



ASTI Credit Union Limited

Ní neart go cur le chéile
Today. Tomorrow. Together.

ANNUAL REPORTS & FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009



In the current turbulent economic environment it's business as usual in **ASTI Credit Union** as we continue to offer some of the best, most innovative and competitive loans and savings products to our members.

Sound & Secure saving in your Credit Union

SHARE Account

- Save regularly through salary deduction
- In the event of your death, protect your family with Free Life Savings Insurance of up to €20,000* on top of your savings
- Annual Dividend – variable (subject to approval at AGM)
- Dividend subject to deduction of DIRT @ 25%

DEPOSIT Account

- Save regularly through salary deduction
- Deposit rate 1% (variable), posted to your account monthly
- Interest subject to deduction of DIRT @ 25%

3 & 5 YEAR Term Share Accounts – DIRT Free*

- Save regularly through salary deduction
- In the event of your death, protect your family with Free Life Savings Insurance of up to €20,000* on top of your savings
- Annual Dividend up to €480 (3 year a/c-tax free) or €635 (5 year a/c-tax free) – variable (subject to approval at AGM) – contact the office for further details – terms & conditions apply

UID2 Accounts

- Save a regular amount of between €10 & €254 every month
- Earn 1% APR posted to your account monthly
- At the end of 24 months receive a 100% interest bonus!!!!!!!
- The amount that you earn in interest is doubled. You will earn 2% APR & you will have a nice little nest egg in just 24 months

**Subject to terms and conditions.*



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ASTI Credit Union wish all of our members

*Peace and Happiness
for
Christmas
and
the New Year*



NOTICE OF 25th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the members of ASTI Credit Union Limited will take place in The Camden Court Hotel, Camden Street, Dublin 2, on Monday 14 December 2009 at 8.00 pm.

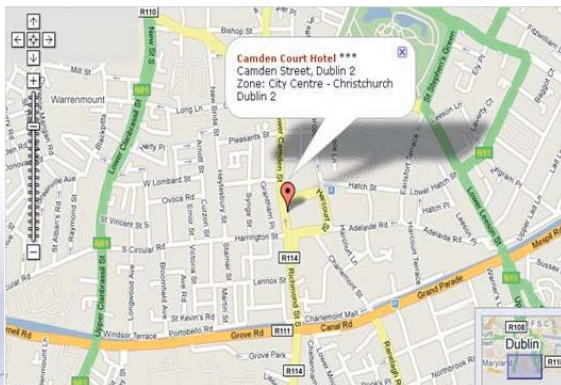
Members are requested to bring this report to the A.G.M.

Secretary: Paul Leahy



NOTICE OF ELECTIONS

- Elections will be held to fill four vacancies on the Board of Directors, one on the Supervisory Committee and the position of Auditor.
- Nominations for the positions of Director and/or Supervisor and/or Auditor must be in writing signed by a proposer and seconder (who must be members of the credit union) and also by the person nominated so as to indicate his/her consent.
- Nomination forms are in this report. Completed nomination forms must reach the Credit Union's Registered Office at least three working days before the date of the meeting.
- All those nominated (other than for the position of Auditor) must be members of the Credit Union.
- The nominee must be of full legal age, that is, aged 18 or over. Marriage of persons 16-18 also confers full legal age. All members aged 16-18 have voting rights, but cannot be nominated.



A number of spot prize draws will take place for all those attending the AGM!!!

NOMINATION FORM — DIRECTOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

We, the undersigned, nominate for Director:-

(Name of nominee) _____

Block Capitals

(Address) _____

Signed (Proposer): _____ Membership No: _____

Signed (Seconder): _____ Membership No: _____

Consent of Nominee:- I, as a member hereby agree to be nominated as a candidate for DIRECTOR on the Board of the Directors and confirm that I am of full legal age.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____ Membership No: _____
(Nominee)

NOMINATION FORM — SUPERVISOR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

We, the undersigned, nominate for Supervisor:-

(Name of nominee) _____

Block Capitals

(Address) _____

Signed (Proposer): _____ Membership No: _____

Signed (Seconder): _____ Membership No: _____

Consent of Nominee:- I, as a member hereby agree to be nominated as a candidate for Supervisory Committee and confirm that I am of full legal age.

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____ Membership No: _____
(Nominee)



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Jimmy Johnstone (Chairman)
Tony Burke (Vice - Chairman)
Paul Atkinson (Treasurer)
Paul Leahy (Secretary)
Edward Brazil
Helen Cahalin

Helena Heduan (Resigned)
Tomas MacCathmhaoil
Catherine Nic Aodha
Jim Ryan
Michael Smyth

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

Pat Toomey (Chairman)
Stephen Dollard
Deirdre Ni Ealaithe

MANAGER

Selina Gilleece

STAFF

Noeleen Culbert
Edel Kelly
Henry Upton

AUDITOR

Deloitte & Touche
Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors
Deloitte & Touche House,
Earlsfort Terrace,
Dublin 2

BANKERS

Bank of Ireland
Baggot Street Lower
Dublin 2

National Irish Bank Ltd.
27 College Green,
Dublin 2

SOLICITORS

James A. Connolly & Co.
13 St. Andrew Street,
Dublin 2

REGISTERED OFFICE

Wellington House
25 Wellington Quay
Dublin 2

Piers & Fitzgibbon,
Market Street,
Listowel,
Co. Kerry

REGISTRATION NUMBER

409 CU

AGENDA

- (1) The acceptance by the Board of Directors of the authorised representatives of members that are not natural persons.
- (2) Ascertainment that a quorum is present.
- (3) Adoption of Standing Orders.
- (4) Reading and approval of the Minutes of the last AGM.
- (5) Report of the Board of Directors.
- (6) Report of the Treasurer.
- (7) Report of the Auditor.
- (8) Report of the Supervisory Committee.
- (9) Report of the Credit Committee.
- (10) Report of the Membership Committee.
- (11) Report of the Education & Publicity Committee.
- (12) Report of the Credit Control Committee.
- (13) Appointment of Tellers.
- (14) Report of the Nominating Committee.
- (15) Elections: Directors, Supervisors & Auditor.
- (16) Proposal of Dividend.
- (17) Proposal of Treasurer's Honorarium.
- (18) "That this AGM agrees that 63c per affiliated member (ex shares) be contributed to the International Foundation".
- (19) "That this AGM agrees that 90c Irish League of Credit Union affiliation fees be deducted from members' shares".
- (20) "That this AGM agrees to amend Rule 40 (2) of the Standard Rules for Credit Unions by the deletion of: "and the balances shall be issued to each member at least quarterly, and the itemised statement shall be supplied on request to any member" and the substitution of:
"where online access to members' accounts is available, the balances shall be issued at least annually. Otherwise balances will be issued at least quarterly. An itemised statement shall be supplied on request to any member".
- (21) Announcement of election results.
- (22) Any other business.
- (23) Adjournment or close of meeting.



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2008-2009



Fellow Members,

It is a great honour for me to present the Board of Directors Report for ASTI Credit Union for the year ended 30 September 2009.

