

Meeting of the Board

Monday, June 22, 2009 - 9:30 A.M.

Agenda
Open Session

Government Accountability Board Conference Room

212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor

Madison, Wisconsin

Monday, June 22, 2009

9:30 A.M.

- A. Call to Order**
- B. Director's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice**
- C. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**
- D. Public Comment**

Break

- E. Proposed State Election Administration Plan**
- F. Revised Recall Manuals**
- G. Legislation**
 - 1. Legislative Status Report**
- H. Administrative Rules**
 - 1. Recall Proposed Modification to Administrative Rule Defining Scope of Regulated Activity, GAB 1.28 (Issue Ad Regulation)**
 - 2. Proposed Scope Statement, GAB 6.02 – Registration Statement Sufficiency**
 - 3. Proposed Scope Statement, GAB 6.04 – Filing Agency Documents Electronically**
 - 4. Status Report on Pending Administrative Rules**

Agenda

I. Director's Report

Elections Division Report – election administration and SVRS.

Ethics and Accountability Division Report – campaign finance, state official financial disclosure, lobbying registration and reporting, contract sunshine.

Office of General Counsel Report – general administration

Break

J. Closed Session

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| 5.05 (6a) and
19.85 (1) (h) | The Board's deliberations on requests for advice under the ethics code, lobbying law, and campaign finance law shall be in closed session. |
| 19.85 (1) (g) | The Board may confer with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy. |
| 19.85 (1) | The Board's deliberations concerning investigations of any violation of the ethics code, lobbying law, and campaign finance law shall be in closed session. |
| 19.85 (1) (c) | The Board may consider performing evaluation data of a public employee over which it exercises responsibility. |

The Government Accountability Board has scheduled its next meeting for Monday, August 10, 2009 at the Government Accountability Board offices, 212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 9:30 a.m.

The Government Accountability Board may conduct a roll call vote, a voice vote, or otherwise decide to approve, reject, or modify any item on this agenda.

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WISCONSIN GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY BOARD

212 East Washington Avenue, Third Floor

Madison, Wisconsin

May 5, 2009

9:30 a.m.

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Not yet approved
by the Board

Open Session Minutes

<u>Summary of Significant Actions Taken</u>	<u>Page</u>
A. G.A.B. Chairman Brennan certified the 2009 Spring Non-Partisan Election Canvass.	2
B. Received a report on the results of the November 2008 Big Ten Battleground Poll.	2
C. Denied a copyright enforcement request from Wisconsin Eye	2
D. Directed staff to pursue amendment of Wis. Stats. §7.23, concerning retention of electronic election data.	3
E. Directed staff to pursue amendment of Wis. Stats. §11.23, concerning a campaign finance registration and reporting threshold.	3
F. Directed staff to notify State Department of Administration of withdrawal of rule-making for GAB 15.05, concerning blind trusts.	3
G. Formally thanked Judge Victor Manian for his service on the G.A.B.	4

Present: Judge Michael Brennan, Judge William Eich, Judge Gerald Nichol, Judge Victor Manian, and Judge Gordon Myse

Absent: Judge Thomas Cane

Staff present: Kevin Kennedy, Jonathan Becker, Nat Robinson, David Buerger, Shane Falk, Michael Haas, Barbara Hansen, Sharrie Hauge, Ross Hein, Diane Lowe, Kyle Richmond, and Tommy Winkler

A. Call to order

Chairman Brennan called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

B. Director's Report of Appropriate Notice of Meeting

The G.A.B. Director informed the Board that proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Signing of the Canvass of the 2009 Spring Non-Partisan Election

Chairman Brennan announced he would sign the canvass statements as the meeting proceeded.

D. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION: Approve the minutes of the March 30-31, 2009, Government Accountability Board meeting. Moved by Nichol, seconded by Eich. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Report: Examining the Wisconsin Voter Experience

Dr. Barry Burden, University of Wisconsin-Madison Political Science Professor, reported to the Board the results of the Big Ten Battleground Poll following the November 4, 2008 General Election.

The report was presented for informational purposes only. The Board took no action.

F. Public Comment

There were no registrants for the public comment period.

*** Special Agenda Item:**

Government Accountability Board Resolution Recognizing Wisconsin's Municipal Clerks During Municipal Clerks Week

MOTION: Approve the resolution. Moved by Myse, seconded by Eich. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Wisconsin Eye Request for G.A.B. Copyright Enforcement

(Presented by Mike Haas)

MOTION: Deny the request and express the Board's willingness to explore other more moderate requests, such as providing candidate contact information to Wisconsin Eye, or alerting G.A.B. website viewers that Wisconsin Eye's copyright notice applies to video content of G.A.B. meetings. Moved by Nichol, seconded by Eich. Motion carried unanimously.

H. Legislation

Hearing no objection, the Chair took up item H. 2. out of order.

2. Proposed Legislation on Electronic Election Data Retention
(Presented by Shane Falk)

Walworth County Clerk Kim Bushey and Dane County Clerk Bob Ohlsen also commented on this issue.

MOTION: Direct staff to work with the Wisconsin Legislature to amend Wis. Stats. §7.23 to provide a retention period of 22 months for electronic election data applied only to federal elections and to allow the destruction of election material in recount and election contest matters pursuant to the later of statutory timelines or expiration of appeals. Moved by Nichol, seconded by Eich. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman called a recess at 10:51 a.m. and the meeting reconvened at 11:05 a.m.

1. Proposed Legislation on Registration and Reporting Threshold
(Presented by Shane Falk, and Jennifer Lattis, DOJ)

MOTION: Direct staff to work with the Legislature to amend Wis. Stats. §11.23 to increase the aggregate disbursement, contribution, incurred obligation threshold to \$500 and provide that same threshold in Wis. Stats. §11.05 for reporting and for a single source donor. Moved by Myse. The motion failed for lack of a second.

