MFDA currently provides Members and Approved Persons with a reasonable opportunity to rectify any alleged failures to cooperate before commencing a disciplinary proceeding under sections 20 and 24 of By-law No. 1. The MFDA provides the Member or Approved Person with multiple written notices of the alleged failure. The notices specify the documents, information or reports that the Member or Approved Person is required to provide to the MFDA in order to rectify the failure. The MFDA also considers and responds to submissions received from a Member or Approved Person disputing an alleged failure to cooperate. The MFDA will continue the same practices with respect to failure to cooperate applications brought under sections 24.3.1(c) and 24.3.2(d)(vi) of the Proposed Amendments.

In failure to cooperate situations involving *bona fide* differences of opinion between the MFDA and a Member or Approved Person concerning, for example, the jurisdiction of the MFDA to request production of certain documents, the MFDA will, absent unusual circumstances, provide notice of the application to the Member or Approved Person under section 24.3.1 or 24.3.2 respectively. Under section 24.3.4, the Hearing Panel may also on its own initiative require that notice of the application be given to the Member or Approved Person at any stage of the application.

Further, under section 24.3.6, where an application is brought without notice, the Member or Approved Person may, within 30 days of receiving notice of the Hearing Panel’s decision, request that a differently constituted Hearing Panel review the decision. The Member or Approved Person is afforded full participatory rights on the review of an application.

3. Reasons for the Amendments

IFB expressed the view that the Proposed Amendments, as they pertain to Approved Persons, increased powers that exceeded any reasonable, demonstrable need. IFB sought clarification for the reasons why the Proposed Amendments were necessary.

MFDA Response

As noted above, we believe the Proposed Amendments will provide Hearing Panels with the measures necessary to address the full range of regulatory concerns they may be called upon to determine in a flexible, timely and responsive manner. Currently, MFDA By-law No. 1 does not permit the MFDA to proceed summarily against an Approved Person except in the case of the non-payment of a fine. The Proposed Amendments will enhance the ability of the MFDA to protect investors in circumstances where it is not reasonable or practical to proceed by way of a regular disciplinary hearing.

4. Procedural Fairness

The IFB expressed the concern that the Proposed Amendments would sacrifice procedural fairness and Approved Persons will suffer the consequences. The IFB recommended the implementation of a requirement that MFDA Staff demonstrate a need to move without notice and that the time within which a review of an application must be conducted be reduced from 21 days to 15 days in section 24.3.7 of the Proposed Amendments.

MFDA Response

All applications brought under section 24.3 will be heard by a Hearing Panel consisting of two Industry Representatives and one Public Representative, who will sit as the Chair of the Panel. As noted above, most of the Public Representatives who chair MFDA Hearing Panels are retired justices and will generally have experience with similar matters. The Hearing Panel is required to act in accordance with the principles of natural justice and fairness in determining the application.

Section 24.3.4 of the Proposed Amendments authorizes a Hearing Panel, at any stage of an application, to require that the application be converted from a "without notice" application to one brought on notice by requiring that notice be provided to the Approved Person or Member on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate.

The 21 day time period for the review of an application contained in section 24.3.7 of the Proposed Amendments is consistent with the time prescribed by IDA By-law 20.47(2).

MUTUAL FUND DEALERS ASSOCIATION OF CANADA

APPLICATIONS IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

(Section 24.3 of By-law No.1)
and Related Provisions of By-law No.1

1. DEFINITIONS

“monitor” means a person or company appointed to oversee and report on a Member’s activities and to act in furtherance of powers granted by a Hearing Panel;

19.13 Procedures Regarding Hearing Panels

Despite Section 19.9, one public representative of a Regional Council may be designated to act on behalf of a Hearing Panel for the purpose of hearing and determining:

- (a) an application under Section 24.3 except a review of an application pursuant to Section 24.3.6; and
- (b) any procedural matter or motion relating to the conduct of a disciplinary hearing under Sections 20 and 24 including, without limitation, granting adjournments, setting dates for hearings, and making any other orders or directions that a Hearing Panel is authorized to make under the Corporation’s rules of procedure, except a final determination of a disciplinary proceeding.