As a co-operative not for profit financial services organisation your credit union has performed very well over the last year and continues to serve members with a broad range of savings and loan products and other financial services. EFT, ATM Cards and Online Account Access are progressive services that more and more members are availing of. There are currently 1,000 members availing of internet access to view and manage their accounts. Why not log on to **www.asticu.ie** and experience the difference for yourself.

The economic climate has worsened considerably in the last year with members experiencing pension and income levy deductions and indeed further financial hardship looks increasingly likely in the months ahead. This has affected members' ability to save and also curtailed their borrowing capacity. ASTI Credit Union has a proud record of serving members' needs over the last 26 years and is fully committed to continue in that proud tradition.

While credit unions bear no responsibility for the current state of financial markets, as a financial service provider ASTI Credit Union must cope with the prevailing low interest rate environment which is yielding very low investment returns and increased regulatory oversight because of regulatory failure elsewhere. Indeed the Credit Union Regulator is requiring all credit unions to increase their reserves to 10% of total assets over the coming years. I am delighted to report that your credit union met this regulatory requirement by the end of September 2009 as the Board has continually maintained adequate and prudent reserves and will continue to do so into the future.

Sponsorship and Charitable Donations made during the year are outlined further on in this report. This year your Board is again inviting applications for 3 educational bursaries worth €1,300 each, to be awarded by raffle. An application form is on the inside back cover of this report. The closing date for applications is the 22 December 2009.

While we are all concerned about our future economic well being generally I would like to assure members that your credit union remains

STRONG, SAFE AND SECURE
and fully committed to serving your needs

I wish to formally compliment and thank your Board of Directors, your Supervisory Committee and your excellent and committed staff, Selina, Noeleen, Edel and Henry who all work so diligently and professionally on your behalf.

Spread the word, in your staff room and at home, about the friendly, efficient professional service provided by your very own financial service provider.

Ní neart go cur le chéile

Chairman: Jimmy Johnstone

STATEMENT OF DIRECTOR'S RESPONSIBILITIES

"The Credit Union Act 1997 requires Directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the credit union and of the income and expenditure of the credit union for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the directors are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the credit union will continue in business;

The Directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at anytime the financial position of the credit union and which enables them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Credit Union Act 1997. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the credit union and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities."

STATEMENT OF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES

The Credit Union Act 1997 requires the appointment of a Supervisory Committee which will oversee Directors in the performance of their functions, examine books and documents of the credit union and verify a sample of members' balances.



Board of Directors / Supervisors & Manager

*Top L/R: P. Toomey, J. Ryan, T. Burke, H. Cahalin, P. Atkinson, E. Brazil, J. Johnstone,
Bottom: L/R: C. NicAodha, T. MacCathmhaoil, S. Gilleece (Manager), H. Heduan, M. Smyth, S. Dollard*



TREASURER'S REPORT

As we look back on the year just ended the position of the ASTI credit union is best described as steady as she goes. This year has been one of little change as we work through the difficult financial position in the economy.

The Financial Regulator has introduced in recent months new regulatory reserve requirements for all credit unions. This change will require credit unions to maintain statutory reserves at 10% of total assets. ASTI credit union has no difficulty in complying with these requirements in 2009, and we are making the full allocation this year.

In view of the current economic difficulties, the Board also considers it prudent to increase the bad debt provision to reflect this. The provision therefore will be increased by €158,393 which will be transferred from year end surplus increasing the provision to €298,788.

The loan book stands at just under €20million, a small drop on last year. Loans for the year have shown a significant drop of over 20% on last year. Income for the year is down by about 8% for the year.

Members' shares are now €25.1 million a rise of just over 4%. Expenses show a significant drop, mainly due to the disposal of Perpetual Bonds, down by 24%. Overall the surplus for the year is ahead of last year.

There have been a number of significant events during the year. The loss in value of some of our investments (Perpetual Bonds) has had a significant impact on the accounts over the past two years. During the year, the Board took independent advice which along with a report carried out by the League led to us making the decision to sell these bonds when they reached a certain value. Two of these have been sold and the one remaining bond will be sold in the near future. The Board also found it necessary to write off €158,526 in bad debts and this is reflected as an expense in the Income and Expenditure Account.

The Board is recommending a dividend payment of 1% this year. This does reflect the reduction in investment income for the year. The Board considers it is a reasonable return on savings in the current economic environment.

Following on the success of the SSIA accounts we offered a Two Year CUID Account. These are now maturing and are paying a good return for those members who opened one of these accounts. We are offering a new CUID for members who would like to continue with this type of saving scheme. The return will not be quite so generous because interest rates are still at very low levels. Please contact the office for details.

Members' savings are safe and secure and are backed by the Government Deposit Guarantee Scheme in addition to the Irish League of Credit Unions "Savings Protection Scheme".

Just a few reminders to members

- Savings: there are a variety of savings options, Share Account, Deposit Account and Term Accounts.
- Loans: when you wish to borrow we have very competitive rates for loans.
We would advise people to avoid getting into Credit Card debt and talk to us instead about a short term loan.
- Website: view our website, www.asticu.ie, to check account balances and learn about our wide variety of services.

I would like to thank the Treasury Committee, Jimmy Johnstone, and Tony Burke for their tremendous help and advice and dedication during the year.

Special thanks as always to the efficient and talented staff at Wellington Quay, Selina Gilleece (Manager), Noeleen Culbert (Administrator), Edel Kelly (Administrator) and Henry Upton (Administrator).

ASTI credit union continues to provide a range of high quality services to you our member.

The credit union is here to help members, particularly when times are difficult. The credit union is a safe place to do business where you can be assured that we are at all times working on your behalf. I urge you to talk to your colleagues about what the credit union can do and in particular to the new members in your school and staffroom.

Treasurer: Paul Atkinson

SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

The role of the Supervisory Committee is to oversee the operation of the credit union. We strive to ensure the security of the members' savings by ensuring that the credit union is properly managed, has a strong internal control system and that proper books of accounts are maintained. During the past financial year the Supervisors worked to ensure that accounting records were prepared promptly and accurately and that the policies and procedures of the credit union were being implemented.

At our four statutory meetings with the Board we have emphasised the importance of prudent lending to ensure the safety and security of members' money. It has been and will continue to be necessary for members seeking loans to provide accurate and detailed documentation to the Board regarding the purpose of the loan.

During the past year the committee met regularly to conduct frequent random checks on a number of areas such as the verification of members' shares, deposits and loans, as well as checking on investments made by the Board on your behalf.

We would like to thank the manager Selina Gilleece and her staff for their courtesy and co-operation at all times. They have been most helpful in providing all the necessary documentation necessary for our work. We also want to express our appreciation of the work and dedication of the Board of Directors throughout the year.

Patrick Toomey (Chairman) - *Supervisor*

Stephen Dollard - *Supervisor*

Deidre Ni Ealaithe - *Supervisor*



CREDIT COMMITTEE REPORT



In the year ended 30 September 2009, the Credit Committee approved 1,122 loans totalling €7,746,505. This represents a monthly average of €645,542. The total amount of loans outstanding at year end 30 September 2009 is €19,694,090.