MOTION: Direct staff to work with the Legislature to amend Wis. Stats. §11.23 to increase the aggregate disbursement, contribution, incurred obligation threshold to \$750 and provide that same threshold in Wis. Stats. §11.05 for reporting and for a single source donor. Moved by Manian, seconded by Nichol. Motion carried unanimously.

By consensus, the staff is directed to prepare an enforcement policy regarding Wis. Stats. §11.23 in light of Judge Stadtmueller's ruling and notify District Attorneys of the policy.

3. Legislative Status Report
(Presented by Kevin Kennedy and Jonathan Becker)

The report was presented for informational purposes only. The Board took no action.

The Chairman called a recess at 11:55 a.m.

During the recess, G.A.B. Director and General Counsel Kevin Kennedy was honored for his 30 years of service in state government.

The meeting reconvened at 12:48 p.m. after lunch.

I. Administrative Rules
(Presented by Shane Falk)

1. Rescind Rule Making Effort on Blind Trusts

MOTION: Direct staff to notify the State Department of Administration of the withdrawal of proposed rule-making for GAB 15.05, set forth the reasons for the withdrawal, and request the G.A.B. withdrawal letter be posted to the Wisconsin Administrative Rules website. Moved by Myse, seconded by Eich. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Status Report on Pending Administrative Rules

The report was presented for informational purposes only. The Board took no action.

J. Report on Spring Election Recount Activity

(Presented by David Buerger)

The report was presented for informational purposes only. The Board took no action.

K. Report on Voting Equipment Security Audits

(Presented by Ross Hein)

The report was presented for informational purposes only. The Board took no action.

L. Director's Report

1. Elections Division Report

(Presented by Nat Robinson, Diane Lowe and Barbara Hansen)

The report was presented for informational purposes. The Board took no action.

2. Ethics and Accountability Division Report

(Presented by Jonathan Becker)

The report was presented for informational purposes. The Board took no action.

3. Office of the Director and General Counsel Report

(Presented by Kevin Kennedy and Sharrie Hauge)

The report was presented for informational purposes. The Board took no action.

MOTION: Thank Judge Victor Manian for his service to the State of Wisconsin and the Government Accountability Board. Moved by Myse, seconded by Nichol. Motion carried unanimously.

M. Adjourn to closed session to consider written requests for advisory opinions and the investigation of possible violations of Wisconsin's lobbying law, campaign finance law, and Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees; review performance

evaluation data of agency staff; and confer with counsel concerning pending litigation.

MOTION: Move to closed session pursuant to Sections 5.05(6a), 19.85(1) (c), (g), (h), and 19.851 Wis. Stats., to consider written requests for advisory opinions, the investigation of possible violations of Wisconsin's lobbying law, campaign finance law, and Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Employees; review performance evaluation data for the Board's Director and General Counsel and confer with counsel concerning pending litigation. Moved by Eich, seconded by Nichol.

Roll call vote: Brennan: Aye Eich: Aye
Manian: Aye Myse: Aye
Nichol: Aye

Motion carried, 5-0.

Hearing no objection, the Chairman called a recess at 2:14 p.m. The Board reconvened in closed session beginning at 2:25 p.m.

Summary of Significant Actions Taken in Closed Session

- A. Requests for Advice: Two matters considered; one formal opinion issued.
- B. Investigations: Four matters considered; three closed.
Finding of no probable cause: In the matter of: Senator Lena Taylor.

Adjournment

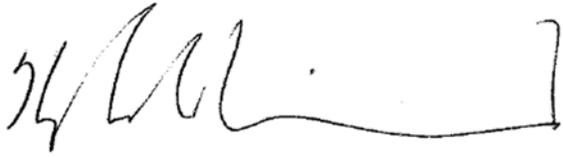
MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. Moved by Manian, seconded by Myse. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.

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The next meeting of the Government Accountability Board is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Monday, June 22, 2009 in the G.A.B. Conference Room, Third Floor, 212 East Washington Avenue, Madison, Wisconsin.

May 5, 2009 Government Accountability Board meeting minutes prepared by:



Kyle R. Richmond, Public Information Officer

May 8, 2009

Date

May 5, 2009 Government Accountability Board meeting minutes certified by:

Judge Gerald Nichol, Board Secretary

June 22, 2009

Date

LEGISLATIVE STATUS REPORT

June 22, 2009 Meeting

Assembly Bills

Assembly Bill 2

Introduced by Representatives Pocan, Zigmunt, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Black, Clark, Danou, Fields, Grigsby, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jorgensen, Krusick, Mason, Molepske Jr., Nelson, Parisi, Pasch, Pope-Roberts, Radcliffe, Richards, Roys, Seidel, Sheridan, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Van Akkeren, A. Williams and Young. Cosponsored by Senators Wirch, Coggs, Hansen, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Robson and Sullivan.

Relating to: state procurement of contractual services.

Status: Passed the Assembly. Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection. Public hearing held on 4/01/09. Senate amendment 1 recommended by committee.

Assembly Bill 39

Introduced by Representatives Kessler, Soletski, Pocan, Hubler, Turner, Richards, A. Williams, Hebl, Berceau, Roys, Black, Grigsby, Barca and Pasch. Cosponsored by Senators Lehman, Coggs and Plale.

Relating to: the authorization for municipalities to establish satellite stations for purposes of conducting voter registration and absentee voting and granting rule-making authority.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform. Public Hearing on 4/21/09.

Assembly Bill 42

Introduced by Representatives Gottlieb, Kaufert, Ballweg, Bies, Brooks, Cullen, Davis, Gunderson, Lothian, Meyer, Mursau, Murtha, Nass, Nygren, A. Ott, Petrowski, Roth, Strachota, Van Roy and Ripp. Cosponsored by Senators Harsdorf, Olsen, Cowles and Schultz.

Relating to: acceptance of certain political contributions by certain elective state officials, officials elect, and committees and providing a penalty.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform. Assembly refused to suspend rules to withdraw from committee.

