

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

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

**Minutes of: February 4, 2008**

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

Joseph B. Bush, Vice Chair

Warren Kunz, Member

Arthur F. Goeller, Member

Robert W. Denning, Alternate Member

Sarah L. Cannavo, Executive Secretary

**Members not present:** Terry Holder, Member

**Call to order:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Baroniak at 2:05 p.m.

**Announcements:**

- The next meeting will be held on February 25, 2008. There will be no meeting on 18 Feb 08 due to President's Day.

**Review/approval of minutes:**

- Minutes of 28 Jan 2008. Mr. Bush made the motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Mr. Goeller. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Anne Arundel and Charles County Ethics Commissions were contacted by Mr. Baroniak concerning the upcoming Joint Ethics Conference. Neither county's commission has responded as of yet. Calvert County commission members were amicable to attending the conference at anytime determined by the committee. Mr. Hahn, State Ethics Commission, said that a state representative would also be able to attend at anytime. The conference will be held at the Charlotte Hall Library as it is the most convenient location for the other counties. Once Anne Arundel and Charles Counties respond, a date will be selected. The board discussed holding the conference on a Saturday, but due to conflicting schedules, agreed that the conference should be held during the week rather than the weekend.
- Mrs. Cannavo was able to locate most of the missing minutes. However, four meeting minutes were not available. Mr. Baroniak stated that he had three of the

missing minutes and will provide copies to Mrs. Cannavo who in turn will take the minutes to the Public Information Office for posting on the Web. The final minutes were not prepared due to a meeting which was cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

· A copy of Senator Ben Cardin's statement on ***Major Congressional Ethics Reform*** (St. Mary's Today, 20 Jan 08) was given to the members and a copy will be placed in the files for future use.

**New Business:**

None.

**Financial Disclosure Statements:**

· Mr. Goeller updated the board on the status of the Financial Disclosure Statement that was withheld at the 28 Jan 08 meeting for an advisory opinion. Mr. Goeller stated that he had tried to contact the individual by phone and left several messages. Unfortunately, the individual did not return the calls. Mr. Goeller will prepare a written response/advisory opinion after today's meeting to be mailed to the individual.

· 47 Financial Disclosures Statements were reviewed and approved.

**Public Comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

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