The downturn in the economy, the introduction of the pension levy and in some cases, job losses or reduction of hours has resulted in an expected decrease in overall loan demand for the year.

Loans were issued during the year as follows;

Type	No:	€
Home Improvements	332	2,307,218
Car	239	2,275,913
Secured Loans (within shares)	143	745,567
Financial	98	669,879
Personal	83	559,895
Educational	104	557,929
House Renovation	6	270,000
Once (repay within 12 months)	55	154,534
Medical	30	124,375
Holidays	32	81,195
Total	1,122	7,746,505



Members may be required to provide supporting documentation when applying for a loan. This may include bank statements, invoices, payslips etc. In order to avoid delays in processing loan applications we advise members to fully complete loan application documentation.

During the year the Board placed a maximum limit on all loans of €50,000.

The Credit Committee noted an increase in loan applications for educational purposes.

We would like to encourage members who intend to apply for an education loan to get their application into the office during the summer to allow plenty of time for processing.

The credit union is also a member of the Irish Credit Bureau and credit checks are carried out (subject to members giving permission) at the loan application stage. This helps to ensure that the credit union is lending responsibly.

The personal loan rate is 7.99% typical APR and represents very good value.

Car loans are available at 6.99% typical APR and must be repaid within 5 years.

Once loans are available at a very competitive 5.99% typical APR and must be repaid within 12 months.

Loans in the credit union are insured in the case of death or total & permanent disability. This cover is provided at no individual cost to members. It is however subject to terms and conditions.

I would like to offer my sincere thanks to my fellow colleagues on the Credit Committee, who give their time and expertise so willingly, Paul Leahy, Michael Smyth, Eddie Brazil and Helen Cahalin. I would also like to thank the staff who provided us with assistance throughout the year.

Chairman: Catherine Nic Aodha



CREDIT CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT



The Credit Control Committee met regularly during the past year. The committee presented to the Board a new policy and a set of procedures. The policy and procedures were approved by the Board and have been implemented and will be reviewed regularly.

With the current economic downturn the work of the committee has increased. In situations where members are in financial difficulty we will do our best to facilitate rescheduling loans. We work with each member in reaching an agreement that will suit their changed circumstances. In such cases we may request to meet with the member on a confidential basis and we may also request supporting documentation. We guarantee that we will treat any problem with sensitivity and respect.

The committee reviews all loans outstanding on a monthly basis to ensure that payments are being made as agreed. The committee also takes appropriate action when loans default.

We would also like to remind members that the Money Advice & Budgeting Service (MABS) is available locally for assistance with budgeting and negotiating with creditors. This free service is funded by the Department of Social Welfare.

We would like to encourage members who are experiencing difficulty to contact us as soon as possible. Please do not ignore the problem, the credit union will always try to facilitate your situation.

As can be seen from the accounts the level of written off loans this year has increased to €158,526. It is part of our policy and our responsibility to our members to pursue those accounts until the loan is fully recovered. The bad debt provision is also being increased to €298,788.

I would like to thank my fellow committee members Tomas Mac Cathmhaoil and Helena Heduan for their assistance and commitment throughout the year.

Chairman: Jim Ryan

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF ASTI CREDIT UNION LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of ASTI Credit Union Limited for the year ended 30 September 2009 which comprise the Income and Expenditure Account, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Accounting Policies and the related notes 1 to 18. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out in the Statement of Accounting Policies.

This report is made solely to the Credit Union members, as a body, in accordance with the Credit Union Act 1997. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Credit Union members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Credit Union and the Credit Union members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report, including as set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities, the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with applicable Irish law and accounting standards issued by the Accounting Standards Board and published by the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland (Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland). Our responsibility, as independent auditor, is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland and are properly prepared in accordance with Irish statute comprising the Credit Union Act 1997. We also report to you whether in our opinion: proper books of account have been kept by the Credit Union; and whether the information given in the report of the board of directors is consistent with the financial statements. In addition, we state whether we have obtained all the information and explanations necessary for the purposes of our audit and whether the Credit Union's Balance Sheet and Income and Expenditure Account are in agreement with the books of account. In our opinion the information given in the report of the board of directors is consistent with the financial statements.



We also report to you if, in our opinion, any information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and directors' transactions is not given and, where practicable, include such information in our report.

We read the Directors Report, the other information [e.g. Treasurer's Report, the Supervisory Committee Report and the Credit Committee Report] and consider whether they are consistent with the audited financial statements. We consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatement within it. Our responsibilities do not extend to other information.

Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the credit union's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

Opinion

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view, in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice in Ireland, of the state of the affairs of the Credit Union as at 30 September 2009 and of its surplus for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Credit Union Act, 1997.

We have obtained all the information and explanations we considered necessary for the purpose of our audit. In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the Credit Union. The Credit Union's Balance Sheet and its Income and Expenditure account are in agreement with the books of account.

In our opinion the information given in the report of the board of directors is consistent with the financial statements.

Deloitte & Touche, Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors, Dublin
Date: 9th November 2009

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in Ireland and Irish statute comprising the Credit Union Act 1997. The credit union has taken advantage of the exemption in FRS1 from the requirement to produce a cashflow statement because it is a small entity.

2 ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

3 INCOME RECOGNITION

Interest on members' loans is recognised when payment is received as specified in Section 110 (l) (C) (i) of the Credit Union Act, 1997 (i.e. on a cash received basis). Deposit income is recognised on an accruals basis.

Income from other investments is recognised when it is received or irrevocably receivable.

4 FIXED ASSETS & DEPRECIATION

Fixed assets are stated at cost.

Depreciation is provided on cost in equal instalments from date of acquisition over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The rates of depreciation are as follows:

Premises:	2% per annum
Computer equipment:	33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % per annum
Office equipment:	10% per annum

5 INVESTMENTS

The specific investment products held by the credit union are accounted for as follows:

Term deposits and fixed interest investment bonds

Term deposits and fixed interest investment bonds with fixed maturity dates are valued at the lower of cost or encashment value and interest income is recognised in the income and expenditure account when it is received or irrevocably receivable.



Perpetual bonds

Perpetual bonds are valued at the lower of cost or market value and interest income is recognised in the income and expenditure account when it is received or receivable. Decreases in the capital value of the bonds are included in the income and expenditure account. Increases which reverse a previous decrease in the value of the bonds are included in the income and expenditure account and all other increases in excess of the cost of the bonds are ignored until the bonds are sold.

Investments with return of capital guarantee

Investments with return of capital guarantee are valued at the lower of cost or market value but not lower than the capital guaranteed amount and dividend or other income is recognised in the income and expenditure account when it is received or irrevocably receivable.