Assembly Bill 63

Introduced by Representatives Dexter, Hebl, Cullen, Zigmunt, Sherman, Barca, Hintz, Black, Hilgenberg, Mason, Toles, Hixson, Pope-Roberts, Pocan and Kaufert. Cosponsored by Senators Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Ellis, Vinehout, Hansen, Risser, Lehman, Holperin, Harsdorf, Carpenter, Cowles and Robson.

Relating to: the scope of regulated activity under the campaign finance law.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform. Assembly substitute amendment 1 offered by Representative Dexter. Public hearing held on 5/27/09.

Assembly Bill 65

Introduced by Representatives Hintz, Hilgenberg, Smith, Garthwaite, Benedict, Roys, Hebl, Staskunas, Turner, Parisi, Cullen, Jorgensen, Richards, Zepnick, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Clark, Shilling, Hubler, Black, Berceau, Grigsby, Molepske Jr. and Kessler. Cosponsored by Senators Kreitlow, Taylor, Lehman, Erpenbach, Miller, Risser, Lassa, Hansen, Wirch, Vinehout, Schultz and Sullivan.

Relating to: public financing of campaigns for the office of justice of the Supreme Court, making appropriations, and providing penalties.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform. Fiscal Estimate received. Public hearing held on 5/27/09.

Assembly Bill 75

Introduced by Joint Committee on Finance, by request of Governor Doyle.

Relating to: state finances and appropriations, constituting the executive budget act of the 2009 Legislature.

Status: Referred to the Joint Committee on Finance, the Joint Survey Committee on Tax Exemptions, and the Joint Survey Committee on Retirement Systems. Public hearings held by Joint Committee on Finance. Assembly substitute amendment 1 offered. Passage as amended recommended by Joint Committee on Finance. Referred to calendar on 6/08/09.

Assembly Bill 93

Introduced by Representatives Roth, Bies, Gunderson, Lothian, Nass, A. Ott, Petersen, Spanbauer, Strachota, Townsend and Van Roy. Cosponsored by Senators Holperin and A. Lasee.

Relating to: prohibiting certain automated telephone solicitations.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Consumer Protection. Public hearing held on 4/08/09.

Assembly Bill 104

Introduced by Representatives Spanbauer, Ballweg, Bies, Gunderson, Kaufert, Kestell, Petersen, Ripp, Strachota, and Townsend. Cosponsored by Senators Harsdorf, Lehman, Cowles, Olsen, Kedzie, Leibham and Hopper.

Relating to: reporting of information by nonresident registrants under the campaign finance law.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform.

Assembly Bill 117

Introduced by Representatives Kaufert, Bies, Brooks, Roth, Van Roy, Townsend, Lothian and Mursau. Cosponsored by Senators Cowles, Ellis and A. Lasee.

Relating to: withholding of pay of certain state elected officials and prohibiting the reimbursement of certain legislator expenses; acceptance of certain political contributions by certain elective state officials and committees; deadlines for the transmittal of the Building Commission's long-range state building program recommendations and the delivery of the governor's biennial budget message; submission of a report on the timeliness of the submittal of agency biennial budget requests; legislative consideration of biennial budget bill; operation of legislature before passage of biennial budget bill; and providing a penalty.

Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

Assembly Bill 120

Introduced by Representatives Vos, Montgomery, Nygren, Suder, Gundrum, Kramer, Huebsch, Kestell, Kerkman, LeMahieu, Petersen, Cullen, Murtha, J. Ott, Townsend,

Mursau, Gunderson, Spanbauer, Bies, Strachota, Kleefisch, Van Roy, Lothian, Petrowski and Honadel. Cosponsored by Senators Grothman, Cowles, Hopper, Darling, Leibham and Lazich.

Relating to: providing the public with information on state agency operations expenditures and state agency contracts and grants.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security.

Assembly Bill 145

Introduced by Representatives Kessler, A. Williams and Turner. Cosponsored by Senator Taylor.

Relating to: legislative review of municipal ward, supervisory district, aldermanic district, and certain school district election district plans.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security. Assembly substitute amendment offered by Representative Kessler.

Assembly Bill 163

Introduced by Representatives Berceau, Roys, Zepnick, Hilgenberg and Smith. Cosponsored by Senators Taylor and Plale.

Relating to: allowing certain political signs on rental premises.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform. Public hearing held on 4/21/09.

Assembly Bill 168

Introduced by Representatives Zipperer, Vukmir, Kramer, Davis, Gundrum, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, LeMahieu, Lothian, Montgomery, Murtha, Nass, Nygren, J. Ott, Petersen, Roth, Spanbauer, Strachota, Suder, Townsend, Van Roy, Vos and Ziegelbauer. Cosponsored by Senators Leibham, Kanavas, Cowles, Darling, Hopper, Lazich and Schultz.

Relating to: preparation and legislative consideration of a biennial budget bill; making executive sessions of the Joint Committee on Finance relating to the biennial budget bill available in real time for viewing by the public on the legislature's Internet Web site; and reporting of certain information by lobbying principals.

Status: Referred to Joint Committee on Finance.

Assembly Bill 169

Introduced by Representative Zipperer. Cosponsored by Senator Kanavas.

Relating to: the number of nomination paper signatures required for school board candidates in certain school districts.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform. Public hearing held on 4/21/09.

Assembly Bill 245

Introduced by Representatives Black, Clark, Brooks, Smith, Hilgenberg, Ziegelbauer, Berceau, Pope-Roberts, Hebl, Benedict, Bies and Pocan. Cosponsored by Senators Lassa, Schultz, Lehman and Carpenter.

Relating to: service by a former member of the legislature as a lobbyist.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics. Public hearing held on 06/02/09.

Assembly Bill 304

Introduced by Representatives Soletski, Bies, Berceau, Brooks, Mursau, A. Ott, Spanbauer, Van Roy and Zigmunt. Cosponsored by Senators A. Lasee and Cowles.

Relating to: ineligibility of convicted felons for licensure as lobbyists.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Judiciary and Ethics.

