



OPERATION CLEAN GOVERNMENT

N E W S L E T T E R

Evading voters, state takes on new debt over \$1 billion

By Beverly M. Clay

On September 11 the State Planning Council granted permission for the Economic Development Corporation to issue bonds at a projected cost of more than \$1 billion to be spread over 20 years for the completion of the following five major transportation projects:

- Interstate 195 relocation
- Washington Bridge replacement
- Quonset Access Road (Phase II)
- Freight Rail Improvement Project (FRIP)
- Sakonnet River Bridge Replacement

Rhode Island taxpayers are being handed this huge debt in the form of GARVEE bonds (Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles), authorized by the National Highway System Designation Act of 1995, which allows states to finance large projects with anticipated future federal highway funds. However, the federal government does not back GARVEE bonds.

In addition, because the GARVEE portion (up to \$585 million) and the required state match (\$125 million) did not go to the voters, they do not have the full faith and credit of the state. The state match will be funded annually with 2 cents of the RI gasoline tax (approximately \$9.4 million a year) and will be reported as "tax supported debt" in the state's capitol budget.

The following questions arise. Why didn't the government seek voter approval and the full faith and credit of the state? RI cannot afford to let these bonds default without detriment to the state's bond rating. And if 2 cents of the gasoline tax is not adequate for the state match, taxpayers will have to make up the difference. How many times over the next 20 years will the gas tax be raised to cover this debt? Also, what would happen if future federal funds do not meet expectations? Prospective transportation projects and maintenance would suffer, not the bond payments.

Both Alaska and Arkansas settled this dilemma with referenda questions, which voters approved. As a result, in April 2003, Alaska received an interest rate of 3.172% for their 10 year, \$102.8 million GARVEE bond. The estimated rate for the RI GARVEEs is 5.1%. Clearly, Rhode Island could have saved millions of dollars with a more favor-

able interest rate had this question gone before the voters.

Without much public attention, this plan surfaced in the governor's budget in March of this year and received general assembly approval in June.

To avoid putting the issue before the voters, the Economic Development Corp., a quasi-public agency, will issue these transportation bonds. Quasi-publics have been allowed to bypass voter approval on such projects as required by the state constitution. To make matters worse, the *Providence Journal* reported on Sept. 23, that out of 26 quasi-public agencies only two have filed with the secretary of state the identities of consultants hired and how much they have been paid.

Three days before the September 11th meeting of the State Planning Council, Operation Clean Government (OCG) submitted 14 written questions which were answered in writing by the DOT. However, OCG's questions and DOT's responses failed to prompt any questions from members of the planning council before they voted unanimously to approve these bonds.

OCG's research also included information about other states' use of GARVEEs. As of December 8, 2002, as reported in the Federal Highway Administration's quarterly newsletter "Innovative Finance," only eight states had used GARVEEs, most with fewer dollars and shorter payback periods than RI, thereby reducing interest costs.

Some advantages attributed to the use of GARVEEs include: projects completed at a faster rate; construction costs reduced by avoiding future inflation costs; 2,600 construction jobs created between 2004 and 2008; and maintenance costs avoided for projects waiting to be funded by traditional means. Other benefits from early completion of the projects include the stimulus to the RI economy and fewer traffic tie-ups. Additionally, bond interest rates are at an all time low.

Disadvantages include: cost overruns or delays beyond what has been budgeted would be paid for with state transportation funds; federal funding for future projects

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Ethics panel crippled by lack of commissioners

By Janice F. Carlson

Operation Clean Government (OCG) recently called upon House Speaker William Murphy and House Minority Leader Robert Watson to immediately forward to Governor Carcieri their long overdue respective nominations for RI Ethics Commission panel members.

Representative Watson's nominations,

September 16, 2003, the opinion was rendered. The delay was specifically due to previous quorum deficiencies and not an overabundance of Advisory Opinions for the commission to answer. Actually, as of September 16th it was the only one the RIEC had left to answer.

Another example of the Ethics



Photo by Ralph Greco

Ethics Commission members from left to right: James V. Murray, Francis J. Flanagan, Robin L. Main, George Weavill, Jr., Richard Kirby, Chairperson. Other members are James Lynch Sr., Patricia M. Moran and James C. Segovis.

to replace former commissioner Thomas Goldberg, are more than a year overdue. As are Speaker Murphy's nominations to replace Commission Chairperson Richard Kirby. On August 12 and 22, 2003 OCG called on both Representatives to fulfill their duty and send nominations to the Governor. Neither Representative has responded to our calls.

The Commission is comprised of nine Rhode Islanders. Four are appointed directly by the Governor; five are appointed by the Governor from lists of nominees submitted by the majority and minority leaders in the House and Senate and by the House Speaker, respectively.

Since January 2003, the Ethics Commission has cancelled six meetings because it was unable to muster a quorum. Other meetings have been cut short when members recused themselves from voting on Advisory Opinions or complaints.