With profit bonds

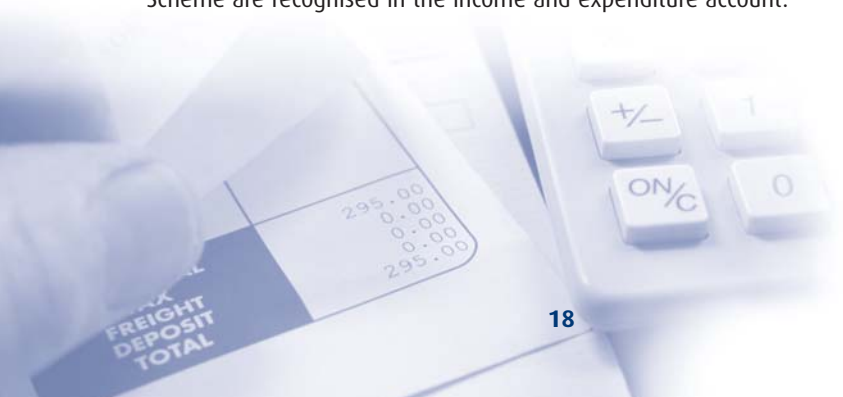
With profit bonds with capital guaranteed are valued at cost. Declared bonuses are recognised in the income and expenditure account when irrevocably receivable or earlier if the bond becomes realisable in the form of cash or cash equivalents in a secondary market. Terminal bonuses are recognised in the income and expenditure account when the credit union become irrevocably entitled to receive them.

6 BAD AND DOUBTFUL DEBTS

Bad debts written off and bad debts recovered are included in the Income and Expenditure Account. Provision for doubtful debts is made against current loan balances on the basis of the 2003 Resolution 49 of the Irish League of Credit Unions adjusted for any specific bad debts.

7 PENSIONS

Pension benefits for employees are met by payments to a multi-employer defined benefit scheme. However, the Credit Union is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities and consequently accounts for its contributions to the Scheme as if it were a defined contribution Scheme. Contributions payable to the Scheme are recognised in the income and expenditure account.



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

	2009	2008
	€	€
INCOME		
Interest from loans	1,453,203	1,429,506
Members' deposit and other interest and similar charges	(87,253)	(151,172)
Other interest receivable and investment income	170,272	275,936
Net interest income	1,536,222	1,554,270
Entrance fees	189	145
Other income	520	477
Total income	1,536,931	1,554,892
Expenditure		
Salaries	230,974	210,214
Other management expenses	559,746	508,254
Provision for bad and doubtful debts	158,393	10,000
Bad debts recovered	(13,183)	(57,444)
Depreciation	96,110	111,647
Total expenditure	1,032,040	782,671
Excess of income over expenditure for the year	504,891	772,221
Losses on investments	15 (57,750)	(227,888)
Transfer to statutory reserve	9 (168,674)	(54,443)
Transfer to additional regulatory reserve	10 (644,284)	-



INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

	NOTES	2009 €	2008 €
Undistributed surplus brought forward as previously reported		944,515	1,536,822
Dividends paid	11	(475,587)	(582,197)
Transfer to dividend reserve	12	-	(500,000)
Undistributed surplus at 30 September 2009		103,111	944,515

The financial statements, which include the accounting policies and notes, were approved by the Board of Directors on 9th November 2009

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union:

Jimmy Johnstone: CHAIRMAN

Paul Atkinson: TREASURER

Patrick Toomey: MEMBER OF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

	NOTES	2009	2008
		€	€
ASSETS			
Cash and balances at bank	1	6,310,893	3,519,461
Deposits and investments	2	2,974,086	4,765,004
Prepayments and accrued income	3	57,649	46,163
Department of Education		827,726	833,309
Tangible fixed assets	4	2,648,555	2,738,857
Loans to members	5	19,395,302	20,055,974
Total Assets		32,214,211	31,958,768
Liabilities			
Other liabilities, accruals and charges	6	145,152	154,069
Members' shares	7	25,110,775	24,085,765
Members' deposits	8	3,133,752	3,865,956
		28,389,679	28,105,790
Members resources			
Statutory reserve	9	2,577,137	2,408,463
Additional regulatory reserve	10	644,284	-
Dividend reserve	12	500,000	500,000
Other reserves		103,111	944,515
Total Liabilities		32,214,211	31,958,768

The financial statements, which include the accounting policies and notes, were approved by the Board of Directors on 9 November 2009

Signed on behalf of the Credit Union:

Jimmy Johnstone: CHAIRMAN

Paul Atkinson: TREASURER

Patrick Toomey: MEMBER OF SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

1	CASH AND BANK BALANCES	2009	2008
		€	€
	Current accounts	275,642	967,850
	Deposit accounts	6,035,040	2,551,527
	Petty cash	211	84
		<u>6,310,893</u>	<u>3,519,461</u>
2	INVESTMENTS	2009	2008
		€	€
	Davy Guaranteed growth bond	870,000	870,000
	Davy ISEQ principal protected bond	450,000	450,000
	Davy deposit enhancement bond	-	450,000
	Irish Life & Permanent PLC 10 year bond (See note 18)	258,836	258,836
	Perpetual bonds (See note 15)	145,250	986,750
	Allied Irish Bank Investment	1,000,000	1,000,000
	EBS Investments	-	499,418
	Eureko Group with profit bond	250,000	250,000
		<u>2,974,086</u>	<u>4,765,004</u>
3	DEBTORS	2009	2008
		€	€
	Prepayments and accrued income	<u>57,649</u>	<u>46,163</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

4 FIXED ASSETS	Premises	Computer Equipment	Office Equipment	Total
	€	€	€	€
Cost:				
At 1 October 2008	2,810,270	166,792	61,284	3,038,346
Additions	-	5,808	-	5,808
At 30 September 2009	<u><u>2,810,270</u></u>	<u><u>172,600</u></u>	<u><u>61,284</u></u>	<u><u>3,044,154</u></u>
Depreciation:				
At 1 October 2008	168,054	118,696	12,739	299,489
Charge for year	56,795	33,206	6,109	96,110
At 30 September 2009	<u><u>224,849</u></u>	<u><u>151,902</u></u>	<u><u>18,848</u></u>	<u><u>395,599</u></u>
Net Book Value:				
At 30 September 2009	<u><u>2,585,421</u></u>	<u><u>20,698</u></u>	<u><u>42,436</u></u>	<u><u>2,648,555</u></u>
At 30 September 2008	<u><u>2,642,216</u></u>	<u><u>48,096</u></u>	<u><u>48,545</u></u>	<u><u>2,738,857</u></u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

5 MEMBERS' LOANS	2009	2008
	€	€
Balance at 1 October	20,055,974	18,587,103
Loans issued	7,746,505	10,135,131
Loan repayments made (net of interest)	(7,949,863)	(8,436,594)
	19,852,616	20,285,640
Bad debts provision	(298,788)	(140,395)
Bad debts written off	(158,526)	(89,271)
Balance at 30 September	<u>19,395,302</u>	<u>20,055,974</u>

All loans advanced to members during the year were in the normal course of the Credit Union's business.

