

National Credit Union Administration – Office of General Counsel

TO: NCUA Board DATE: August 19, 2019

FROM: Office of General Counsel **SUBJ:** Final Rule – Federal Credit Union

Bylaws

ACTION REQUESTED: NCUA Board approval to issue the attached final rule.

DATE ACTION REQUESTED: September 19, 2019.

OTHER OFFICES CONSULTED: None.

VIEWS OF OTHER OFFICES CONSULTED: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT, IF ANY: None.

SUBMITTED TO INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR REVIEW: Yes.

RESPONSIBLE STAFF MEMBERS: Rachel Ackmann, Senior Staff Attorney, Office of General Counsel.

SUMMARY: At its October 18, 2018 meeting, the Board issued a proposed rule to amend its regulations regarding the federal credit union bylaws (FCU Bylaws) under Part 701, Appendix A. The final rule updates, clarifies, and simplifies the FCU Bylaws. The final rule updates and conforms the FCU Bylaws to legal opinions issued by the NCUA's Office of General Counsel and provides greater flexibility to federal credit unions. The final rule also makes other changes that are designed to remove outdated or obsolete provisions. The NCUA received 35 comment letters on the proposed rule. The commenters generally appreciated the Board's efforts to modernize the FCU Bylaws and to eliminate regulatory burden where possible. All of the commenters, however, expressed concerns about specific aspects of the proposal. In response to commenters, the final rule includes several modifications from the proposed rule.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: NCUA Board approve the attached final rule.

ATTACHMENT: Final rule.