For instance, Governor Carcieri's Executive Director of RI Economic Development, Michael McMahon had a request in for an Advisory Opinion pending since May 2003.

The commission's response was deferred at several meetings due to a lack of a quorum even though Mr. McMahon was present for at least one hearing. Finally, on

Commission's inability to function wholly occurred at an April 1, 2003 hearing on OCG's complaint against former Speaker John Harwood for allowing lobbyist Robert Goldberg to represent the Joint Committee on Legislative Services (JCLS) without a vote of the full committee. Only four RIEC Commissioners out of a possible nine were present to vote on the issue. Consequently, in a three-to-one vote this very important matter was dismissed.

OCG, as part of its solid advocacy for Separation of Powers and the Executive Branch's right to make all appointments to state Boards and Commissions, asked in a recent press release that Governor Carcieri strongly encourage legislative leaders to forward to him nominations to the RI Ethics Commission. OCG further requests that the Governor fulfill his duty by making these important appointments as soon as the nominations are forthcoming.

As a result of the inexcusable failure to fill open commission positions and replace members whose terms have expired, the people of RI who voted (in 1986) for an Ethics Commission, one of the most powerful constitutional ethics bodies in the country, are being deprived of the commission's ability to strongly advocate against corruption and conflicts of interest.

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Remembering Sid Green

By Bruce Lang

On July 21, 2003, Sid Green, one of Operation Clean Government's founding Board members and a truly unique human being, passed away. Sid had been one of the leaders of The RI Taxpayers Association which, along with US PAC and Operation Clean Sweep, merged in the fall of 1993 to create Operation Clean Government.



Sid Green

Born in 1921, Sid saw incredible changes in our country during his 82 years which were all lived in Providence. He was in the true sense a political activist, a good citizen and a true friend to many people.

Tedi, his wife of 59 years, said that even she did not know the scope of all his ac-

tivities and all the things he did for people along the way.

A 1938 graduate of Hope High School, Sid owned for many years Hub Wholesale & Atlas Home Supply which sold appliances, clothing, jewelry and general merchandise to house-to-house salesmen and directly to consumers.

In spite of his many physical problems (over 30 operations), Sid was always cheerful and positive and worked tirelessly for many community and social organizations. He certainly is well-remembered for his persistent and outspoken attempts to make the City of Providence more open and accountable to its citizens.

Anyone who knew Sid well will always remember his outgoing and friendly nature. He was a persuasive, honest, thoughtful person who had a great deal of passion for many things including good government. He will be missed.

OCG's Tenth Annual Meeting November 6

The tenth annual meeting for OCG will be held in conjunction with the monthly board meeting at 6:45 PM at the Crowne Plaza, Warwick.

Election of Officers and Directors will take place, as well as voting on proposed by-law amendments. Members will receive these by mail in the next two weeks.

The following nominations, submitted by the organization committee, have been approved by the board.

Officers:

Chair	Robert P. Arruda, Warwick
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Will Barbeau, Barrington
David C. Clarke, Barrington
Andrew Galli, Providence
June Spink, North Kingstown
Will Touret, Providence

2 year director:

Sandra L. Thompson, East Greenwich

This slate presents two new members, Will Barbeau and Sandra Thompson. Andy Galli is a former member of the board.

Will Barbeau ran a pioneering PR firm in Providence for 32 years in partnership with his wife Melissa. They retired in 1994. His pro bono work involved environmental and civic issues including stopping development of East Beach in Charlestown, rescuing striped bass and keeping McDonalds out of Barrington. Photography was one of the tools of his trade as well as a hobby. Although most clients were industrial they included many other types of or-



Will Barbeau



Andy Galli



Sandra L. Thompson

ganizations throughout New England and New York.

Andy Galli lives with his wife Elba in Providence. A former board member of OCG, Andy is currently working with OCG's State of the State Cable TV Show, OCG's 2004 Candidate School, and serves on the board of the Hebb Foundation.

He served as a former Executive Director of The Coalition for Consumer Justice and is now a member of a number of non-profit boards and commissions.

Andy is founder of Civics First Rhode Island and principal of Rhode Island Campaigns, LLC. Andy has been active in electoral politics and public service working on several prominent campaigns.

Presently Andy is working with the Fund for Community Progress as Campaign Coordinator.

Sandra L. Thompson moved to Rhode Island from Ohio in 1985 and settled in East Greenwich with her husband Paul and daughter Heather. The Thompsons have a son and two grandchildren who remained in Ohio.

They opened a printing company in downtown Providence in 1987 and retired last year when they sold the business.

She is a Midwesterner who grew up in Minnesota, and as an admitted political junkie, she was active in grassroots politics in the 60's and eventually earned a delegate seat at the Minnesota State Convention.

A graduate with a teaching degree from the University of Minnesota, she has taught junior and senior high school English and speech.

