

# OVERSIGHT



Newsletter of the National Supervisors Forum, incorporating Board Oversight Committees.

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022

### CHAIRPERSON'S ADDRESS

As Chairperson, I am delighted to welcome you to this, our 4th edition of OVERSIGHT, our newsletter

This is a special year as it marks the 20th anniversary of our foundation. I would like to pay tribute to our founding members Mr Donal Murphy and Mr Frank Nolan on having the insight to set up this organisation in 2002. I would like to pay tribute to past committee members who worked hard to bring the organisation to where we are, today. Thanks, for their work and support, I s also due to our present committee, consisting of Deirdre Kelleher, Martina Cole John Higgins Tony Shewbridge and our supervisor Simon Gillen.

We look forward to welcoming you to Sligo for our Annual Conferences/AGM in November. This year our Friday night quiz has been replaced with a networking event where you get to meet people and learn and share experiences.

2022 brought regular meetings with the Department of Finance, Minister of State Sean Fleming TD, the Registrar, CUMA, CUDA, and ILCU as part of on-going consultations and the Policy Review, and we look forward to legislative change shortly.

Much time and resources were committed to training of our members in the Republic and in Northern Ireland. 2023 will see many programmes remain on-line as this is a popular medium for delivery. We hope to run 4 regional workshops in 2023 also.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy and safe Christmas and looking forward to meeting you all again in 2023.

*Joe Tobin*

Chairperson and Editor.



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Chair: Joe Tobin,  
Vice Chair & Treasurer:  
Deirdre Kelleher,  
Secretary: Martina Cole.

# HISTORY IN THE MAKING



In April 2002, Donal Murphy wrote to the Chairs of Supervisory Committees that had expressed an interest in a national get-together, inviting them to a Supervisors' Conference, to be held at the Coolock-Artane Credit Union offices in May 2002. With the proactive assistance of the ILCU, as voiced at it's 2002 AGM, the initial Supervisors' Conference took place on the 18th May, 2002. It was attended by a total of seventeen Supervisors, representing seven Credit

Unions.

The Officers appointed were:

- Chair Donal Murphy, (Bishopstown);
  - Vice Chair Frank Nolan, (Dundrum);
  - Secretary Dee Archer, (Greystones and District);
- Treasurer: Geraldine Doyle, (Dundrum).

And so, a start was made in building our organisation.



Founding members Donal Murphy and Frank Nolan



Members of the NSF at the Department of Finance with Minister of State Mr. Sean Fleming TD, March 2022.

## HOLD THE DATE



Our AGM 2023 will take place in the Hotel Kilkenny in November 2023

Bookings will open in May 2023.

This will be an important meeting, affording opportunity to review any legislative reforms in the Republic of Ireland and in Northern Ireland.

*There are multiple Benefits to be derived from membership of the NSF .....*

# BENEFITS



## of NSF Membership

Access to NSF Website

Access to NSF Peer Networking

Access to NSF-Approved Training

Access to NSF-Approved Workbooks

NSF Regulatory Engagement

NSF Stakeholder Engagement

# TRAINING 2023



NSF Board Oversight/Supervisory Committee workshops during 2023 will focus on the roles and responsibilities of Board committees. There will be a focus on how the BOC / Supervisors can assess the work of Board committees in the operation of Part IV and IVA of the Credit Union Act and on how to report this assessment to the Board. We will examine the importance of positive engagement with the Board of Directors, including reporting on evidence of good practice. We will examine how best to reinforce the volunteer nature of BOCs / SCs and Boards. We welcome suggestions for subject to be covered in future Workshops and Seminars.

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The NSF Board is anxious to hear your views to help inform it on future needs of BOC and SC members and how training and services might be improved.

Please take the time to discuss the following three questions, and submit them by 5pm on Thursday, 1st December, 2022 to [joe.tobin@nsf.ie](mailto:joe.tobin@nsf.ie).

Q1. What value has and does your BOC/Supervisory Committee bring to your credit union, and please give specific instances where value has been added over the last 5 years?

Q2. In the Regulatory context, what would you like to see the NSF attempting to achieve in (a) the Republic of Ireland and (b) Northern Ireland.?

Q3. What else would you like to see the NSF achieving?