



## PROXY VOTING PROCEDURES

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The Board of Trustees of the Monteagle Funds (the “Funds”) notes the January 31, 2003 Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) releases adopting various rules – including, among others, Investment Company Act of 1940 Rule 30b1-4 and Investment Adviser Act of 1940 Rule 206(4)-6. These procedures have been adopted in light of those releases. It is the intent of the Board that the Funds’ procedures be consistent with those of the Funds’ investment advisers to avoid unnecessary expenses.

### A. Guidelines

It is the policy of the Funds to vote proxies for all accounts for which it has voting authority in a manner in which the Funds believes to be in the best interests of its clients and Plan participants. The Funds recognizes that in many instances the interests of corporate management may not be consistent with what the Funds views to be in the best interests of the Plan participant. Therefore, the Funds has adopted the following general procedures:

1. Confidential Voting and Shareholder Actions: The Funds believes that the proxy voting systems should provide access to both management and shareholders. As such, the Funds would tend to vote in favor of shareholder resolutions requesting that corporations adopt policies that comprise both confidential voting and the use of independent inspectors of elections.

The Funds would also generally oppose any measures that would restrict the right of shareholders to act by written consent or to call a special meeting of the shareholders.

2. Poison Pills and Golden Parachutes: The Funds believes that the shareholders of a corporation should have the right to vote upon decisions in which there is a real or potential conflict between the interests of shareholders and those of management.

Thus, the Funds will vote in favor of shareholder proposals requesting that a corporation submit a “poison pill” for shareholder ratification. We will examine, on a case-by-case basis, shareholder proposals to redeem a “poison pill” and management proposals to ratify a “poison pill”. The Funds will also vote in favor of proposals that “golden parachute” proposals be submitted for shareholder approval.

3. Election of Directors: The Funds believes that one of the primary rights of a

shareholder is the right to vote for the election of directors. We feel that all members of the board of directors should stand for election each year, and will, therefore, vote against a classified or “staggered” board.

4. Voting Rights: The Funds believes that each shareholder should have equal voting rights. The Funds will vote against dual class voting and other unequal voting structures.
5. Fair Price Amendments: The Funds believes that “fair price amendments” can protect shareholders from coercive and discriminatory tender offers. The Funds will generally vote in favor of fair price provisions and in favor of other measures which we feel will protect shareholders from coercive takeover bids which do not provide for fair and equal treatment of all shareholders.
6. Target Share Payments: The Funds believes that shareholders should have the right to vote on the placement of blocks of a corporation’s stock in the hands of persons friendly to management.

The Funds will vote in favor of shareholder proposals which request that corporations first obtain shareholder authorization before issuing any significant amount of voting stock (whether common or preferred), rights, warrants or securities convertible into voting stock to any person or group. We believe that shareholders should have the right to vote on placements that could enable management of a corporation to defeat a tender offer that may be in the best interests of shareholders.

7. Tender Offers: The Funds will consider tender offers on a case-by-case basis.

## **B. Conflicts**

The Funds recognizes that proxy proposals may present a conflict between the interests of fund shareholders and those of the fund’s investment adviser, principal underwriter, or other service providers or certain other affiliates. Therefore, the Funds has adopted the following conflict procedures:

1. Identifying Conflicts: The person assigned responsibility for voting proxies shall, when reviewing proxy materials, identify conflicts of interest including, for example:
  - a. when the adviser (or its affiliate) is or is seeking to manage a pension plan, administer employee benefit plans, or provide brokerage, underwriting, insurance or banking services to a Funds whose management is soliciting proxies or;
  - b. has business or personal relationships with participants in proxy contests, corporate directors or candidates for directorships.
2. Data for Identifying Conflicts: The person assigned responsibility for

voting proxies shall advise Funds management (or the fund's investment adviser) of companies soliciting proxies, and management shall advise if there are any known conflicts – including, in particular, the conflicts listed as example in the preceding paragraph.

3. Disclose Conflicts: If a conflict is identified, the person assigned to vote proxies shall notify Funds management as soon as possible so that a voting decision may be made, voting on the proxy proposal in a timely manner.
4. Voting Decisions in Conflict Situations: If the matter to be voted on is covered by Part A of these procedures, the proxy shall be voted in accordance with Part A. If the matter is not specifically addressed by Part A and there is a conflict, management of the Funds shall contact the Board of Trustees or the Board's designated representative for voting instructions.
5. Record of Voting Instructions: Funds management shall record and the person responsible for voting proxies shall maintain records reflecting client voting instructions on matters where there are conflicts.