24.1.2 Members

A Hearing Panel of the applicable Regional Council shall have power to impose upon a Member any one or more of the following penalties:

- (a) a reprimand;
 - (b) a fine not exceeding the greater of:
 - (i) \$5,000,000.00 per offence; and
 - (ii) an amount equal to three times the profit obtained or loss avoided by the Member as a result of committing the violation;
 - (c) suspension of the rights and privileges of the Member (and such suspension may include a direction to the Member to cease conducting securities related business) for such specific period and upon such terms as such Hearing Panel may determine, or, if the rights and privileges have already been suspended under Section 24.3, the continuation of such suspension (including a prohibition on the Member conducting securities related business) for such specified period and upon such terms as such Hearing Panel may determine;
 - (d) termination of any and all of the rights and privileges and of Membership of the Member;
 - (e) expulsion of the Member from the Corporation;
 - (f) such terms and conditions on Membership of the Member as may be considered appropriate by the Hearing Panel;
 - (g) imposition appointment of a monitor to oversee and/or report on the Member’s activities in accordance with Section 24.7; and
 - (h) directions for the orderly transfer of client accounts from the Member;
- if, in the opinion of the Hearing Panel, the Member:
- (i) has failed to carry out any agreement with the Corporation;
 - (j) has failed to meet any liabilities to another Member or to the public;

- (k) has engaged in any business conduct or practice which the Hearing Panel in its discretion considers unbecoming a Member or not in the public interest;
- (l) has ceased to be qualified as a Member by reason of the ownership, integrity, solvency, training or experience of the Member or any of its Approved Persons or other employees or agents, or any person having an ownership interest in the capital or indebtedness of the Member;
- (m) has failed to comply with or carry out the provisions of any of the By-laws, Rules or Policies of the Corporation; or
- (n) has failed to comply with or carry out the provisions of any applicable federal or provincial statute relating to its business or of any regulation or policy made pursuant thereto.

24.2 Costs

A Hearing Panel may in any case in its discretion require that the Member or Approved Person pay the whole or part of the costs of the proceedings before the Hearing Panel pursuant to Section 20 and Section 24.1 or Section 24.3 and any investigations relating thereto.

24.3 Suspensions in Certain Circumstances

24.3.1 Power to Suspend

Notwithstanding anything in this Section 24 or in Section 20, in the event that:

- ~~(a) the registration of a Member as a mutual fund dealer under any securities legislation of any province or territory in which the Member is carrying on business is suspended or cancelled, or a Member fails to renew any such registration which has lapsed; or~~
- ~~(b) a Member makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or is declared bankrupt or makes an authorized assignment or a proposal to its creditors under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, or a winding-up order is made in respect of a Member or a receiver or other officer with similar powers is appointed in respect of all or any part of the undertaking and property of a Member; or~~
- ~~(c) a stock exchange, securities commission, self regulatory organization or other securities regulatory authority suspends the membership or privileges thereof of a Member who is a member of such exchange or self regulatory organization;~~

~~then a Hearing Panel of the applicable Regional Council shall have the power and, with respect to an event referred to in Section 24.3.1(b) above, shall be obliged, forthwith upon receiving notice of such event, to suspend the rights and privileges of the Member for such period and on such terms and conditions as such Hearing Panel may in its discretion determine.~~

