

## PREFACE

What is Maryland government today? In what form does it now stand, and with what resources does it afford us the opportunity to shape our future, and solve our common or shared problems? The *Maryland Manual 2006* is here to answer those questions. It presents the form or structure of Maryland government and, thereby, shows how we have organized our public agencies to meet the challenges of health care, education, public safety, transportation, planning, and a myriad of other public concerns. That organization is a public resource which is constantly changing.

Since the last *Manual* edition, Maryland government has added a new Department of Disabilities formed in July 2004 from the Office for Individuals with Disabilities. Its creation brings the number of principal executive departments up to nineteen. Some departmental responsibilities also have been reassigned. Within the State Department of Education, a Juvenile Services Education Program was created in June 2004 which will assume responsibility for educational services at all residential facilities of the Department of Juvenile Services by 2012. Formerly under the Department of Human Resources, the Child Care Administration moved in July 2005 to the State Department of Education where it was renamed the Office of Child Care under a new Division of Early Childhood Development. And, from the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Division of Historical and Cultural Affairs transferred to the Department of Planning in October 2005.

New to this edition are more agencies concerned with safety, security, and emergency services. The Governor's Office of Homeland Security, for example, organized in 2003. Under the Department of State Police, the Homeland Security and Intelligence Bureau (now the Homeland Security and Investigation Bureau) followed in 2004. County and municipal governments also have endeavored to strengthen their local emergency and public safety services.

In the *Maryland Manual 2006*, the new section on State Universities and Colleges has been carved from Independent Agencies, where Maryland public institutions of higher education formerly appeared.

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A year ago, Archives' photographer James S. Hefelfinger died quite suddenly in November 2004. And, the following April, Ray F. Lynch, our former editorial associate, passed away. Over the years, Jim Hefelfinger took many of the photographs (often of legislators) used in the *Maryland Manual*. While he photographed, he observed people's natures and character. He told jokes on us who live on the Western Shore, spun tales of Eastern Shore antics and lore, and informed many of us about the details of Eastern Shore daily life. Ray Lynch, his Western Shore friend, continually and with infinite patience analyzed the work before him in a constant effort to make it more efficient, yet retain its accuracy. Ray's eagle eye often was the first to spot a problem, and his quick mind the first to devise its best solution. For such a quick-witted man, he was so modest. We miss them both dearly.

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