

*United States and the General Assembly of Maryland, state and interstate conferences and at local meetings or hearings pertaining to any matters of concern to the Board. The Chairman shall keep the Board informed of all federal, interstate, State and other natural resource programs relating to the Board's activities. The Chairman may, from time to time, appoint an alternate from either the Board or its employees to represent the Board at such hearings or meetings.*

*(b) The Chairman shall, with the approval of the Board and in accordance with the provisions of the merit system law, appoint an executive secretary and such other employees as are deemed necessary. The executive secretary shall be a person with both academic training and experience in the administration, management and/or conservation of natural resources. The compensation of the executive secretary and the other employees of the Board shall be as provided in the annual State budget. The executive secretary of the Board and all employees who as of June 1, 1964 have held such employment under Article 64A of this Code for a period of not less than six months prior thereto shall be continued as employees of the Board of Natural Resources herein created or in other reasonably similar positions in the State classified service with no diminution in salary, seniority or retirement rights and privileges.*

*(c) The Chairman shall perform such other duties as may be reasonably necessary in carrying out the duties of his office.*

*(d) It shall be the duty of departmental members of the Board to attend Board meetings and to serve on special committees of the Board. Departmental members shall assist the Board in the accumulation of information and data, and shall make available to the Board any technical assistance which may be helpful to the Board in reaching a complete understanding of problems related to the operations, activities, accomplishments and objectives of their respective departments. Each departmental member of the Board shall submit to the Board, within 90 days after the close of each fiscal year, a written report covering the operations, activities and accomplishments of his department for the preceding fiscal year. Each departmental report also shall contain pertinent information on finances and budgets of the particular department.*

*(e) It shall be the duty of ex officio members of the Board to attend Board meetings and to serve on special committees of the Board. Ex officio members shall assist the Board in the accumulation of information and data, and shall make available to the Board any technical assistance which may be helpful to the Board in reaching a complete understanding of the activities of their respective agencies or institutions so far as such activities relate to the coordinative responsibilities of the Board. Each ex officio member of the Board shall submit to the Board, within 90 days after the close of each fiscal year, a written report covering the activities of his agency or institution for the preceding fiscal year as far as such activities relate to the coordinative responsibilities of the Board. The report of each ex officio member shall include information on finances and budgets only so far as such information relates to programs of concern to the Board.*

*(f) It shall be the duty of appointive members to attend Board meetings, to serve on special committees of the Board and to assist in the coordinative activities of the Board.*