

reason other than nonpayment of premiums. With respect to the second function, the Fund acts as any private insurance company and is subject to regulation by the State Insurance Commissioner.

Every owner of a motor vehicle registered in Maryland must maintain the basic required primary coverage of \$20,000/\$40,000 bodily injury, \$10,000 property damage, and \$2,500 economic loss coverage. Such compulsory insurance reduces substantially the number of uninsured claims. It is not expected, however, that uninsured claims will disappear completely. There will be hit-and-run accidents, out-of-state uninsured drivers, and Marylanders who will not comply with the law.

The Fund receives no general funds from the State, and its assets are not part of the State Treasury. Present Fund assets are derived from four sources: 1) monies collected from premiums and earnings from investments (Code 1957, Art. 48A, secs. 243-243L); 2) assessments, when required, levied against all automobile insurers (Code 1957, Art. 48A, secs. 243A, 243M-243N); 3) funds recovered from uninsured motorists by the Uninsured Division; and 4) penalties imposed by the Motor Vehicle Administration against uninsured motorists (Code Transportation Article, secs. 17-101 through 17-110).

The Fund is governed by an eleven-member Board of Trustees. Five members of the Board are appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent and serve at the Governor's pleasure. Five members are appointed by the Board of Directors of the Industry Automobile Insurance Association. The Executive Director of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund serves ex officio (Code 1957, Art. 48A, sec. 243M). The chairperson is selected by the Board, and the position alternates, for each successive term, between industry and government appointees. The Board advises the Executive Director and formulates policy for the Fund.

Appointed by the Board of Trustees, the Executive Director is responsible for the exercise of all duties conferred on the Fund, except those reserved to the Board of Trustees.

BALTIMORE CONVENTION CENTER AUTHORITY

Robert S. Hillman, *Chairperson*, 1992

Appointed by Governor (who also designates chair) with Senate advice and consent: William Brown, 1991; Earl Linehan, 1991; Thomas J. D'Alesandro III, 1992; Norman M. Glasgow, Sr., 1992.

Ex officio: Charles L. Benton, Jr., Secretary of Budget & Fiscal Planning; J. Randall Evans, Secretary of Economic & Employment Development.

Vacancy, *Executive Director*

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The Baltimore Convention Center Authority was formed in 1990 (Chapter 225, Acts of 1990). The Authority is to evaluate existing convention facilities and prepare a citywide plan for facilities and services needed to attract conventions, conferences, and expositions to Baltimore City. The Authority makes recommendations on expanding and enhancing the Baltimore Convention Center in terms of location, purpose, design, function, capacity, parking, costs, funding mechanisms, and sources of revenue.

Appointed by the Governor with Senate advice and consent, five members of the Authority serve two-year terms. The Secretary of Budget and Fiscal Planning and the Secretary of Economic and Employment Development serve ex officio as non-voting members. The Governor designates the chairperson. Authorization for the Authority continues until June 30, 1992.

BLIND INDUSTRIES & SERVICES OF MARYLAND

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Frederick Puente, *Chairperson*, 1991

Appointed by Governor with Senate advice & consent: William E. Hadlock, 1991; Donald J. Morris, 1991; James R. Berens, 1992; Walter A. Brown, 1992; Joseph S. Roeder, 1992; Ellsworth (Skip) Sharpe, 1992; Jimmie Dale Flanagan, 1993; Andrew S. Gaskins, 1993; Lorraine Raffel, 1993; one vacancy.

Richard J. Brueckner, *President*

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BUDGET (CODE 36.01.03)

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| FY1991 Total Appropriation | \$1,246,300 |
| General Funds | \$1,246,300 |
| FY1991 Total Authorized Positions | 287 |

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