6 CREDITORS	2009	2008
	€	€
Accruals and sundry creditors	131,268	133,061
DIRT due to Revenue Commissioners	13,884	21,008
	<u>145,152</u>	<u>154,069</u>

7 MEMBERS' SHARES	2009	2008
	€	€
Balance at 1 October	24,085,765	23,392,016
Shares created during the year	9,014,715	9,339,747
Shares withdrawn during the year	(7,989,705)	(8,645,998)
Balance at 30 September	<u>25,110,775</u>	<u>24,085,765</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

8 MEMBERS' DEPOSITS	2009	2008
	€	€
<u>Deposit Accounts</u>		
Balance at 1 October	3,865,956	5,249,089
Deposits received during the year	721,910	1,074,700
Deposits withdrawn during the year	(1,454,114)	(2,457,833)
Balance at 30 September	<u>3,133,752</u>	<u>3,865,956</u>
9 STATUTORY RESERVE	2009	2008
	€	€
Balance at 1 October	2,408,463	2,354,020
Transferred from Income & Expenditure Account	168,674	54,443
Balance at 30 September	<u>2,577,137</u>	<u>2,408,463</u>
10 ADDITIONAL REGULATORY RESERVE	2009	2008
	€	€
Balance at 1 October	-	-
Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	644,284	-
Balance at 30 September	<u>644,284</u>	<u>-</u>

During the year €644,284 was transferred from other reserves to the additional regulatory reserve. The additional regulatory reserve has been set up to enable the credit union meet regulatory reserve requirements. This reserve is non-distributable.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

11 DIVIDENDS	2009	2008
	€	€
Dividends paid	<u>475,587</u>	<u>582,197</u>

The directors are proposing a final dividend in respect of the year ended 30 September 2009 of €244,376 (2008 €475,587). This proposed dividend is subject to approval by the members at the forthcoming annual general meeting. These financial statements do not reflect this proposed dividend payable.

The calculation of the proposed dividends is based on the accumulation of dividend points on the members' shareholdings during the year.

12 DIVIDEND RESERVE	2009	2008
	€	€
Balance at 1 October	500,000	-
Transferred from Income and Expenditure Account	-	500,000
Balance at 30 September	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>

During the year €Nil (2008 €500,000) was transferred from other reserves to the dividend reserve. The dividend reserve has been set up to provide a reserve from which future dividends may be paid.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

13 TAXATION

Credit Unions are exempted from income tax under Section 43 of the 1972 Finance Act.

Dividends and deposit interest payable to Credit Union members are liable to D.I.R.T. under section 57 of the Finance Act 2001.

14 MEMBERS' LIABILITY

The liability of the members is limited to the amount of their paid-in shares.

15 WRITE DOWN OF INVESTMENTS	2009	2008
	€	€
Write down of perpetual bonds to market value	(36,750)	(486,724)
Agreement with Davy Stockbrokers (See note 18)	-	258,836
Loss on sale of perpetual bonds	(21,000)	-
	<u>(57,750)</u>	<u>(227,888)</u>



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

16 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year the following transactions occurred between the ASTI Credit Union Limited and its directors, supervisors and staff:

	Opening Balance 1/10/2008 €	Lodgements €	Withdrawals €	Dividend / Interest/ Tax Credit €	Closing Balance 30/9/2009 €
Shares	<u>131,798</u>	<u>64,320</u>	<u>(62,911)</u>	<u>2,558</u>	<u>135,765</u>
Deposit and CUID Accounts	136,742	74,033	(98,704)	2,471	114,542
Service	<u>11,750</u>	<u>155,372</u>	<u>(162,304)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,818</u>

	Opening Balance 1/10/2008 €	Loans Issued €	Loans Repayments €	Interest €	Closing Balance 30/9/2009 €
Loans	<u>70,584</u>	<u>21,500</u>	<u>(28,152)</u>	<u>(5,147)</u>	<u>63,932</u>

All transactions were at the normal terms and conditions offered by the ASTI Credit Union Limited to its members.

The treasurer of the credit union was in receipt of €8,547 (2008 €8,547) during the year for services rendered.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

17 PENSIONS

The credit union participates in an industry-wide pension scheme for employees (The Irish League of Credit Unions Republic of Ireland Pension Scheme). This is a funded scheme of the defined benefit type, with assets invested in separate trustee administered funds.

An actuarial review of the fund is normally carried out every three years by the Scheme's independent, professionally qualified actuary. The actuarial review looks at the past & future liabilities of the scheme.

The last such actuarial review was carried out with an effective date of 1 March 2008 using the Projected Unit Credit method. The principal actuarial assumption used in the valuation was the investment return would be 1.25% higher than the annual salary increases. The market value of the scheme's assets at 1 March 2008 was €67.93m. The actuarial valuation disclosed a past service deficit of €27.34m at 1 March 2008. This actuarial review recommended a long term funding rate of 25.8%. The cost of risk benefits is paid in addition to this rate.

As a result of the major falls on world stock markets in the latter half of 2008 the assets of the scheme as at 30 November 2008 had reduced by approximately 27% since the date of the actuarial valuation. As the actuarial review would have assumed a positive return on the assets of the scheme into the future it was considered prudent to increase the long term funding rate payable from 1 March 2009 to allow for the investment losses. Upon receipt of advice from the actuary the trustees decided to increase the rate to 27.5% of pensionable salary. The cost of risk benefits is paid in addition to this rate.

It should be noted that the foregoing rate is based on the long term funding objectives.

As a separate requirement under section 56(1) of the Pensions Act 1990, the scheme actuary must carry out a separate valuation every 3 years and produce a funding certificate for submission to The Pensions Board within 9 months of the effective date of the valuation. The purpose of the certificate is to certify whether or not the assets of the scheme at the effective date are sufficient to meet the liabilities of the scheme based on the assumption that the scheme was wound up at that date.

An actuarial funding certificate, certifying the Scheme did not meet the statutory minimum funding standard was submitted to the Pensions Board with an effective date of 1 March 2009.

The scheme is subject to a funding proposal which was accepted by the Pensions Board in March 2006. For the scheme year ended 29 February 2008 the actuary advised that he was "reasonably satisfied at 29 February 2008 that, based on the existing funding proposal originally effective from 1 September 2002, this scheme will satisfy the funding standard as specified in Section 44 of the Pensions Act, 1990, at the effective date of the next Actuarial Funding Certificate". The actuary's statement for the scheme year ended 28 February 2009 states "based on the existing funding proposal originally effective from 1 September 2002, this scheme will not satisfy the funding standard as specified in Section 44 of the Pensions Act, 1990, at the effective date of the next actuarial Funding Certificate, 1 March 2009.

Consequently, the Trustees will need to submit a new funding proposal to the Pensions Board by 28 February 2010.

The actuary carried out a review of the scheme's Solvency Position in accordance with the requirements of the funding standard as at 1 September 2009 and advised the scheme's aggregate cover for total funding standard liabilities is 88%.

The scheme is a defined benefit scheme. However, the credit union is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities. Consequently, the credit union accounts for its contributions to the scheme as if it were a defined contribution scheme. Contributions payable to the scheme are recognised in the income and expenditure account.



NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009 (CONTINUED)

18 AGREEMENT WITH DAVY STOCKBROKERS

In common with a large number of Irish Credit Unions, the ASTI Credit Union invested in several perpetual bonds. The costs of these investments amounted to €1,850,000. During the year, two of the perpetual bonds were sold for €783,750 resulting in a realised loss of €716,250. As at 30 September 2009, the market value of the remaining perpetual bond was €145,250.

