BEFORE THE BUSINESS CONDUCT COMMITTEE OF THE CHICAGO BOARD OPTIONS EXCHANGE, INCORPORATED

In the Matter of:)	
Lane Samuels)	
3458 North Janssen)	File No. 97-0057
Chicago, IL 60657)	
Respondent)))	

DECISION ACCEPTING OFFER OF SETTLEMENT

This proceeding was instituted by the Business Conduct Committee (the "Committee") of the Chicago Board Options Exchange, Incorporated (the "Exchange") as a result of an investigation by the staff of the Exchange, which indicated that there was probable cause for finding a violation within the disciplinary jurisdiction of the Exchange. In accordance with that determination, the Committee directed the issuance of a Statement of Charges ("Statement of Charges"). Pursuant to Exchange Rule 17.8, the respondent ("Respondent"), Lane Samuels ("Samuels"), submitted an offer of settlement ("Offer of Settlement").

In submitting the Offer of Settlement, the Respondent neither admitted nor denied the violations alleged in the Statement of Charges.

The Respondent has agreed that the determination of the Committee to accept the Offer of Settlement shall constitute a final Decision, and, as provided in Exchange Rule 17.8, the Respondent may not seek review thereof.

The Respondent understands and acknowledges that the Committee's decision in this matter will become part of his disciplinary record and may be considered in any future Exchange proceeding.

With due regard to the particulars of this matter, the Committee believes it is appropriate to accept the Respondent's Offer of Settlement based on the following stipulated facts and findings and thereby to impose the sanction specified below.

FACTS

- 1. During all relevant periods herein, the Respondent, Samuels, was employed by and associated with Ted R. Breiter ("Breiter"), an Exchange member, as his clerk.
- 2. During all relevant periods herein, Breiter was a member of the Exchange, and was registered with the Exchange to transact business on the Exchange in accordance with Exchange Rules as a market-maker and a floor broker.

- 3. During all relevant periods herein, Charles A. Maylee ("Maylee") was a member of the Exchange, and was registered with the Exchange to transact business on the Exchange in accordance with Exchange Rules as a market-maker and nominee of ING TT&S (U.S.) Securities, Inc.
- 4. During all relevant periods herein, Exchange Rules 4.1 <u>Just and Equitable Principles of Trade</u>, 4.2 <u>Adherence to Law</u>, 8.1 <u>Market-Maker Defined</u>, and 8.9(c) <u>Securities Accounts and Orders of Market-Makers</u>, and Regulation X of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System ("FRB") <u>Borrowers of Securities Credit</u> were in full force and effect.
- 5. In or about September 1995, Breiter and Maylee submitted a Joint Account Application and Agreement ("Application") to the Exchange to establish a joint account ("QLT") pursuant to Exchange Rule 8.9(c). The Application identified Breiter and Maylee as the only participants in the joint account. Joint account QLT became effective on or about October 2, 1995.
- 6. During all relevant periods herein, pursuant to Exchange Rule 8.1, only transactions that were initiated by an Exchange market-maker on the floor of the Exchange qualified as market-maker transactions.
- 7. During the approximate period from on or about October 5, 1994 through in or about August 1995, Samuels, a non-member, initiated and entered numerous option orders that increased or established positions in Breiter's market-maker account with Exchange floor brokers in the OEX class of option contracts. As a result of these transactions clearing into Breiter's market-maker account, these transactions received preferential market-maker haircut and capital exempt treatment. In addition, at least 23 transactions effected by Samuels liquidated RAES positions in Breiter's market-maker account between October 5, 1994 through December 19, 1994.
- 8. During the approximate period from on or about October 5, 1994 through on or about December 19, 1994, Samuels caused to be submitted to the Exchange and the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") records of the transactions effected by Samuels as described in Paragraph 7 above.
- 9. During the approximate period from on or about October 2, 1995 though on or about February 7, 1996, Samuels, a non-member, initiated and entered numerous option orders with Exchange floor brokers that increased or established positions in joint account QLT. The execution of these orders resulted in transactions which cleared into joint account QLT when neither Breiter nor Maylee initiated or approved these orders. As a result of these transactions clearing into joint account QLT, these transactions received preferential market-maker haircut and capital exempt treatment.
- 10. During the approximate period from on or about October 2, 1995 through on or about February 7, 1996, Samuels caused to be submitted to the Exchange and the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC") records of the transactions effected by Samuels described in Paragraph 9 above.

FINDINGS

- 11. The acts, practices, and conduct described in Paragraph 7 above constitute violations of Exchange Rules 4.1, 4.2, and 8.1 and FRB Regulation X by Samuels, in that Samuels, a non-member, initiated and entered numerous option orders that increased or established positions in Breiter's market-maker account with Exchange floor brokers in the OEX class of option contracts. As a result of these transactions clearing into Breiter's market-maker account, these transactions received preferential market-maker haircut and capital exempt treatment. In addition, at least 23 transactions effected by Samuels liquidated RAES positions in Breiter's market-maker account.
- 12. The acts, practices, and conduct described in Paragraph 8 above constitute violations of Exchange Rule 4.1 by Samuels, in that Samuels made a misrepresentation to the Exchange and OCC when he caused to be submitted to the Exchange and OCC records of the transactions he effected described in Paragraph 7 above.
- 13. The acts, practices, and conduct described in Paragraph 9 above constitute violations of Exchange Rules 4.1, 4.2, and 8.1, and FRB Regulation X by Samuels, in that Samuels, a non-member, initiated and entered numerous option orders with Exchange floor brokers that increased or established positions in joint account QLT. The execution of these orders resulted in transactions which cleared into joint account QLT when neither Breiter nor Maylee initiated or approved these orders. As a result of these transactions clearing into joint account QLT, these transactions received preferential market-maker haircut and capital exempt treatment.
- 14. The acts, practices, and conduct described in Paragraph 10 above constitute violations of Exchange Rule 4.1 by Samuels, in that Samuels made a misrepresentation to the Exchange and OCC when he caused to be submitted to the Exchange and OCC records of the transactions he effected described in Paragraph 9 above.

SANCTION

The sanction to be imposed shall consist of a five hundred dollar (\$500) fine and a censure.

ORDER

ACCORDINGLY IT IS ORDERED THAT, the Respondent, Lane Samuels, shall be and hereby is fined in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) and censured.

SO ORDERED FOR THE COMMITTEE

Dated: December 18, 1997 By: /s/ Bruce I. Andrews

Bruce I. Andrews

Chairman

Business Conduct Committee