AB 312 (06.10.09)

Assembly Joint Resolutions

Assembly Joint Resolution 2

Introduced by Representatives Sherman, Vruwink and Soletski. Cosponsored by Senators Carpenter and Holperin.

Relating to: eliminating the spring election (first consideration).

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform. Fiscal Estimate received. Assembly substitute amendment offered by Representative Sherman. Second Fiscal Estimate received.

Assembly Joint Resolution 6

Introduced by Representatives Kessler and A. Williams.

Relating to: fixing the size of the legislature and gubernatorial appointment of Supreme Court justices (first consideration).

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform.

Assembly Joint Resolution 11

Introduced by Representatives Schneider, Kaufert and Suder. Cosponsored by Senators S. Fitzgerald and Schultz.

Relating to: status of seats of legislators on ordered military duty and appointment of temporary acting legislators for legislators performing ordered military duty (first consideration).

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform.

Assembly Joint Resolution 26

Introduced by Representative Schneider

Relating to: terms of office for members of the senate and assembly (first consideration).

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform.

Assembly Joint Resolution 29

Introduced by Representatives Kessler, Staskunas, Hilgenberg, Hintz and A. Williams.
Cosponsored by Senator Lehman.

Relating to: establishing competitive election criteria for redistricting the legislature (first consideration).

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on Elections and Campaign Reform.

Assembly Joint Resolution 39

Introduced by Representatives Mason, Pasch, Soletski, Fields and Roys. Cosponsored by Senator Taylor.

Relating to: the age of qualified electors for state and local elections (first consideration).

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security.

Assembly Joint Resolution 51

Introduced by Representatives Nygren, Vos, Kerkman, Vukmir, Gunderson, Kestell, Strachota, Kramer, Meyer, Roth, Pridemore, Mursau, Kaufert, Newcomer, Bies, Friske, Gundrum, Nass, Tauchen, Townsend, Knodl, Petersen, Ballweg, Lothian, LeMahieu and M. Williams. Cosponsored by Senators Leibham, Lazich, S. Fitzgerald, Grothman, A. Lasee, Darling, Kedzie and Schultz.

Relating to: state sovereignty.

Status: Referred to Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Homeland Security. A. Representative Petrowski added as a coauthor 5/08/09.

AJR 55 (6.10.09)

Senate Bills

Senate Bill 8

Introduced by Senators Wirch, Coggs, Hansen, Lassa, Lehman, Miller, Robson and Sullivan. Cosponsored by Representatives Pocan, Zigmunt, Barca, Benedict, Berceau, Bernard Schaber, Black, Clark, Danou, Fields, Grigsby, Hraychuck, Hubler, Jorgensen, Krusick, Mason, Molepske Jr., Nelson, Parisi, Pasch, Pope-Roberts, Radcliffe, Richards, Roys, Seidel, Sheridan, Shilling, Sinicki, Smith, Van Akkeren, A. Williams and Young.

Relating to: state procurement of contractual services.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection.

Senate Bill 40

Introduced by Senators Kreitlow, Taylor, Sullivan, Miller, Risser, Erpenbach, Wirch, Lassa, Lehman, Hansen, Vinehout, and Schultz. Cosponsored by Representatives Hintz, Hilgenberg, Smith, Garthwaite, Benedict, Roys, Hebl, Staskunas, Turner, Parisi, Cullen, Jorgensen, Richards, Zepnick, Pocan, Pope-Roberts, Clark, Shilling, Hubler, Black, Berceau, Grigsby, Molepske Jr. and Kessler.

Relating to: public financing of campaigns for the office of justice of the Supreme Court, making appropriations, and providing penalties.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing. Public hearing held on 5/27/09.

Senate Bill 43

Introduced by Senators Erpenbach, Kreitlow, Ellis, Vinehout, Hansen, Risser, Lehman, Holperin, Harsdorf, Carpenter, Cowles and Robson. Cosponsored by Representatives Dexter, Hebl, Cullen, Zigmunt, Sherman, Barca, Hintz, Black, Hilgenberg, Mason, Toles, Hixson, Pope-Roberts, Pocan, Kaufert and Berceau.

Relating to: the scope of regulated activity under the campaign finance law.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing. Senate substitute amendment 1 offered by Senator Erpenbach. Public hearing held on 5/27/09.

Senate Bill 68

Introduced by Senators Harsdorf, Lehman, Cowles, Olsen, Kedzie, Leibham and Hopper. Cosponsored by Representatives Spanbauer, Ballweg, Bies, Gunderson, Kaufert, Kestell, Petersen, Ripp, Strachota and Townsend.

Relating to: reporting of information by nonresident registrants under the campaign finance law.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing.

Senate Bill 92

Introduced by Senators Leibham, Kanavas, Cowles, Darling, Hopper, Lazich and Schultz. Cosponsored by Representatives Zipperer, Vukmir, Davis, Gundrum, Kerkman, Kestell, Kleefisch, Knodl, Kramer, LeMahieu, Lothian, Montgomery, Murtha, Nass, Nygren, J. Ott, Petersen, Roth, Spanbauer, Strachota, Suder, Townsend, Van Roy, Vos and Ziegelbauer, Brooks.

Relating to: preparation and legislative consideration of a biennial budget bill; making all meetings of the Joint Committee on Finance relating to the biennial budget bill available in real time for viewing by the public on the legislature's Internet Web site; and reporting of certain information by lobbying principals.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 217

Introduced by Senators A. Lasee and Cowles. Cosponsored by Representatives Soletski, Bies, Berceau, Brooks, Mursau, A. Ott, Spanbauer, Van Roy and Zigmunt.

Relating to: ineligibility of convicted felons for licensure as lobbyists.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Ethics Reform and Government Operations.

Senate Bill 221

Introduced by Senators Erpenbach, Ellis, Carpenter, Lehman, Holperin, Schultz, Risser, Harsdorf, Vinehout and Sullivan. Cosponsored by Representatives Pope-Roberts, Berceau, Black, Hixson and Hebl.