During 2008 Davy Stockbrokers proposed an arrangement which was accepted by some participating Credit Unions including the ASTI Credit Union, whereby Davy's invested in a 10 year subordinated bond issued by Irish Life & Permanent PLC on behalf of the participating Credit Unions.

The conditions of the agreement in summary are as follows;

- The bond does not pay a coupon and has a fixed maturity date of 2018
- The return on the bond will be equal to the difference between the price at the date of agreement and the cost price of the original perpetual bonds.
- The Credit Union has granted to Davy an option to buy the original perpetual bonds at a specified strike price, being the market price of the original perpetual bonds at the date of the agreement, at any time during the 10 year period.
- The Credit Union has agreed to pay Davy any excess coupon income paid on the original perpetual bonds over the ECB rate capped at .75%.
- The Credit Union has waived its right to make any future complaints or claims or initiate any procedures or proceedings against Davy in relation to the original perpetual bonds, irrespective of any further fall in their value.

The 10 year bond has been recognised in the balance sheet at the fair value of the cash alternative offered by Davy under the agreement terms, amounting to €258,836.



**ASTI CREDIT UNION LIMITED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
(NOT COVERED BY THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT)**

**SCHEDULE 1 - OTHER MANAGEMENT EXPENSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2009**

	2009	2008
	€	€
Convention expenses	17,832	21,903
Printing and stationery	16,233	14,839
Telephone and postage	24,189	24,098
Insurance - General	4,499	14,436
Insurance - Loan protection/life savings	129,716	107,394
Savings protection scheme	22,222	22,222
Rates, light and heat	17,468	18,593
Education and publicity	22,468	34,108
Sponsorship	6,100	9,100
Bank interest/charges and EFT charges	17,295	20,772
Affiliation fees	11,313	11,368
Audit and accountancy	21,358	20,000
Professional fees	8,702	15,185
Treasurer's honorarium	8,547	8,547
Office equipment maintenance	30,631	26,706
Legal expenses	2,715	5,669
Cleaning	5,512	8,115
Administration expenses	12,567	8,899
Bad debts written off	158,526	89,271
Training and seminars	5,170	3,383
Sundries	16,683	23,646
	<u>559,746</u>	<u>508,254</u>



Credit Union Members Make it Happen Across the Globe

Over the last twenty years the ILCU International Development Foundation has made a significant contribution by enhancing the dignity and living standards of many people in developing countries where it has funded projects. This has only been possible through the support of Irish credit unions and their individual members.

The Foundation works by supporting long-term integrated programmes with developing credit union movements in Africa and Eastern Europe. Current partners that the ILCU Foundation works with are Ethiopia, The Gambia, Albania, Russia and Ghana. Members of Teachers Credit Unions in Kenya recently visited ASTI Credit Union to share their experiences with us they also received advice and we in turn learned about their struggles to provide co-operative financial services in Kenya.

Earlier this year the Foundation announced its decision to begin working with credit unions in Sierra Leone in partnership with the Canadian Co-operative Association (CCA).

ASTI Credit Union Limited is proud to be associated with the work of the Irish League of Credit Unions International Development Foundation. Every year our members agree at AGM to make a small contribution per member to be paid to the Foundation.

The European Communities (PAYMENT SERVICES) Regulations 2009 has come into effect. This legislation requires the credit union to provide the following information to our members.

REGULATION 53 INFORMATION

(this is your 'framework contract' with us in relation to the particular account for the purposes of the Regulations).

A.S.T.I. Credit Union Limited is regulated by the Financial Regulator.

Contact details for the Financial Regulator are:

Address: PO Box 9138, College Green, Dublin 2

Telephone: +353 1 224 4000 Fax: +353 1 671 6561

Website: www.financialregulator.ie

Contact Details for A.S.T.I Credit Union Ltd

Address: **ASTI Credit Union, Wellington House, 25 Wellington Quay, Dublin 2**

Telephone: 01-6750670 Fax: 01-6750680 Email: info@asticu.ie

Website: www.asticu.ie Register Number: 409CU

Our Business Days are as follows: Monday to Friday 09:00 to 17:00

Your Account

The following is a description of main characteristics of the account and payment services on accounts:

- | | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| ■ Shares Account | ■ Deposit Account | ■ Salary Deduction |
| ■ Loan Protection Insurance | ■ Loan Account | ■ Special share account |
| ■ CUID 2 account | ■ Direct Debit | ■ Life Savings Insurance |
| ■ Regular share account | ■ E.F.T | ■ Repayment Protection Insurance |
| ■ 3yr term account | ■ Standing Orders | ■ 5 year term account |
| ■ Bill Payments | ■ A.T.M. | |

- 1. Giving an order for payment from your account:** When you give us an order to make a payment from your account, we will need you to provide us with the details of the beneficiary of the payment (i.e. their account number and sort code, together with any relevant identification details for the payment service provider ('PSP') with which they hold their account). Depending on how you place your order with us (i.e. online, in our offices, by telephone etc) we may also need you to verify that order by signature, by use of a password, or by use of a PIN, depending on the type of account that you hold. All of this information, taken together, is known as the '**unique identifier**' that you must give us. In giving us that unique identifier, you will be consenting to our execution of that order for you. You cannot withdraw that consent after you have given it to us. However, if the order is for a direct debit to be taken from your account, you can revoke that order and your consent by notice to the beneficiary of that direct debit up to close of business on the business day before the funds are to be debited from your account. If the order is for a standing order to be taken from your account, you can revoke that order and your consent by telephone, fax, e-mail and letter up to close of business on the Business Day before the funds are to be debited from your account. In exceptional cases, we may allow you to withdraw your consent after the times specified above, but our specific agreement will be required and we will not be obliged to do this.
- 2. Cut-off times:** When we are given an order in relation to a payment on your account, we must be given that order before 12.00 p.m. on one of our Business Days. If we are given that order after that time, we will be deemed to have received that order on our next following Business Day. If we agree with you that an order is to be executed on a particular Business Day, then we will be deemed to have received that order on that particular Business Day.
- 3. Execution times:** Once we are deemed to have received an order under 2 above, you agree that we have up to the end of the third Business Day following the date of deemed receipt under 2 above to credit the amount of that order to the beneficiary's PSP. On or after 1 January 2012, we confirm that we have up to the end of the first Business Day following the date of deemed receipt under 2 above to so credit that amount. If the order is initiated by paper, in both cases we will have an extra Business Day to do this.



- 4. Spending limits and payment instruments:** If we give you a payment instrument on your account (i.e. a card with a PIN number, or use of online banking with a password etc, you may separately agree spending limits with us for use of a particular payment instrument. If we give you such a payment instrument for your account, you must, as soon as you receive it, take all reasonable steps to keep its personalised security features safe. If the payment instrument is lost, stolen, misappropriated or used in an unauthorised manner, you should notify us by telephone, fax, e-mail and letter. We reserve the right to block your use of a payment instrument for any of the following reasons:
- (a) the security of the payment instrument;
 - (b) if we suspect that it is, or has been, used in an unauthorised or fraudulent manner;
 - (c) (if the payment instrument is connected with the provision by us of credit to you) a significantly increased risk that you may be unable to fulfil your obligations to pay; and
 - (d) our national or community obligations

If we block your use of a payment instrument, we will tell you about it (and the reasons for it) by writing unless giving you that information would compromise our security or would be prohibited by law.

