

member representing each of the following fields: agriculture, atomic energy, industry, education, law, medicine, Maryland Port Authority, power, public health, transportation, and sanitary engineering.

The Commission was created to advise the Governor and State officials on matters arising from the peaceful application of atomic energy. Application of atomic energy to peaceful pursuits can result in situations involving governmental responsibility of the State which are novel and without precedent. Ready access to the advice of qualified experts representing these various scientific disciplines, professions, productive arts and sectors of economic activity enables the State government to cope with the new situations or grasp new opportunities for economic development which arise from the peaceful application of atomic energy (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 359A).

### OCEAN CITY CONVENTION HALL COMMISSION

Chairman: J. Marshall Stewart, 1973

Albert Berger, 1970; John B. Lynch, 1971; J. Warren Frame, 1972; G. Maxwell Armor, Jr., 1974.

Consultants: Vladimir A. Wahbe, Secretary, Department of State Planning; Russell O. Hickman, Member of the House of Delegates from Worcester County; Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller of the Treasury; Hugh T. Cropper, Jr., Mayor of Ocean City.  
Earl G. Baird, Executive Director  
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The Ocean City Convention Hall Commission was created by Chapter 646, Acts of 1967. The Commission consists of five members, all of whom are appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. The Governor selects the Chairman. At least two of the members of the Commission must be residents or property owners within the corporate limits of Ocean City.

The Commission is to acquire land in Ocean City and arrange for a suitable structure to be erected and operated for housing religious, business and professional conventions, cultural conferences, industrial exhibits, trade shows, and other events which might stimulate the tourist trade and economy of the State. The structure will be known as the Ocean City Convention Hall.

The Mayor and City Council have purchased and have deeded to the State of Maryland "at no cost" a plot of land situated between 39th and 41st Streets on the west side of Philadelphia Avenue in Ocean City, which contains approximately fifteen acres.

The architectural firm of Loewer and Associates was selected to design the Ocean City Convention Hall, and after acceptance of their design, bids were submitted by several qualified contractors. The low bid was submitted by the firm of J. Roland Dashiell and Sons, Inc., of Salisbury, Maryland, and was accepted by the Department of Public Improvements.

A meeting was held on the construction site on July 25, 1969, at which time the project was reported to be fifty-seven percent completed and the completion date to be February 1970.

The Commission must submit a report annually to the Board of Public Works and the Mayor and Council of Ocean City (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., 1968 Supp., Art. 41, secs. 405-406).