Relating to: campaign financing, designations for the Wisconsin election campaign fund by individuals filing state income tax returns, creating a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for contributions to the Public Integrity Endowment, candidate time on public

broadcasting television stations and public access channels, staffing of the Government Accountability Board; providing exemptions from emergency rule procedures; granting rule-making authority; making appropriations; and providing penalties.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Judiciary, Corrections, Insurance, Campaign Finance Reform, and Housing.

Senate Bill 227

Introduced by Joint Legislative Council.

Relating to: interim successors for legislators, meetings of the legislature and legislative committees, and temporary seat of government for the legislature.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Small Business, Emergency Preparedness, Technical Colleges, and Consumer Protection.

SB 232 (06.10.09)

Senate Joint Resolutions

Senate Joint Resolution 9

Introduced by Senator Carpenter. Cosponsored by Representatives Berceau, Vos and Spanbauer.

Relating to: providing for an advisory referendum on the question of restoring the annual adjustment of the motor vehicle fuel tax rate in this state.

Status: Referred to Senate Committee on Transportation, Tourism, Forestry, and Natural Resources.

SJR 39 (6.10.09)

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: For the June 22, 2009, Meeting

TO: Members, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

FROM: Kevin J. Kennedy
Director and General Counsel
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

Prepared and Presented by:
Nathaniel E. Robinson
Elections Division Administrator

SUBJECT: Elections Division Activities

Elections Administration Update

Introduction

Since the Government Accountability Board's May 5, 2009, meeting, the Elections Division has focused on the following tasks:

1. **New Election Administration Activities Worked On:**
 - A. Developing the State's 2009-2014 HAVA Plan;
 - B. Developing the State's Application for new HAVA Section 261 Funds for Accessibility;
 - C. Developing next Reiteration of the Calendar of Election Events;
 - D. Developing a Revised Ballot Format for the Partisan Primary;
 - E. Revising an EB-122 Certificate Envelope to better emphasize the "Absolutely Required to be Completed" areas to be completed; and,
 - F. Updating Candidate Ballot Access Checklists and Campaign Finance Checklists for Fall 2010 (Spring 2010 Checklists are updated).

2. Status of Ongoing Activities:

- A. Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS): Completed the data-gathering (feedback/listening) sessions on how SVRS should be improved. Five sessions were held, two in Madison, and the remainder in Eau Claire, Outagamie County and Racine County, respectively. Approximately 140 clerks attended and/or offered written feedback. A Request For Information or Service is being prepared.
- B. Communications with Clerks: Scheduled meeting of a county-municipal clerk advisory group to provide feedback on staff's committee recommendation on how to make communication efforts to the clerks more cohesive, timely and efficient.
- C. Voting Systems Evaluations: In process of appointing a committee to review voting equipment needs. Members are likely to include representatives from our local election partners (clerks), DOA's Division of Enterprise Technology and the Division of Gaming, and UW-Madison's School of Engineering and Department of Computer Science.
- D. Online Municipal Clerk and Inspector Training: In negotiations with the University of Wisconsin-Extension for converting in-person, face-to-face classroom classes into an online platform for making education and training available to Municipal Clerks and Chief Inspectors 24/7.
- E. Improve Canvass Process: Finalized plans to contract with the Department of Administration, Division of Enterprise Technology, for interfacing canvassing process and functionality with the Statewide Voter Registration System.

3. Noteworthy Special Initiatives:

- A. The Wisconsin Election Data Collection System (WEDCS)
(The \$2 million Election Data Collection Grant)

As required, a Program Progress Report was submitted to the U. S. Election Assistance Commission on June 1, 2009. A no-cost grant extension was submitted to the Commission on June 5. If approved, the Wisconsin Election Data Collection will be extended until June 30, 2010.

- B. Accessibility Compliance

1,850 Municipal Clerks were asked to use the new accessibility instrument for assessing their 2,822 polling places, during the April 7, 2009, Spring Election. To date, about 1,322 completed surveys have arrived. Staff is working with clerks to ensure the remainder surveys are submitted. Staff is also seeking assistance from the University of Wisconsin-Madison to review and analyze the surveys.

- C. Early Voting Feedback Sessions

Preparations for seeking the public's comment, feedback and input on Early Voting options is proceeding. In response to two special requests, the Early Voting Team conducted a special presentation for League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, in

Manitowoc on May 28-29. The Team will also conduct a special presentation for the Wisconsin County Clerks Association in Prairie du Chen on June 23. Starting in early July, the Team will hold various following listening and feedback sessions throughout the State, for a wide variety of customers on the question of implementing early voting in Wisconsin. The Team also collaborated with Dr. Barry C. Burden and Dr. Burden's colleagues and as a result, the Early Voting presentation is being refined. The schedule for Early Voting presentations are as follows:

- July 7: Fitchburg
- July 16: La Crosse
- July 22: Kenosha County
- July 23: West Allis
- August 3: Marathon County
- August 4: Brown County
- August 11: Eau Claire
- August 12: Rice Lake

4. **Key Metrics:**

Education, Training, and Technical Support with our partners, customers, constituents and stakeholders continued. Please refer to the Attachment.

5. **30-day Forecast:**

- A. Meeting with the Wisconsin Election Administration Council (WI-EAC) on Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in Madison, for review and endorsement of the State's Draft 2009-2014 HAVA Plan.
- B. Meeting with/and making presentation at the Wisconsin County Clerks Association's 109 Annual Training Symposium on Tuesday, June 23, 2009, in Prairie du Chen.
- D. Meeting with representatives of the Legislative Technology Services Bureau to discuss opportunities for collaboration.
- E. Meeting with the Government Accountability Board's Accessibility Advisors to review and comment on the State's Application for FFY-10 HAVA Section 261 Funds for Accessibility.
- F. Conduct a series of engagement sessions with clerks around the State to solicit comments and feedback on a new communication protocol.
- G. Continue to meet with the Wisconsin Election Data Collection System (WEDCS) Partners.

Action Items:

This is an informational report. No action is required of the Board at this time.

