



**BARBADOS PUBLIC WORKERS'
CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT UNION LIMITED**

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Barbados' largest Credit Union raises the bar

LONG DAYS OF intense training and daily exams made up the regime for four Barbados Public Workers Co-operative Credit Union Ltd (BPWCCUL) volunteers who went to the United States to participate in a just-introduced certification program aimed at establishing benchmarks for board, supervisory and credit committee members.

BPWCCUL President Dean St. Hill, Director Flo Jean-Marie, Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Cedric Murrell, and Chairman of the Credit Committee Glendon Belle are among the first in the world to complete the course, making the BPWCCUL the first credit union in the eastern Caribbean to begin certification of its volunteers.

The Credit Union National Association or CUNA, which is the trade association for credit unions, hosted the training and presented volunteers with a CUNA Credit Union Volunteer (CCUV) Award. Twenty-five directors and nine Supervisory Committee members from all across the United States, Bahamas and Barbados attended the recent training in San Diego, California.

President Dean St. Hill indicated that volunteers were exposed to the key elements of risk management, regulations, strategic planning, asset-liability management and board operations. He also noted that the CUNA-certified training program was designed specifically with the needs of volunteers in mind. "It is important that our volunteers are familiar with these topics as we look for avenues to keep the credit union ahead of the competition by being proactive rather than reactive. This kind of training strengthens the organisation and benefits the members," he said.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Cedric Murrell described the training as, "A true university-level certification course that showed new techniques in risk management and reinforced the principles of the role of the Supervisory Committee." He added, "It was also very practical and the informal exchange of views was very stimulating."

Chief Executive Officer, Clorinda Alleyne noted, "This course raises the bar and I am very proud that BPWCCUL continues to set new standards of excellence for staff, management and elected officials."



Hard work pays off: BPWCCUL volunteers pose with others on the Director's track – President- Dean St. Hill seated left (2nd from left - Br. Glendon Belle & Flo Jean Marie (seated 3rd from left).



Supervisory Committee members who attended the inaugural CCUV training in San Diego – Cedric Murrell is second from right 2nd row.