

IOWA ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD

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James A. Albert, Chair	Urbandale.....	April 30, 2009
Janet Carl	Grinnell.....	April 30, 2009
Patricia Harper.....	Waterloo	April 30, 2011
Betsy Roe	Pella	April 30, 2010
Gerald Sullivan.....	Cedar Rapids.....	April 30, 2011
John Walsh	Dubuque.....	April 30, 2010

The Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board was created to promote the public’s trust and confidence in government. The board administers the campaign laws in Iowa Code chapter 68A as applied to all state and local elections for public office and ballot issues in Iowa. The board also oversees the ethical conduct of officials and employees of the executive branch of state government and candidates for statewide office under Iowa Code chapter 68B. The board provides advice to local governmental personnel concerning the application of the applicable laws in Iowa Code chapter 68B, but does not conduct investigations or impose sanctions on local governmental personnel for violations of the chapter. The board ensures the lawful behavior of persons who engage in lobbying activities before the executive branch of state government as provided in Iowa Code chapter 68B. The board also enforces Iowa Code section 8.7 requiring state agencies to file reports with the board disclosing gifts, bequests, and grants that the agencies receive. Finally, the board receives copies of certain filings by federal candidates and officeholders. The board’s administrative rules implementing these statutory provisions are found in the Iowa Administrative Code under the agency identification number 351.

The board enforces the statutes and rules under its jurisdiction and is guided by the principles of fairness and consistency. The board strives to enforce the law while not discouraging individuals from being involved in the political process or in state government. The board seeks to educate those persons who come under its jurisdiction concerning the requirements of Iowa law and embraces technological changes to better serve the public.