

REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance for the State of Tennessee met Tuesday, June 18, 1996, at 1614 Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Attending were: Gail Vaughn Ashworth, Howard Bond, Carole Bucy, George Harding, Alan Hubbard, Herman Reviere and Jamye Williams.

The Minutes of the May 14th meeting were approved without objection.

Reconsideration Hearing:

93-15 - **Jere Glover**, for failure to file a 1992 year-end lobbying activities report. Maximum civil penalty, \$750. Mr. Glover personally appeared before the board, and a letter written by Mr. Glover to John R. Collier, assistant state attorney general, was presented to the board for its consideration. Mr. Glover stated that he filed his lobbying activities report for the first half of the 1992 registration period, but since he did not come to Tennessee to lobby the last part of the year he stated that he did not realize that another report was due. He also stated that he changed jobs and that the Registry's letters to him were not forwarded to him by his secretary. Motion by Harding, seconded by Reviere, the board voted to reconsider the assessment of the \$750 civil penalty. Motion by Bond, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted unanimously to rescind the previous assessment order. Motion by Bond, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted unanimously to take no action.

Show Cause Hearings:

96-20 - **United Mine Workers of America Coal Miners PAC**, for failure to file a new appointment of treasurer statement. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty, \$10,000. Motion by Williams, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted unanimously to postpone a hearing until the July 9th meeting in order to give staff an opportunity to discuss this case further with the PAC's treasurer.

96-07 - **Judy Bowery**, for failure to file a 1996 year-end lobbying activities report. This case had been continued from the Registry's April 9 meeting to provide Ms. Bowery an opportunity to file her report. (She had been represented at that meeting by Kay Culbertson, attorney.) Ms. Bowery has still failed to file the required report. Motion by Bucy, seconded by Reviere, the board voted unanimously by roll call to assess a \$75 civil penalty.

96-21 - **James Ford**, for failure to file an annual statement of interests with the Shelby County Election Commission. (He is a member of the Shelby County Commission.) Mr. Ford did not request a personal appearance, nor did he submit a sworn statement for the board's consideration. Motion by Harding, seconded by Williams, the board voted unanimously by roll call to assess a \$750 civil penalty.

Issuance of Show Cause Notices:

Carter County Republican Party, for the late filing of a 1st quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), maximum civil penalty \$350. Motion by Harding, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted to take no action.

Upper East TN Central Labor Council, for the late filing of a 1st quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), maximum civil penalty \$475. Motion by Hubbard, seconded by Williams, the board voted to take no action.

Rep. Joe Towns, for failure to file a corrected 1995 annual supplemental campaign disclosure report. Class two (2), maximum civil penalty \$10,000. Motion by Bucy, seconded by Hubbard, the board voted to issue a show cause notice.

Budget Report:

Drew Rawlins presented the budget statistics for the month of April and reported that the budget is on schedule as far as expenses are concerned for the 1995-96 fiscal year, with only two months left in the fiscal year.

Rawlins reported that the additional space for the office has still not been approved by Finance and Administration. In a meeting with the property management division, it was disclosed that the Registry will remain in Parkway Towers for another three years, and that the additional space is still under consideration. The board requested that another letter requesting a status report on obtaining the space be sent to property management.

Executive Director's Report:

Catalano presented to the board a sworn complaint from C. Brian McGuire, State Director of Tennessee Citizen Action, against Steven Millikan, Vice President of the Alliance of American Insurers, and Mr. Joseph Edwards of the American Insurance Association for the board's consideration. In the complaint, Mr. McGuire alleges that Mr. Millikan and Mr. Edwards lobbied in Tennessee during the 1996 legislative session without being properly registered as lobbyists. Additionally, the members were provided copies of Mr. Millikan's and Mr. Edwards' written responses to the allegations in the complaint. The board decided to delay the hearing on this complaint until the July 9th meeting, so that they could have more time to consider the complaint.

Catalano presented the board with a letter from the Attorney General's office concerning the Registry's proposed rules for the Campaign Contribution Limits Act of 1995. In light of the enactment of 1996 Public Chapter 1005, the board voted to delete 0530-1-2-.06(1) from the rules.

A copy of a complaint filed by Thomas S. Cuthill, against board member Alan Hubbard was presented to the board along with a response to Mr. Cuthill from the Executive Director. Motion by Reviere, seconded by Williams, the board unanimously approved the response.

Catalano then discussed the proposed lobbying rules hearing to be held at the legislative plaza in the afternoon. She stated that subsections 0530-2-1-.05 and .06 had been omitted from the rules when published in the May edition of the Tennessee Administrative Register. Catalano suggested that at the beginning of the hearing that this omission should be announced to attendees and that copies of the complete text of the rules be made available to those persons at the hearing.

The board then discussed a proposal to give staff members merit pay increases in addition to the 3% state employee raise which goes into effect July 1. Upon a unanimous decision, the board voted to approve the following annual staff salaries effective July 1, 1996:

Peggy Catalano - Executive Director	\$72,161
Drew Rawlins - Financial Disclosure Auditor	\$44,370
Sallye Sykes - Administrative Assistant 2	\$32,684
Barbara Sechler - Executive Secretary 1	\$26,522

The next Registry meeting will be held July 9, 1996, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The meeting was adjourned.