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**NCUA Board Member Highlights Supervisory Committee Role, Calls for Continued Vigilance**

*Still time to register for Louisiana/Mississippi Supervisory Committee Conference*

**(HARAHAN, La.)** – According to a release by the National Credit Union Administration, NCUA Board Member Gigi Hyland last week emphasized the critical part that credit union supervisory/audit committees have in overseeing the safe and sound operation of credit unions. “The role of the Supervisory/Audit Committee cannot be over emphasized,” commented Hyland. “It is critical that the committees play an active oversight role. Today, more than ever, oversight of the governance functions of the organization is critical. The Supervisory/Audit Committee’s role is not just about counting cash and making sure the books are in order. Rather, it includes ensuring management and the board are fulfilling their responsibilities as good stewards of the members’ money.”

The remarks came during the annual meeting of the National Association of Credit Union Supervisory and Audit Committees in Baltimore. Hyland counseled the 150 attendees to “maintain appropriate independence. Your auditor should report to you and not management or the board of directors. (This) concept is universal regardless of the size or composition of the organization. When we as a regulator and insurer see serious breakdowns in these basic principles of independence, we often encounter serious and emerging problems in the organization. Erosion of the principles is often symptomatic of a larger lack of diligence and integrity of the overall control environment.”

In assessing the business environment in which credit unions operate, Hyland identified key areas that NACUSAC members should pay particular attention to, including risks associated with cost cutting, determining an appropriate scope for an audit, compliance and fraud prevention, and proper risk assessment and management.

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“Your responsibility and obligation is not to the board or paid management but to the many regular people who make up your membership. You are watching out for them. And your service, regardless of how misunderstood or underappreciated it may feel, is absolutely critical to the sound functioning of your credit union,” stated Hyland.

To help keep your credit union’s supervisory committee aware of their important role and responsibilities, don’t miss our upcoming Louisiana-Mississippi Supervisory Committee Conference. During this conference, attendees will hear from regulators and well-known industry speakers on topics including audits, financial statements, today’s regulatory environment, emerging trends, and more. The program is being held June 24 – 26, 2010 at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans. Your educational investment is only \$480 per person to attend the entire conference; this fee includes complete registration materials and handouts, refreshments at all breaks, welcome reception on Thursday evening, breakfast and lunch on Friday; and breakfast on Saturday.

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