- 5. Charges:** We only levy a limited number of charges in connection with the accounts that we offer. Details of these charges are available on request. These charges are incorporated by reference into this Regulation 53 Information.
- 6. Interest rates:** If an interest rate applies to your account, you are told this when you open your account and that interest rate is incorporated by reference into this Regulation 53 information. You can obtain confirmation of that interest rate by contacting us as set out on page 1 above.
- 7. Exchange rates:** If any payment on your account (including a withdrawal by you from your account) involves a currency conversion being made by us, we will use a reference exchange rate. The reference exchange rate will change daily and this is the basis on which we will calculate the actual exchange rate. On the date on which we effect the currency conversion, we will take the reference exchange rate that applies on that date, add a fixed amount of €3.80 for sterling transactions (other currencies may vary) and the total will be equal to the actual exchange rate that is used by us in the currency conversion. You can find out the daily changes to the reference exchange rate by contacting us as set out on page 1 above.
- 8. Giving you information:** If we need to give you information or notice of any matters relating to this Regulation 53 Information, we will do so in writing unless we state otherwise herein. Such information or notice will be given to you promptly upon the requirement to do so arising.

9. Copy Regulation 53 Information: For as long as you hold this account with us, you have the right to receive, at any time and on request by you, a copy of this Regulation 53 information on paper or, if possible, by secure email.

10. Unauthorised transactions: If you become aware of a transaction on your account that is unauthorised or incorrectly executed, you must tell us without undue delay and, in any event, within thirteen months of that transaction being debited from your account. You will be entitled to rectification from us if that transaction was unauthorised or incorrectly executed. If the transaction was unauthorised, we will refund the amount of it to you and, if necessary, restore your account to the state that it would have been in if the unauthorised transaction had not taken place **PROVIDED THAT:**

- (e) you will bear the loss of an unauthorised transaction on your account, up to a total of €75, if the unauthorised transaction resulted from (a) the use of a lost or stolen payment instrument or (b) your failure to keep the personalised security features of that payment instrument safe;
- (f) you will bear all losses relating to an unauthorised transaction on your account if you incurred those losses by acting fraudulently or by failing, intentionally or with a gross lack of reasonable care, to keep the
- (g) payment instrument and its security features safe, to use it in accordance with any terms that we tell you are applicable to it, and to notify us promptly of it being lost, stolen, misappropriated or used in an unauthorised manner;
- (h) you will not bear any financial consequences resulting from the use of a lost, stolen or misappropriated payment instrument once you have notified us in accordance with this Regulation 53 Information that it has been lost, stolen or misappropriated.

11. Refunds of direct debits: If a direct debit is taken from your account but:

- (a) your direct debit authorisation did not specify the exact amount of the payment; and
- (b) the amount of the payment exceeded the amount you could reasonably have expected taking into account your previous spending patterns, this Regulation 53 Information and other relevant circumstances; and
- (c) you give us such factual information as we may require; and
- (d) you did not give us consent in advance to the direct debit being taken from your account; and
- (e) neither we nor the beneficiary of the direct debit made information available to you about the transaction at least four weeks before the debit date,

then you may request a refund from us of that direct debit for an eight week period following the debit date. We will then have ten Business Days to refund you, or give you reasons for our refusal to refund you.



- 12. Unique identifier:** If you give us an order to make a payment from your account and we execute it in accordance with the correct unique identifier, we will be taken to have executed it correctly as regards the beneficiary of that order. If you give us an incorrect unique identifier, we will not be liable for the non-execution, or defective execution, of the order. We will, however, make reasonable efforts to recover the funds involved.
- 13. Our liability if you make a payment out of your account:** If you give us an order to make a payment from your account, we are liable to you for its correct execution unless we can prove to you (and if necessary to the beneficiary's PSP) that the beneficiary's PSP received the payment. If we are so liable to you for a defective or incorrectly executed order, we will refund the amount of it to you and, if applicable, restore your account to the state that it would have been in if the defective or incorrect transaction had not taken place. Irrespective of whether we are liable to you or not in these circumstances, we will try to trace the transaction and notify you of the outcome.
- 14. Our liability if you receive a payment in to your account:** If the payer's PSP can prove that we received the payment for you, then we will be liable to you. If we are liable to you we will immediately place the amount of the transaction at your disposal and credit the amount to your account. If you have arranged for a direct debit to be paid into your account, we will be liable to transmit that order to the payer's PSP. We will ensure that the amount of the transaction is at your disposal immediately after it is credited to our account. If we are not liable as set out above, the payer's PSP will be liable to the payer for the transaction. Regardless of whether we are liable or not, we will immediately try to trace the transaction and notify you of the outcome.
- 15. Duration, changes and termination:** Your contract with us, as detailed in this Regulation 53 Information, is of indefinite duration. If we want to change any part of this Regulation 53 Information (other than our telephone number), we will give you at least two months' written notice of the proposed change where required by law to do so. If we change our Business Days of opening, we will give you one month's written notice. If you do not notify us within that two month period that you do not accept the proposed change, you will be deemed to have accepted it. If you do not want to accept the proposed change, you must notify us in writing and you will be allowed to terminate your contract with us in relation to the account to which this Regulation 53 Information relates immediately and without charge before the end of that two month period. If we change an interest rate or an exchange rate in a way that is more favourable to you, we have the right to apply that change immediately and write to you soon afterwards confirming that change. We can change an exchange rate immediately and without notice if that change is based upon the reference exchange rate agreed in this Regulation 53 Information. You may terminate your contract with us in relation to the account to which this Regulation 53 Information relates on one months notice in writing. We may terminate our contract with you in relation to the account to which this Regulation 53 Information relates on giving you two months notice in writing.

- 16. Governing law and language:** This Regulation 53 Information shall governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of Ireland, and all communication between us and you during our contractual relationship shall be conducted in English.
- 17. Redress:** If you have a complaint in relation to the matters governed by the Regulation 53 Information, you may be able to refer your complaint to the Financial Services Ombudsman. Contact details are as follows: Financial Services Ombudsman Bureau, 3rd Floor, Lincoln House, Lincoln Place, Dublin 2
Lo-call:1890 662090, Tel:(01) 662 0699, Fax:(01)662 0890,
E-mail: enquiries@financialombudsman.ie.



*Mr. Paul Atkinson (Treasurer, ASTI Credit Union)
presents Ms. Anne Stewart (Ballymore Eustace) with the Keys to her Brand New Opel*



ASTI Credit Union – ONLINE ALL the time

ASTI Credit Union's CU online gives you financial control at the touch of a button. With secure, online access to your accounts, you can obtain information and conduct transactions like these:

Review Account History and Check Account Balances

— Select any of your accounts, and view current balances and recent transactions.

