



STATE OF MAINE
 COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
 AND ELECTION PRACTICES
 135 STATE HOUSE STATION
 AUGUSTA, MAINE
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AGENDA

Meeting of May 10, 1999

9:00 A.M., PUC Building, 1st Floor Temp. Conference Room III
 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Minutes of the April 14, 1999 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

2. The Christian Civic League of Maine: Political Action Committee registration, campaign finance report filings, and associated penalty considerations.
Recommendation: Impose statutory forfeiture of \$250 as a consequence of The Christian Civic League of Maine's failure to register as a political action committee in accordance with the provisions of 21-A M.R.S.A. section 1062-A(1). The registration and the required campaign finance reports for the periods in question were filed by the deadline established for that purpose. If the Commission applies the precedent of January 29, 1999, in the matter of City of South Portland v. Management Research & Development Association -- Paul A. Volle, President, no additional penalty should be assessed. However, if the Commission determines that a penalty is appropriate for failure to file on time in accordance with 21-A M.R.S.A. section 1062-A, subsections 2 through 4, then penalties as indicated in the matrix accompanying the background materials may be considered.
3. Maine Clean Election Act Forms: Commission review and approval.
4. Electronic Filing Request for Proposals: Status Report.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Late Lobbyist Disclosure Reports:
 - A. John Hohenwarter, Lobbyist for National Rifle Association ILA
 Late January 1999 Report -- Due 2/16/99; Filed 2/17/99 -- 1 day late
 One previous late report (7/98)
 Penalty: \$100
Recommendation: Assess full penalty of \$100
 - B. Cindy Lowry, Lobbyist for Sustainable Forestry Coalition
 Late February 1999 Report -- Due 3/16/99; Filed 3/22/99 -- 6 days late
 No previous late filings
 Penalty: \$100
Recommendation: Mitigate to \$50 based on previous filing record

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6. The Honorable Edward R. Dugay, Cherryfield, request for Commission determination regarding possible conflict of interest.
7. Informational Item (No Action Required): Letter from Mark Champagne, President, Towing & Recovery Association of Maine, received March 15, 1999, alleging conduct of Mr. Jim Wakefield and "Maine Automotive Coalitions" as an unregistered lobbyist, and associated correspondence.
8. Executive Session: Status of lawsuits challenging the Maine Clean Election Act (*Daggett, et al. v. Webster, et al.*) and lobbyist registration fees (*MCOA/MCLU v. Webster, et al.*).

ADJOURNMENT