

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

**Minutes of March 9, 2009**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Robert W. Denning, Vice Chair  
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 16, 2009 in conference room 14 of the Potomac Building.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Minutes of February 23, 2009:** Mr. Goeller made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Motion seconded by Mr. Elwood and carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**Regional Ethics Conference:** Calvert County will be hosting the Regional Ethics Conference scheduled for May 20, 2009. Mr. Bush asked Commissioner Mattingly to speak to the group. The topic will be Open Meetings Act and Ethics & Politics. Commissioner Mattingly has agreed to do the briefing. Mr. Bush will contact Donna Gebicke to schedule the date.

**FDS Requirements for Library Board of Trustees:** Mr. Bush drafted a letter to the Library Board of Trustees requesting they file Financial Disclosure Statements. The Commission members reviewed the letter and provided suggested changes. Ms. Cannavo will make the changes and prepare the letter for signature.

Additionally, the members discussed other boards that may need to file FDSs. The Ordinance does not accurately cover all the Boards and Commissions that are currently in place. Mr. Baroniak suggested that Mr. Bush follow-up with the County Administrator.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Advisory Opinion Request (AO 2009-01):** The Commission received a complaint concerning a possible conflict of interest. The citizen presented material in support of their claim.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Baroniak made a motion to move into Executive Session as provided for in Article 25, Section 4-210(a) (1) Boards and Commissions and the St. Mary's County Ethics Ordinance Rules of Procedure, Section 7. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elwood. Motion carried, 4-0.

Executive Session: 2:17 p.m. to 3:07 p.m.

Mr. Baroniak made a motion to close the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Goeller and carried.

**FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS:**

**Reviewed:** 18 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. Baroniak and the motion was carried. The St. Mary's County Ethics Commission was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.