24.3 Applications in Exceptional Circumstances

24.3.1 Approved Persons

Notwithstanding anything in Section 20 or Section 24,

- (a) a Hearing Panel of the applicable Regional Council may, upon application by the Corporation made with or without notice to an Approved Person or any other person under the jurisdiction of the Corporation, impose any of the penalties provided for in Section 24.3.3 upon the person in the event that:
 - (i) the registration of the person under any securities legislation in any jurisdiction inside or outside Canada is cancelled, suspended, terminated, subjected to terms and conditions or the person fails to renew any such registration which has lapsed;
 - (ii) a securities commission, self-regulatory organization, securities regulatory authority, financial services regulator or professional licensing or registration body in any jurisdiction inside or outside Canada cancels, suspends or terminates the rights and privileges of the person;
 - (iii) the person fails to cooperate with an examination or investigation conducted pursuant to Section 21;
 - (iv) the person has failed to carry out any written agreement with the Corporation to take action to comply with any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation;

- (v) the person has failed to comply with the provisions of any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation;
 - (vi) the person has been charged with a criminal or regulatory offence relating to theft, fraud, misappropriation of funds or securities, forgery, money laundering, market manipulation, insider trading, misrepresentation or unauthorized trading and the Hearing Panel determines that such charge likely brings the capital markets into disrepute;
 - (vii) the Corporation receives information regarding the incapacity of the person, by reason of mental or physical illness, other infirmity or addiction to or excessive use of alcohol or drugs; or
 - (viii) the person has failed to comply with any penalties, other than the payment of a fine or costs, imposed on the person pursuant to Section 24.1.1, Section 24.3 or Section 24.4.
- (b) A Hearing Panel may impose a penalty under section 24.3.3 on an Approved Person or any other person under the jurisdiction of the Corporation on an application made under Section 24.3.1(a) without notice only if the Hearing Panel determines that proceeding without notice is, in the circumstances, in the public interest, including but not limited to where:
- i. providing notice to the Approved Person or any other person under the jurisdiction of the Corporation, would be likely to result in financial loss or imminent harm to the public, to other Approved Persons or Members, or to the Corporation; or
 - ii. the length of time required to arrange for and conduct a hearing pursuant to Section 20 and Section 24.1 would be prejudicial to the public interest.

~~24.3.2 Further Suspension, Termination of Rights and Privileges, Expulsion~~

~~In any of the events referred to:~~

- ~~(a) in Sections 24.3.1(a) or (c), if the Member fails to take appropriate proceedings within the time provided for by the legislation or stock exchange, securities commission, self regulatory organization or regulatory authority rules for a review of or by way of appeal from such suspension or cancellation of registration or membership, or fails within such period as the Hearing Panel may prescribe to renew any such registration which has lapsed, or if, notwithstanding such review and appeal, such suspension or cancellation of registration or membership, is confirmed and becomes final, the Hearing Panel may, either with or without notice to the Member, suspend the Member for a further period, terminate the rights, privileges and Membership of the Member or expel the Member from the Corporation, and such suspension, termination or expulsion shall take immediate effect and there shall be no review or appeal therefrom. If upon review or appeal the registration or membership of a Member under the legislation, stock exchange, self regulatory organization or regulatory authority rules is reinstated, the Hearing Panel may reinstate the Member and cancel any suspension imposed by it upon the Member.~~
- ~~(b) in Section 24.3.1(b), if the Member fails within such period as the Hearing Panel may prescribe to satisfy the claims of its creditors and/or obtain a discharge under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act or cause the winding-up order or receivership to be discharged or terminated, the Hearing Panel may, either with or without notice to the Member, suspend the Member for a further period, terminate the rights, privileges and Membership of the Member or expel the Member from the Corporation, and such suspension, termination or expulsion shall take immediate effect. If the Member satisfies its creditors and/or obtains a discharge under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act or causes the winding up order or receivership to be discharged or terminated within such period as the Hearing Panel may determine, the Hearing Panel may reinstate the Member upon such terms and conditions as the Hearing Panel may determine and cancel any suspension imposed by it upon the Member.~~

24.3.2 Members

Notwithstanding anything in Section 20 or Section 24,

- (a) a Hearing Panel of the applicable Regional Council may, upon application by the Corporation made with or without notice to a Member, impose any of the penalties provided for in Section 24.3.3 upon the Member in the event that:

- i. the registration of the Member as a mutual fund dealer under any securities legislation in any jurisdiction inside or outside Canada is cancelled, suspended, terminated, subjected to terms and conditions or the Member fails to renew any such registration which has lapsed;
 - ii. the Member makes a general assignment for the benefit of its creditors or is declared bankrupt or makes an authorized assignment or a proposal to its creditors under the Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act, or a winding-up order is made in respect of the Member or a receiver or other officer with similar powers is appointed in respect of all or any part of the undertaking and property of the Member;
 - iii. a securities commission, self-regulatory organization, financial services regulator or other securities regulatory authority inside or outside Canada cancels, suspends or terminates the rights and privileges of the Member;
 - iv. the Member has failed to maintain the minimum capital required under any By-law, Rule, Form or Policy of the Corporation;
 - v. the Member has failed to file with the Corporation a copy of a financial report of the Member as at the end of each fiscal month as required under any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation;
 - vi. the Member has failed to file with the Corporation copies of the annual audited financial statements of the Member as required under any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation;
 - vii. the Member has failed to maintain a Financial Institution Bond or mail insurance as required under any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation;
 - viii. the Member has failed to rectify the circumstances causing the Member to be designated in early warning by the Corporation or has failed to comply with terms and conditions imposed on the Member after it was designated in early warning by the Corporation;
 - ix. the Member has failed to cooperate with an examination or investigation conducted pursuant to Section 21; or
 - x. the Member has failed to carry out any written agreement with the Corporation to take action to comply with any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation;
 - xi. the Member has failed to comply with the provisions of any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation;
 - xii. the Member is in such financial or operating difficulty that a Hearing Panel determines that the Member cannot be permitted to continue to operate without risk of imminent harm to the public, to other Members or Approved Persons, or to the Corporation;
 - xiii. the Member has been charged with a criminal or regulatory offence relating to theft, fraud, misappropriation of funds or securities, forgery, money laundering, market manipulation, insider trading, misrepresentation or unauthorized trading and the Hearing Panel determines that such charge likely brings the capital markets into disrepute;
 - xiv. the Member has given notice of its intention to resign or is not carrying on business as a mutual fund dealer; or
 - xv. the Member has failed to comply with any penalties, other than the payment of a fine or costs, imposed pursuant to Section 24.1.2, Section 24.3 or Section 24.4.
- (b) A Hearing Panel may impose a penalty under section 24.3.3 on a Member on an application made under Section 24.3.2(a) without notice only if the Hearing Panel determines that proceeding without notice is, in the circumstances, in the public interest, including but not limited to where:
- i. providing notice to the Member would be likely to result in financial loss or imminent harm to the public, to other Members or Approved Persons, or to the Corporation; or
 - ii. the length of time required to arrange for and conduct a hearing pursuant to Section 20 and Section 24.1 would be prejudicial to the public interest.

24.3.3 Cause of Financial Loss to the Public

~~Notwithstanding anything in Sections 20 to 24, inclusive, if, as a result of information received by the Chair or any Vice-Chair of the applicable Regional Council, such Chair or Vice-Chair after consultation with the President or one or more members of the Board of Directors is of the opinion that a Member has breached any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation and that such breach or breaches is likely to result in financial loss to the public, the Chair or Vice-Chair may immediately suspend the rights and privileges of such Member and direct such Member to immediately cease dealing with the public. If the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Regional Council acts under the provisions of this Section 24.3.3, he or she shall summon the Member to appear before a hearing of the Hearing Panel of the applicable Regional Council to be held within 15 days upon notice to the Member, with such notice and hearing to be in accordance with the provisions of Section 20, as applicable.~~

24.3.3 Powers of a Hearing Panel

A Hearing Panel shall have the power to impose any of the following penalties upon a Member, Approved Person or other person under the jurisdiction of the Corporation in an application made pursuant to Section 24.3.1 or Section 24.3.2:

