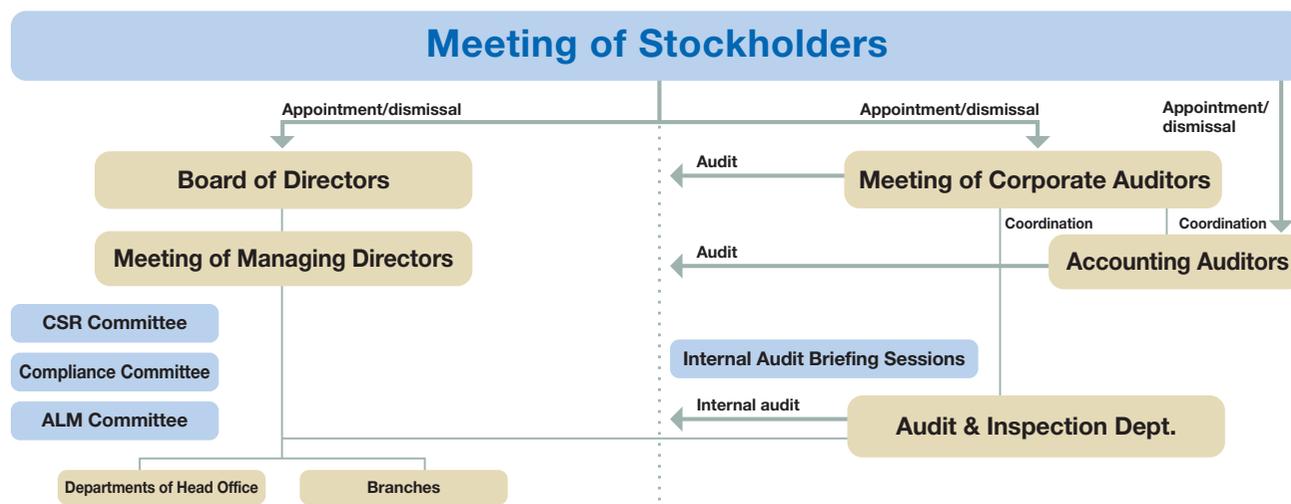


Corporate Governance

Based on its commitment to being a partner for prosperity for local communities, the Bank is upgrading its corporate governance system to ensure the soundness, efficiency, and transparency of management. In addition to strengthening risk management, we are pursuing a number of specific initiatives. These include improving operating efficiency, instilling widespread compliance with legal and ethical rules, disclosing information in an appropriate and timely manner, and upgrading the content of materials disclosed. In addition, we intend to constantly review the status of corporate governance in order to properly address the ever-changing business conditions that we face.

Shiga Bank's corporate governance system (as of March 31, 2008) is shown in the chart below.



Company organizations

(1) Board of Directors

The Board of Directors, with 18 members, meets once a month in principle. At the meetings, decisions are made on important business matters for conduct business. Corporate auditors attend all such meetings to monitor the performance of directors.

(2) Board of Corporate Auditors

The Board of Corporate Auditors has four statutory auditors, including two from outside the Bank. The Board meets once a month, in principle. Corporate auditors also attend other important meetings, including those of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee, as well as internal audit briefing sessions. They also audit the performance of directors in their duties through ongoing examination of the Bank's business performance and financial position.

(3) Meeting of Managing Directors

The Executive Committee consists of the chairman, president, senior managing directors, and managing directors. It meets as necessary to make swift decisions about overall operations, including investment plans, new product development, business structural changes and monitoring the risk environment. Important items related to the execution of business are submitted to the Board of Directors.

(4) Internal Audit System

Seeking to conduct its business in a sound and appropriate manner, the Bank established the Audit & Inspection Department to undertake internal audits. The Department performs audits of the Bank's branches to ensure that their internal control mechanisms are functioning properly and effectively, in accordance with annual internal audit plans approved each year by the Board of Directors.