

**St. Mary's County Ethics Commission**

**St. Mary's County Governmental Center**

**Minutes of: January 28, 2008**

**Members Present:** George E. Baroniak, Chair

Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair

Warren Kunz, Member

Arthur F. Goeller, Member

Terri L Holder, Member

Sarah L. Cannavo, Executive Secretary

**Members Not Present:** Robert W. Denning, Alternate Member

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Baroniak at 2:07 p.m.

**Announcements:**

- The new Executive Secretary, Sarah Cannavo, was introduced to board members.
- The next meeting will be held on February 4, 2008.

**Review/approval of minutes:**

- Minutes of 07 Jan 2008. Mr. Bush made the motion to accept the minutes as written and was seconded by Mr. Goeller. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Mr. Baroniak is in the process of contacting Ethics Commissions/members from Charles, Calvert and Anne Arundel counties to schedule a Joint Ethics Commission meeting sometime in February or March. Mr. Baroniak would also like to contact Mr. Bob Hahn of the State Ethics Committee to ensure he will be able to attend. The Public Information Office has agreed to provide funding to purchase lunch for the group. Mr. Bush stated that he would make arrangements to reserve the library for the meeting once the date and list of attending members had been solidified. Mr. Baroniak and Mrs. Cannavo will gather documents from each county's commission as well as our own to include in a package to be distributed to attendees.

- Mr. Baroniak stated that the posting of Ethics Commission minutes on the Web are nearly six months behind (last posting was the 23 July 07 minutes). Mr. Baroniak stated that he had access to copies of previous meeting minutes, to include three that still needed transcription. Mrs. Cannavo will take minutes to the Public Information Office for posting.

**New Business:**

- Copies of the 2008 Meeting Schedule and the Ethics Contact List were given to members.
- Mr. Baroniak informed members that the Ethics Commission files had been moved to the second floor. Mrs. Cannavo has the keys to the cabinets if access is needed.
- A copy of the 2007 Maryland Book of Lobbyist was presented to the board for review. Mrs. Cannavo will keep a copy on file for future reference.
- Mr. Baroniak stated that there was an article in last weeks St. Mary's Today containing a discussion with Senator Ben Cardin on Ethics and Lobbyist rules. Committee members should review the article if they have a chance.

**Financial Disclosure Statements:**

- The committee expressed their thanks to Susan Wolfe for her hard work in getting the Financial Disclosure Statements sent out this year.
- 81 Financial Disclosures Statements were reviewed:
  - o 5 were disapproved due to missing or incomplete information
  - o 1 was held for Ethics Commission Advisory Opinion
  - o 75 were approved and filed

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 3:00p.m.

Mr. Goeller made motion to adjourn, Mr. Bush seconded motion. Motion carried