Statewide Voter Registration System Update

Barbara A. Hansen, SVRS Project Director

Introduction

The following Statewide Voter Registration System (SVRS) activities took place since the May 5, 2009, meeting of the Government Accountability Board:

1. Software Upgrade(s)

On May 20, 2009, there was a fix in SVRS version 6.6, Patch 2. This fix updated the stored procedures used for all HAVA Checks so that when a HAVA Check is run from the voter record, it is logged on to the voter activity history so that the clerk user can see that the HAVA Check was run. Before this fix, the user could only identify the first time a HAVA Check was run from the Voter Application Screen.

2. System Outage

On the afternoon of May 22, 2009, SVRS users experienced an outage of services caused by a problem with the DET Storage Area Network (SAN). Services were restored in approximately one hour. Subsequently, while trying to clean up after the SAN failure on May 27, DET staff ran a script that inadvertently created functionality issues within SVRS Reporting and HAVA Checks, as well as other G.A.B. applications and other agencies' applications throughout the state system. Neither of these outages of services was caused by a problem within the SVRS system.

3. Four-Year Voter Record Maintenance

The statutory Four-Year Voter Record Maintenance process has been completed. All returned postcards have been processed and all follow-up with voters has been accomplished.

4. Efforts to Improve the Statewide Voter Registration System's Performance

The G.A.B. Ad-Hoc SVRS Study Team continues to evaluate the SVRS and plan for the future of the application. The Team held a total of five SVRS Clerks Listening Sessions to gather feedback on the SVRS, of which three meetings were held outside of Madison in the Town of Washington in Eau Claire County, in the Town of Dale in Outagamie County and in the Village of Sturtevant in Racine County. The Team is now compiling the information.

The Team is also working with the Bureau of Application Support at DET to evaluate the SVRS, to help develop planning metrics such as the staffing and skill levels required to support the system, and the supportability and enhanceability of the system. The Team is working on a preliminary report on the current state of the SVRS, and a Request for Information/Request for Services for the desired enhancements and improvements which should be completed shortly.

5. Retroactive HAVA Checks Status

On May 20, 2009, G.A.B. staff began running retroactive HAVA Checks in the SVRS on voters who registered on or after January 1, 2006, but before August 6, 2008, when these Checks became available in the SVRS. There are approximately 777,000 voter records eligible for the retroactive HAVA Checks.

On Friday, June 5, 2009, Retroactive HAVA Checks on all voters (771,561) that registered on/or after January 1, 2006, through August 5, 2008,* were completed (about three weeks ahead of the estimated time), and the overall match results for this period (January 1, 2006, through August 5, 2008) are:

- Overall 01/01/2006 – 08/05/2008 Match Rate for HAVA Checks: 84%
- Match Rate for DL#: 84%
- Match Rate for SS#: 84%

* Voter records between August 6, 2008, and June 5, 2009, were not “retro checked” because starting August 6, 2008, the Statewide Voter Registration’s interface with DOT and SSA functionalities went into effect, and these records were automatically HAVA Checked.

Next Steps: As each municipality’s HAVA Checks were completed, staff sent each clerk a report of the non-matches that resulted from the Checks. In July, staff will send a letter to all the voters whose check resulted in a non-match, asking the voter to contact the G.A.B. office to have their information verified. The protocol and schedule approved by the Board during its January 15, 2009, meeting, will continue to be followed. A final report will be presented to the Board at its December 14, 2009, meeting.

6. Data Interface

Clerks continue to use SVRS to run HAVA Checks to validate against Department of Transportation (DOT) and Social Security Administration (SSA) records, and to confirm matches with Department of Corrections (DOC) for felon information, and Department of Health Services (DHS) for death data, as part of on-going HAVA compliance. During the month of May (through May 27, 2009), clerks have processed 1,333 HAVA Checks with DOT/SSA in SVRS.

HAVA Checks Reported by Month by Clerks	
August 2008 (starting August 6)	23,832
September 2008	38,168
October 2008	192,994
November 2008	294,905
December 2008	172,574
January 2009	41,041
February 2009	11,912
March 2009	2,438
April 2009	14,736
May 2009	1,391
June 2009	271
Total HAVA Checks (August 6, 2008 through June 10, 2009)	794,262

Action Items (This is an informational update. No action is required of the Board at this time).

ATTACHMENT #1

GAB Election Division's Training Initiatives
5/8/2009 – 6/21/2009

Training Type	Description	Class Duration	Target Audience	Number of Classes	Number of Students
SVRS "Advanced" Election Management	Instruction for those who have taken "initial" SVRS training and need refresher training or want to work with more advanced features of SVRS.	3 types of classes: Election Management; Absentee Process; HAVA Interfaces, Reports, Labels & Mailings; 4 hours each	Experienced users of the SVRS application software.	1 class in Madison; Dane County relies trained in the HAVA Reporting functionality of SVRS prior to becoming self-providers later this year.	10
Voter Registration	Basic training in adding voter registration applications, searching for voters, updated voters.	3 hours	Municipal and county clerks, staff and temp workers who provide election support only.	The WBETS site is available to train temporary workers.	Ongoing, self-directed training is available online.
Special Registration Deputy	2005 Wisconsin Act 451 allows a qualified elector of Wisconsin to be appointed as a Special Registration Deputy (SRD) for the purpose of registering electors of any municipality in Wisconsin during periods of open voter registration.	2 hours	Qualified electors in Wisconsin.	4 classes conducted after the Spring Election in West Bend, Pewaukee and Manitowoc (2 classes for the Wisconsin League of Women Voters).	75

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WisLine	Series of 10 programs designed to keep local government officers up to date on the administration of elections in Wisconsin.	80 minute conference call, hosted by the UW Extension, conducted by Elections Division staff.	Clerks and chief inspectors; campaign treasurers and candidates.	May 13, 2009: New Clerks – What you need to know and didn't know to ask.	Average 200 per class
WBETS	Web Based Election Training System. Still under development. Reference materials were made available to the clerks in February; voter registration training made available to clerks 3/24/2008.	Varies	County and municipal clerks and their staff.	Phase 1 of eLearning training plan close to completion; Phase 2 under discussion.	Site is available for clerks to train temp workers in data entry; reliers are also able to access the site upon request.
HAVA Interfaces	Instruction in the user of the interface functionality in SVRS to check death records, felon records, DOT records and duplicate records against voter records as part of HAVA compliance requirements.	2 hours	All clerks (staff as determined by clerk).	Pilot of web-based training presented to the Standards Committee on May 14, 2008. Lessons available online June 2, 2008.	Eventually 2000+

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Other assignments	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Trainers developed an Early Voting presentation and will be soliciting input from Wisconsin's municipal and county clerks and the public.➤ Staff is updating the Wisconsin Election Administration State Plan.				