Transfer Funds —

Move money between your accounts, or make a loan payment. You can even schedule transfers to occur automatically each week, month, or any other frequency you select.

Pay Bills — With this optional service, you can pay almost anyone, anywhere in Ireland. And it is absolutely free. Forget about cheques, stamps, envelopes, or delivery delays. You can even schedule (and change, when necessary) repeated or frequent payments to be made automatically each month.



Service has always been our top priority, and we're using the latest technology to put you and your needs first.

Contact the Credit Union online and take control.

www.asticu.ie



Voluntary Disclosure Initiative

Return of Payments (Banks, Building Societies, Credit Unions & Savings Banks)

Under new regulations, all financial institutions, including credit unions, are now required to notify the Revenue Commissioners of details of deposit interest or dividend payments where the interest or dividend payment exceeded €635 in any year. In addition, the first interest or dividend payment, irrespective of amount, on new accounts opened on or after 1st January 2008 is required to be notified to Revenue.

Following discussions with the Revenue Commissioners, it has been confirmed that the voluntary disclosure initiative that revenue introduced for deposit accounts has been extended to credit union share accounts.

Therefore, if any person had €100,000 or more in credit union accounts at any time in 2005, 2006, 2007 or 2008 and had any tax issues associated with these funds, that person can obtain the benefits of voluntary disclosure if a disclosure and payment is made prior to 31st March 2010.

If you have tax issues relating to underlying funds held within the credit union or the interest or dividend payments, you may qualify for an unprompted voluntary disclosure under Revenue's Code of Practice.

You should contact Revenue at their helpline **01 647 4818**.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CAR DRAW WINNERS!!!

Mr. Michael Malone – Raheny, Dublin
 Ms. Adrienne Kelly – Celbridge, Kildare
 Ms. Anne Stewart – Ballymore Eustace, Kildare
 Mr. Denis O'Grady – Moyle, Carlow

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Congratulations to our 13 Cash Draw Winners

Over €65,030 paid out in CASH PRIZES!!!

Ms. Caroline Berkeley	Mayo	€5,468
Mr. Fergal Canton	Kilkenny	€5,484
Mr. James Duhig	Waterford	€5,488
Ms. Jacinta Wall	Dublin	€5,510
Mr. Jeremiah Crowley	Portlaoise	€5,466
Mr. Mel Reilly	Dublin	€5,376
Mr. Paul McCormack	Dublin	€5,492
Ms. Michelle Murray	Kildare	€5,478
Ms. Bernadette Ni Dhonnchu	Cork	€5,512
Ms. Margaret Geraghty	Meath	€5,504
Ms. Marie Padden	Dublin	€5,444
Ms. Winifred McGeady	Donegal	€4,808



ASTI Credit Union Sponsorship & Charitable Donations 2008

Credit Union Bursary Winners (Dec 08)

- John Conway	€1,300
- Ursula Byrne	€1,300
- Kate McKenna	€1,300
New Members Draw	€200
Merchants Quay	€200
St. Vincent De Paul	€200
Temple Street Hospital	€100
CARI	€100
Trocaire	€100
Simon Community	€100
Dublin S.P.C.A	€100
Millstreet Community School	€100
Bridge United Schoolgirls	€100
ARC Cancer Support Centre	€100
Mayo Teachers Golf Alliance	€100
Secondary Teachers Golf	€100
ASTI Conference credit union members' draw	€500
ASTI Centenary Golf Competition	€750
ASTI Crossword	€600
ASTI Conference wallets	€1,963



Mr. Paul Atkinson (Treasurer, ASTI Credit Union) presents Mr. Denis O'Grady (Moyle, Carlow) with the Keys to his Brand New Opel



ASTI CREDIT UNION LIMITED



Here to help CU through the recession

ASTI Credit Union is specifically designed to cater for your needs as a teacher

- We offer a unique range of services and products on a not for profit basis that will help you manage your financial needs and objectives
- ASTI Credit Union is about teachers helping teachers this is so important in the current recessionary environment
- The combination of 25 years experience and understanding of our members needs ensures that we deliver to you the services that you want
- Many teachers are feeling the impact of the pension levy, spouses that have lost their jobs, increases in educational costs for their children, and so on. Many teachers are worried about what the future holds
- There are some positive steps that you can take to help you through these difficult times...



WORK OUT A BUDGET

- ✓ Take into account that your income should determine your budget
- ✓ A budget will help you to prioritise your spending
- ✓ A budget will help you to prioritise your debt
- ✓ If you are having difficulties repaying debts, contact your creditors and talk to them about restructuring

BE IN CONTROL

- ✓ Take control of your spending
- ✓ Do not use credit cards
- ✓ Plan when you will need access to credit
- ✓ Borrow sensibly and ensure that the rate you borrow at is competitive

BE PRUDENT & SAVE

- ✓ Try to save a little every fortnight
- ✓ Join the Credit Union

MAKE A DECISION THAT WILL HELP YOU FOR YEARS TO COME, CALL NOW AND JOIN

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ASTI Credit Union Limited is regulated by the Financial Regulator

Please note: We will be closed for the following period at Christmas
Closing – Wednesday 23rd December 2009 at 12.30p.m.
Opening – Tuesday 5th January 2010 at 9.00a.m.

Regular Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 9.00a.m.- 5.00p.m.

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BURSARIES

The Board of ASTI Credit Union has decided to award three bursaries for the academic year 2009 – 2010.

Category One – Two Bursaries for €1,300

For students whose parents/guardians are members of ASTI Credit Union and who are following a full-time Third Level Course.

Category Two – One Bursary for €1,300

For members of ASTI Credit Union following any accredited Third Level Course.

Conditions

- 1 The bursaries will be awarded by lot.
- 2 Application must be on the standard ASTI Credit Union form, attached.
- 3 Only one application per student will be accepted, multiple applications will disqualify.
- 4 Confirmation of registration will be required.
- 5 The closing date is December 22nd 2009.

APPLICATION FORM FOR ASTI CREDIT UNION BURSARIES 2009

CLOSING DATE: DECEMBER 22nd 2009

Please tick one category only **Category One** **Category Two**

Name of Student: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Name of University/College: _____

Title of Course: _____

I certify the above information to be correct

Signature of Credit Union Member: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Membership Number: _____





Today • Tomorrow • Together

ASTI Credit Union Limited

A Credit Union designed for Teachers,
owned by Teachers,
managed by Teachers

Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year to all our members —
The Credit Union Difference

JUST A FEW FACTS!

Quick & Easy Access to Credit with...

- No Transactions Fees
- No Administration Costs
- No Set Up Charges
- *Immediate Loan Approval
- Direct Salary Deduction
- No early redemption charges
- Pay interest on your outstanding balance only
- Easy application process
- *Free Loan Protection Insurance
- Top-up your current loan
- Electronic Funds Transfer

*Terms & conditions apply

Your Credit Union, **26 Years** of outstanding & efficient service to members

You too can **join** and benefit

Why? Because it's **your** Credit Union

Not a bank - but a **co-operative**

Not customers - but **members**

Not profits - but **benefits**

Open your eyes and see what we can do for **YOU**

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