

March 9, 2004
Re: IO-04-23

You inquired whether you may serve on the board of directors of the Chesapeake Arts Center, a private non-profit organization created to promote the arts in north county. The CAC annually receives a grant from the county. Neither you nor anybody in the auditor's office routinely deals with this grant or with the CAC.

As I told you by phone, there is no problem with your participation on the board of directors. However, you may not use your title in any of your work with this organization. See, Article 9, Public Ethics Law, §5-107. You may not participate in your official county capacity in any matters concerning the CAC while you serve on the board. §5-101(a)(2)(ii).

If you have any other questions, please call me. I apologize for any inconvenience that this delayed letter may have caused you.

Sincerely,

Betsy K. Dawson
Executive Director