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KEVIN J. KENNEDY
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 22, 2009 Meeting

TO: Members, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

FROM: Kevin J. Kennedy, Legal Counsel
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

Prepared by: Jonathan Becker, Administrator
Ethics and Accountability Division

SUBJECT: Ethics and Accountability Division Program Activity

Campaign Finance Program

Richard Bohringer, Tracey Porter and Dennis Morvak, Campaign Finance Auditors

G.A.B. staff has partnered with both the Democratic Party of WI and the Republican Party of WI to give training sessions and answer questions regarding campaign finance and CFIS. Campaign auditors were available for the Democratic Party state convention on Friday, June 12, 2009, to answer any questions on using CFIS or general campaign finance issues. G.A.B. staff also plans to meet with representatives from all four of the legislative campaign committees before the 2009 July Continuing reporting deadline to provide training and answer any questions related to CFIS or campaign finance regulation.

Lobbying Update

Tommy Winkler, Ethics Specialist

Government Accountability Board staff continues to process 2009-2010 lobbying registrations, licenses and authorizations. The table below shows the number of registrations, licenses, and authorizations we have processed during the current legislative session. Staff continues to process lobbying matters reported by principal organizations and provide advice related to Chapter 13, *Wisconsin Statutes*, on a daily basis. Jonathan Becker conducted five informational training sessions on May 19, 20, and 28. 65 lobbyists and G.A.B. staff members attended the 90 minute sessions. Staff is currently preparing for the six month Statement of Lobbying Activities and Expenditure (SLAE) reports. All principal organizations are required to complete and file a report by July 31, 2009. The report captures the time, effort, and resources the organization devoted to lobbying from January 1 through June 30, 2009.

TABLE

2009-2010 Legislative Session: Lobbying Registration by the Numbers (Data Current as of June 15, 2009)			
	Number	Cost	Revenue Generated
Organizations Registered	690	\$375	\$258,750
Lobbyists Licenses Issued (Single)	577	\$250	\$144,250
Lobbyists Licenses Issued (Multiple)	130	\$400	\$52,000
Lobbyists Authorizations Issued	1505	\$125	\$188,125

Financial Disclosure Update
 Tommy Winkler, Ethics Specialist

Government Accountability Board staff mailed approximately 2,100 pre-printed Statements of Economic Interests to state public officials required to file a statement with the Board under Chapter 19, *Wisconsin Statutes*. As of Monday, June 15, 2009, **2,127** statements have been filed. All state public officials required to file a 2009 Statement of Economic Interests with the G.A.B. have now done so, except for one individual who has been serving in Iraq for over a year. Of those filed, **2,114** statements have been processed into the online index available on the agency's website. Statements of Economic Interests were due on or before April 30, 2009. Included below is a table of those late filers who have paid a late filing penalty. Thanks to Cindy Kreckow for her outstanding work in helping follow up with those officials required to file a 2009 statement. Staff also will send out quarterly financial disclosure statements to State Investment Board members on June 30. These statements are to be completed and returned to the G.A.B. no later than July 31, 2009.

TABLE

2009 Statement of Economic Interests – Late Filing Forfeitures Collected (Data Current as of June 15, 2009)			
Filer Name	Position Held	Date Filed	Amount Paid
Jose Carillo	Prison Industries Board – Member (active)	5/13/2009	\$10.00
Timothy Boehmer	Pharmacy Examining Board - Member (Active)	5/13/2009	\$10.00
Lief Erickson Jr.	Medical Examining Board - Member (End date 4/23/09)	5/14/2009	\$10.00
Bhupinder S. Saini	Medical Examining Board - Member *	5/15/09	\$10.00
Jamie L. Tomei (formerly Oliver)	Public Instruction/Professional Standards Council for Teachers	5/22/2009	\$10.00
Ken Thompson	Health & Educational Facilities Authority - Member (Active)	6/3/2009	\$50.00
Kurt Koepler	Wisconsin Waterway Commission - Member (Active)	6/10/2009	\$50.00

Contract Sunshine Update
Tommy Winkler, Ethics Specialist

Staff continues to process transactions reported by state agencies into the Contract Sunshine website application. Staff has worked with Sundial Software consultants to correct some functional issues in the application in order to facilitate agencies' ability to file information. Due to a lack of staff resources, the testing of the application's second version has not been completed. If additional resources become available, testing of the system's new version would be conducted and the updated version of the program would be released for use. Training of state agencies' procurement staff on the new version of the application would then be conducted.

Guidelines
Jonathan Becker, Division Administrator

Staff has begun the task of reviewing and reworking Guidelines for public comment and Board review. Guidelines currently being revised are Solicitations of Charitable Contributions, Use of Campaign Funds, and Tickets and Skyboxes.

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: For the June 22, 2009 Meeting

TO: Members, Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

FROM: Kevin J. Kennedy, Director and General Counsel
Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

Prepared by: Kevin J. Kennedy, Director and General Counsel
Sharrie Hauge, Special Assistant to the Director

SUBJECT: Administrative Activities

Agency Operations

Introduction

It continues to be an extremely busy time. The primary administrative focus has been on the agency's 2009-2011 Biennial budget process, preparing for fiscal year end close-outs, processing polling hour reimbursement payments, presentations and staff recruitment.