- (a) suspension of any or all of the rights and privileges of Membership or authority of the person to conduct securities related business on such terms and conditions as the Hearing Panel considers appropriate;
- (b) terms and conditions on Membership or the authority of the person to conduct securities related business;
- (c) direction to immediately cease dealing with the public;
- (d) direction for the orderly transfer of client accounts from the Member;
- (e) for events other than those referred to in Sections 24.3.1(a)(vi) and (vii) and Section 24.3.2(a)(xiii), termination of Membership or prohibition of the authority of the person to conduct securities related business;
- (f) for events other than those referred to in Section 24.3.2(a)(xiii), expulsion of the Member from the Corporation; and
- (g) appointment of a monitor in accordance with Section 24.7.

24.3.4 Failure to Pay Fine or Comply with Condition

~~In the event that a fine or condition imposed by a Hearing Panel pursuant to Section 24.1 is not paid or complied with, respectively, within the time prescribed by the Hearing Panel, the Hearing Panel may, upon application by the Corporation, and without further notice to the Member or person concerned, suspend the authority of such person to conduct securities related business or the rights and privileges of such Member, respectively, until such fine is paid or condition fulfilled.~~

24.3.4 Notice in Certain Circumstances

At any stage of an application pursuant to Section 24.3, a Hearing Panel may in its discretion require notice of the application to be given to a Member, Approved Person, or other person on such terms and conditions as it considers appropriate, including terms and conditions respecting the timing of notice and any abridging of ordinary hearing processes that the Panel considers fit.

24.3.5 Other Proceedings

Nothing contained in Section 24.3 shall prevent any other proceedings being taken against a Member, Approved Person or other person under the jurisdiction of the Corporation pursuant to any other provisions of Section 24.

24.3.6 Review of an Application

A Member or person may request a review of any decision made pursuant to Section 24.3 within 30 days of notice of the penalty being given in accordance with Section 24.5.3.

24.3.7 Timing of a Review

A review of an application pursuant to Section 24.3.6 shall be held before a Hearing Panel of the applicable Regional Council no later than 21 days after the request for the review, unless a Hearing Panel directs or the parties agree otherwise.

24.3.8 Review Panel

No member of a Hearing Panel who participated in an application pursuant to Section 24.3 shall sit on a Hearing Panel constituted for the review of that decision.

24.3.9 Decision is Final Where no Review

If a Member or person does not request a review of an application within the time prescribed in Section 24.3.6, then the decision of the Hearing Panel is final and there shall be no further review or appeal of the decision within the Corporation.

24.3.10 Stay Pending Review of an Application

An order of a Hearing Panel made pursuant to Section 24.3 takes effect upon its issuance and remains in effect pending a review under Section 24.3.6, unless a Hearing Panel directs otherwise.

24.3.11 Powers of a Hearing Panel on a Review of an Application

A Hearing Panel presiding over the review of an application pursuant to Section 24.3.6 may affirm, quash or vary the decision under review and may make any decision that could have been made by a Hearing Panel under Section 24.3.

24.3.12 Open to the Public

An application pursuant to Section 24.3 and the review of an application pursuant to Section 24.3.6 shall be open to the public except where:

- (a) the application proceeds without notice to the Member or person;
- (b) the application or review of the application is conducted in writing or the Hearing Panel determines that it is not practical to conduct the application or review of the application in a manner that is open to the public; or
- (c) the Hearing Panel is of the opinion that intimate financial or personal matters or other matters may be disclosed at the hearing which are of such a nature, having regard to the circumstances, that the desirability of avoiding disclosure thereof in the interests of any person affected or in the public interest outweighs the desirability of adhering to the principle that hearings be open to the public, in which case the Hearing Panel may conduct the application or review of the application in camera.

