

**ST. MARY'S COUNTY ETHICS COMMISSION**  
**St. Mary's County Potomac Building**

**Minutes of February 23, 2009**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Joseph B. Bush, Chair  
Robert W. Denning, Vice Chair  
Robert E. Elwood, Member  
Arthur F. Goeller, Member  
Sarah Cannavo, Administrative Support

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** George E. Baroniak, Member  
Elizabeth Long, Alternate Member

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Bush at 2:03 p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on March 2, 2009 in Conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Minutes of February 2, 2009:** Mr. Goeller made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Elwood and carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Regional Training Conference:** the next Regional Training Conference will be hosted by Calvert County on May 20, 2009 at the Prince Frederick Branch of the Calvert County Public Library. The conference will begin promptly at 9:00 AM. Mr. Goeller suggested that the Ethics Commission ask one of the County Commissioners (Mattingly or Raley) to do a presentation on ethical situations which arise in the course of their daily duties; i.e., balancing county needs vs. citizen desires. It was also suggested that another area of discussion could be the Open Meetings Act. Mr. Bush will ask the Commissioners if one of them could attend / present.

**Financial Disclosure Statements for the Library Board of Trustees:** Mr. Bush asked the boards opinion on requiring the Library Board of Trustees members to file Financial Disclosure Statements. The Commission members agree that any Board or

Commission member that can influence matters involving financial assets (money, land, contracts, etc) should file a Financial Disclosure Statement.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

**Reviewed:** 114 Financial Disclosures Statements were reviewed.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion was made by Mr. Elwood to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 3:20 PM.