

ADVISORY OPINION NO. 90-56

ISSUED BY THE

WEST VIRGINIA ETHICS COMMISSION

ON MARCH 1, 1990

GOVERNMENTAL BODY SEEKING OPINION

A public employee

OPINION SOUGHT

Whether it is a violation of the Act for two public employees to act as Trustees of a checking account containing funds deposited to pay expenses for a National Conference for a certain group of public employees?

OTHER FACTS RELIED UPON BY THE COMMISSION

The State of West Virginia will host a National Conference for a certain group of public employees this year.

The group anticipates expenses for the conference of approximately \$80,000. The Commission has previously approved the solicitation of funds by lobbyists and others who may desire to assist in defraying the conference expenses.

Two public employees request an opinion from the Commission to allow a private individual to deposit monies collected in a checking account from which the two public employees will write checks and draw funds from the account to pay expenses for the conference. The checks would require the signature of both public employees.

PERTINENT STATUTORY PROVISIONS RELIED UPON BY THE COMMISSION

None applicable.

ADVISORY OPINION

It is the Commission's opinion that it would not be a violation of the Ethics Act for two public employees to write checks and draw funds obtained for the payment of conference expenses and to act as Trustees for funds deposited in an account for the purpose of sponsoring a National Conference for public employees.



CHAIRMAN