### **C. Voting Records**

The Funds recognizes obligations to maintain records as required by Rule 30b1-4 under the Investment Funds Act of 1940 and not the investment adviser's obligations under Rule 206(4)-6 and 204-2(c)(2) under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. Therefore, the Funds has adopted the following record keeping procedure:

1. Person Responsible: The person assigned responsibility for voting proxies or, if that person is an outside service provider, the person in the Funds' legal or compliance department responsible for maintaining compliance records shall prepare and maintain the files/records required by these procedures.
2. Policies and Procedures: A copy of all proxy voting procedures adopted by the Funds shall be maintained in an appropriately labeled file for the term required by regulatory authorities.
3. Proxy Statements: A record of all proxy statements with respect to securities held in Funds (or client) portfolios shall be maintained in the form of an EXCEL (or similar) spreadsheet. Hard copies of the proxy statements shall not be maintained in Funds files; instead, the Funds shall rely on obtaining a copy of a proxy statement from the SEC's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval ("EDGAR") system.
4. Proxy Voting Record: The person responsible for voting proxies shall maintain a record detailing for each Fund (or for each client) in the form of an EXCEL (or similar) spreadsheet containing the following information for each matter relating to a portfolio security considered at any shareholder meeting with respect to which the Fund (or client) is

entitled to vote:

- a. The name of the issuer of the portfolio security;
  - b. The exchange ticker symbol of the portfolio security;
  - c. The Council on Uniform Securities Identification Procedures (“CUSIP”) number for the portfolio security;
  - d. The shareholder meeting date;
  - e. A brief identification of the matter voted on;
  - f. Whether the matter was proposed by the issuer or by a security holder;
  - g. Whether the registrant cast its vote on the matter;
  - h. How the registrant cast its vote (e.g., for or against proposal, or abstain; for or withhold regarding election of directors); and
  - i. Whether the registrant cast its vote for or against management.
5. Memoranda: In addition to the record required by Part B.5. of these procedures, the person assigned responsibility for voting proxies shall maintain a copy of documents created by Funds (or the adviser) personnel that were material to the voting decision.
6. Request for Data: A copy of each written request for a Fund’s voting record and a copy of each written response, if more than a copy of a formatted voting record, shall be maintained. [The Funds shall consider whether the person requesting the voting record is a shareholder of record. If the person is not a shareholder of record, that person shall be referred to the SEC’s EDGAR system.] The report shall be mailed within three days of receipt of a request.

#### **D. Regulatory Reporting of Proxy Votes**

The Funds recognizes that it is required by Rule 30b1-4 under the Investment Funds Act of 1940 to file Form N-PX, Annual Report of Proxy Record of Registered Management Investment Funds, with the SEC not later than August 31<sup>st</sup> of each year; and that the Form is to contain the Funds’ proxy voting record, separately for each Fund (or series), for the most recent twelve-month period ended June 30. Therefore, the Funds has adopted the following procedures:

1. Form Preparation: Legal and/or Compliance personnel shall prepare Form N-PX, incorporating the spreadsheet prepared as required by Part C.4., prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

2. Disclosure Control Committee:

Review – Execution: Funds management shall review, execute and instruct filing of the report on Form N-PX prior to August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**E. Disclosure of Policies and Procedures for Voting Proxies**

The Funds recognizes that is required to disclose the Proxy Voting Procedures and related information in its Registration Statement on Form N-1A, Item 13(f) and Item 22(b)(7) and (8) and (c)(5) and (6). The Funds also notes the investment adviser's obligation to disclose its proxy voting procedures. Therefore, the Funds has adopted the following procedures:

1. Form N-1A: These procedures shall be included in the Funds' Statement of Additional Information ("SAI") in their entirety (attached as an exhibit) and related disclosures shall be added to the SAI.
2. Adviser's Disclosures: In connection with establishing these procedures the Board of Trustees has considered the investment adviser's proxy voting procedures and does, hereby, acknowledge disclosure by the investment adviser. It is understood that investment adviser designate personnel (or a designated outside service provider retained by the investment adviser) who are (or is) the person responsible for voting proxies. Accordingly, the investment adviser is directly and/or indirectly responsible for implementation, operation and disclosure under these procedures.

**F. Supervision – Oversight**

The Funds' President and Secretary shall monitor the voting of proxies, SEC reporting concerning proxy voting, and disclosures with respect to proxy voting under these procedures; and shall report to the Board of Trustees at each quarterly meeting with respect to proxy voting under these procedures.

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