24.3.13 Failure to Pay Fee, Levy, Assessment, Fine or Costs

In the event that:

- (a) a Member fails to pay a fee pursuant to Section 14 or Section 15 within the time prescribed in Section 14.3 or Section 15.2 respectively;
- (b) a Member fails to pay a fee, levy or assessment pursuant to any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation within the time prescribed; or
- (c) a Member or person fails to pay a fine or costs imposed by a Hearing Panel within the time prescribed by the Hearing Panel;

the Corporation may summarily, without further notice, suspend the rights and privileges of the Member or the authority of the person to conduct securities related business until such fee, levy, assessment, fine or costs is paid.

24.5 Publication of Notice and Penalties

24.5.1 Notice Requirements

If and whenever:

- (a) a Member (~~except as provided by section 24.5.1(b) hereof~~), Approved Person or other person is penalized by a Hearing Panel, notice of the penalty shall be given by the Corporation forthwith; or

- ~~(b) the rights and privileges of a Member are suspended or terminated, or a Member is expelled from the Corporation, notice of the penalty and notice of the disposition of any review from the imposition thereof shall be given forthwith by the Corporation. If such penalty is subject to review the notice shall so indicate.~~

24.7 Monitor

24.7.1 Powers of a Monitor

A monitor appointed pursuant to Section 24.1.2(g) or Section 24.3.3(g) shall oversee and report on the Member's activities in accordance with any of the following terms and conditions and for such specified period as the Hearing Panel may determine:

- (a) to enter and re-enter the Member's premises and to remain on site to conduct day-to-day monitoring of all of the Member's activities, including but not limited to, monitoring and review of accounts receivable, accounts payable, client accounts, the Member's banking, any books or records of the Member, trading conducted by or on behalf of the Member for its own account or the account of its clients, payment of any debts or the creation of new debt and any reconciliation required to be completed by the Member;
- (b) to make copies of information and to provide copies of such information to the Corporation or any other agency the Hearing Panel determines appropriate;
- (c) to provide ongoing reporting of the monitor's findings or observations to the Corporation or any other agency the Hearing Panel determines appropriate;
- (d) to monitor compliance by the Member with any terms or conditions which have been imposed on the Member by the Corporation or any other regulator, including but not limited to, compliance with early warning terms and conditions;
- (e) to verify and assist with the preparation of any regulatory filings, including but not limited to, the calculation of risk adjusted capital;
- (f) to conduct or have conducted an appraisal of the Member's net worth or valuation of any part of the Member's assets;
- (g) to assist the Member with the orderly transfer of client accounts;
- (h) to pre-authorize any issuance of cheques or payments made by or on behalf of the Member or distribution of any of the Member's assets;
- (i) to assist the Member in formulating a process to address deficiencies identified by the Corporation;
- (j) to assist the Member in developing and implementing procedures and internal controls to ensure the Member's compliance with any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation;
- (k) to test and report on the adequacy of the Member's procedures and internal controls; and
- (l) any other terms or conditions that the Hearing Panel may determine.

24.7.2 Expenses of the Monitor

A Hearing Panel may in its discretion require that the Member pay the whole or part of the expenses related to a monitor appointed pursuant to Section 24.1.2(g) or Section 24.3.3(g).

24.8 Suspended Members

Subject to any penalties imposed pursuant to Section 24.1 or Section 24.3, during the period of suspension a suspended Member shall not be entitled to exercise the rights and privileges of Membership and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the suspended Member:

- (a) shall not be entitled to attend or vote at meetings pursuant to Section 12.2 and Section 12.3;
- (b) shall remove from its premises any reference to its Membership in the Corporation;

- (c) shall no longer use reference to its Membership in the Corporation in its advertisements, letterhead or other material;
- (d) shall be designated as "Suspended" in the Corporation's directory of Members; and
- (e) shall continue to be liable for the payment of its Annual Fee pursuant to Section 14, other fees pursuant to Section 15 and any other fees, levies or assessments pursuant to any By-law, Rule or Policy of the Corporation.