Noteworthy Activities

1. Additional 2009-2011 Biennial Budget Impacts

As a result of the global economic recession, it is expected that the state's \$5.7 billion deficit for fiscal year 2008-2009 and the 2009-11 biennium will increase by at least another \$1 billion and maybe as much as \$1.5 billion. On May 8, 2009, all agencies received a joint memorandum from the Department of Administration and the Office of State Employment Relations informing them of how the increased budget deficit would affect all state employees.

Governor Doyle has directed that immediate action be taken to reduce spending to address the impact of the global and economic recession on state finances. Consistent with state law and the collective bargaining agreements, the immediate actions include:

- Sixteen day furloughs (equivalent reduction in hours) in the biennium for state and University of Wisconsin employees, without exception
- Rollback of the two percent pay increase planned for June 2009 and 2010

- Prepare for employee layoffs in response to further across-the-board cuts
- Review state service contracts to reduce costs.

To date, the Department of Administration has not determined how to implement the above actions, but will be working with all state agencies to formulate a plan. Internally, we will work with all employees to ensure as much flexibility as possible when implementing the furlough days to help ease the financial burden on employees.

We will also continue to explore options for ways to reduce GPR spending and keep you apprised as we prepare for the passage of the 2009-2011 biennial budget.

2. FY-09 Budget Reconciliation

In preparation for the end of the fiscal year (June 30) the financial staff has been working diligently on completing all FY-09 purchases and reconciling the agency's operating budget. The process includes reconciling the general program revenue (GPR) and federal program balances (expenses and revenue), liquidating purchase orders and filing several year-end reports.

In preparation for FY-10, individual budget spreadsheets are being created to track the operating budget(s) per funding source. Staff is also working on budget projections for FY-10.

3. Polling Hour Reimbursements

On May 14, 2009, staff completed processing the February primary polling hour reimbursement requests. The total amount reimbursed was \$21,556.31. On May 18, 2009, staff began processing the 400 plus polling hour reimbursements for the Spring election. To date, 350 reimbursements have been processed totaling \$22,286.32.

4. Staffing

Currently, staff is in the process of recruiting for one vacant Ethics Specialist, one Communications Specialist and three vacant Information Technology positions.

5. Meetings and Presentations

I had several informal meetings and contacts with key agency stakeholders related to proposed legislation, the agency budget, and the Campaign Finance Information System (CFIS). I monitored informational meetings on lobbying organized by the Ethics and Accountability Division. I also monitored several meetings organized by the Elections Division related to the State Election Administration Plan, SVRS enhancements and clerk communications.

On May 7, 2009, I moderated a panel at the annual convention of the State Bar of Wisconsin in Milwaukee on the "*Regulation of Third-Party Issue Ads in Judicial Elections.*" Other panel participants were Brady Williamson, a noted First Amendment

scholar, and Mike McCabe of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. I also served on a panel “*What Constitutes Appropriate Judicial Campaigning?*” moderated by Chief Justice Shirley Abrahamson. Other participants on the panel included James Sample from the Brennan Center, William Johnston of the Wisconsin State Journal, Professor Charles Geyh of the Indiana Law School, Brady Williamson and Mike McCabe.

I was one of a group of election officials invited to observe the 39th Provincial General Election and 2009 Referendum Election on Electoral Reform in British Columbia. The election was held on Tuesday, May 12, 2009. I participated in background briefings on May 10, 11, 2009 as well as a post-election debriefing on May 13, 2009. Other participants included representatives from the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), and representatives of the electoral offices from the Provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and the Yukon along with Elections Canada.

The electoral reform referendum was a proposal to change the British Columbia method for selecting Members of the Legislative Assembly from a plurality vote (“first past the post”) to a rank choice voting system known as single transferable vote (STV). The proposal had been placed on the ballot for the 2005 Provincial Election and failed narrowly. The referendum failed to pass again, this time by a much wider margin. Voter turnout for the election was 52%

Ross Hein, Ann Oberle and I attended a conference on Innovations in Election Technology in Minneapolis presented by the Humphrey Institute at the University of Minnesota on May 28 and 29, 2009. The Pew Center on the States Elections Initiatives, in cooperation with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, hosted a conference in Toronto on June 4, 5, 2009 for selected election administrators on Voter Registration Modernization.

On May 20, 2009, the Governor appointed Judge Thomas Barland of Eau Claire to serve on the Government Accountability Board. Judge Barland will serve a six-year term expiring May 1, 2015. He succeeds Judge Victor Manian of Glendale. On June 12, 2009, the staff conducted a briefing for Judge Barland to provide him with background on the agency, its areas of regulation and pending agency projects.

The agency hosted the 14th Annual Heartland Conference in Madison on June 7, 8 and 9, 2009. The Ethics and Accountability Division organized the conference and put together the program which included a welcome e from the Board Chairperson, Judge Brennan, and the Lieutenant Governor, Barbara Lawton, along with speakers from the U.S. Office of Governmental Ethics, the Campaign Legal Center. Campaign finance, ethics and lobbying staff from Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin participated in the conference, including the current president of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL), Sarah Jackson of the Kentucky Registry of Campaign Finance. The agency received outstanding compliments on the program and the related functions. Tommy Winkler did an extraordinary job in handling all details of this very successful endeavor that reflected well on the agency and the State of Wisconsin.

On June 9, 2009 I met with Professor Daniel Tokaji to respond to a series of questions he and his researchers have developed. They are working on a follow up to their book, *From Registration to Recounts: The Election Ecosystems of Five Midwestern States*.

Agency legal staff met with representatives of the state Department of Justice to review the agency policies on open meetings and notices.

Looking Ahead

The staff will continue to work with the Legislature on legislative initiatives and carryout a number of organization functions related to ongoing investigations, administrative rule promulgation, informational manual revisions, wrapping up the fiscal year and the agency website.

Action Items

None