Citizen voices have been heard!

(But now stay alert till Nov. '04)

By Will Barbeau

You've raised your voices together and you've been heard – so clearly that not a single dissenting vote was cast in the Assembly on the Separation of Powers (SOP) bills! Think of it! Just last year, the reps wouldn't even discuss it!

How did this happen? As citizen watchdogs you will see few campaigns turn out so well. But it's only the start: there must still be a strong "Yes" vote for Question # 1 on next fall's ballot.

And even then, that is just a beginning; new methods must soon be enacted for effective Assembly oversight of the many boards and commissions that will be restaffed in future months.

Operation Clean Government itself grew into a stronger, more effective citizen's watch-



SOP Forum in January at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, sponsored by OCG

dog group as it worked on SOP with as many as 34 other groups – as well as with countless individuals, politicians and other leaders. It's been a wonderful adventure for all of you who took part in forums; made phone calls; wrote e-mails, letters and Op/Eds, filed amicus briefs, and testified before the Ethics Commission.

Do you remember the community's strong reaction to OCG's testimony in 1996 when the Ethics Commission was told of Rep. Vinnie Mesolella's \$100,000 campaign fund? As Chairman of the Narragansett Bay Commission he was accepting campaign contributions from vendors and employees of the NBC! The Ethics Commission's new regulations barring legislators from boards and commission's set the stage for the coming SOP campaign.

And the following year, do you remember the great Separation of Powers debate, sponsored by OCG, with Sheldon Whitehouse, Phil West and Joseph S. Larisa, Jr arguing against "Senator Scary" and "Rep. Rattled" – played by Arlene Violet and Catherine Orloff in costume? (six General Assembly leaders had refused to appear.)

The humor, drama, and TV coverage spread the SOP message much farther than to the 200 people attending! And Ethics Commission Chairman Richard Morsilli was presented with a Golden Broom Award for the new regs against reps sitting on boards and commissions. SOP was rolling.

Then, you'll recall how SOP was raised even higher in public awareness after Governor Almond requested an advisory opinion in 1998 from the State Supreme Court on the Ethics Commission's new regulations. OCG's attorney Rob Senville submitted one of seven amicus briefs. The court's defense

of current legislative practice as being that of a "quintessential parliamentary" system made it clear to most citizens that they were dealing with a stacked deck.

Through the years you were patiently persistent. OCG members were part of the original SOP Task Force begun by Common Cause in 1994. Legislators who sponsored the issue ignored constant rebuffs and never quit.

You learned the importance of education. The original SOP Task Force had to teach the meaning and importance of the issue to many editorialists and other community leaders who could then reach others.

Everyone learned to cooperate. Many groups joined forces. OCG met frequently with Common Cause, Red Alert and other groups which evolved into the Separation

of Powers Coalition – some 34 organizations united in purpose.

Constant communications kept the issue alive. The many seminars and forums that were held enabled people to ask questions and receive answers. Sixty thousand tabloid newsletters were inserted by OCG into weekly newspapers helping to convince legislators that voters were fully informed – and would not be easily misled or deceived.

Another communications effort reaching thousands of Rhode Islanders was Operation Clean Government's four "State of the State" cable TV shows on SOP. Although the audiences were never counted, feedback was noticed from two sources: citizens who mentioned them. . .and legislators . . .some of whom seemed discomfited.

And of course, money was useful. Many of you contributed to the Rhode Island Separation of Powers coalition (RISOP) which helped to get the word out.

Phone calls to legislators and letters to newspapers were absolutely crucial. These actions by citizen/voters were the most persuasive of all. Legislators respond to voters. And you were right there, over and over again.

OCG's strongest contribution to the Separation of Powers campaign, however, has been people power. . .particularly when voters are getting ready to mark their ballots. The elections of 2000 and 2002 each had a non-binding referendum. It was critical that voters approve them. These were the focus points of OCG's many-faceted communications campaigns. The fact that each was approved by a very large majority played strongly in the subsequent debates.

So, citizens, rejoice. You HAVE a voice! Keep using it!

Quasi-public boards fail to report consultants or fees

By Robert P. Arruda

Recently, the Secretary of State publicly acknowledged that only nine out of more than 600 RI state departments, boards and quasi-public agencies filed information about their consultants with his office in the first half of this year.

Only two of 26 quasi-public agencies, many populated with members of the general assembly, have done so. This even though there is a 1985 state law that requires such agencies to identify which consultants have been hired and how much they have been paid.

The excuses from some of the quasi-publics for non-compliance range from ignorance of the state law to the belief that the law does not apply to them. Secretary of State Matt Brown has made it clear there is no question that the law applies to all quasi-publics. He will send letters to all governmental departments and agencies requesting timely compliance.

The lack of compliance and accountability is staggering and has potentially serious implications for political conflicts of in-

terest and the awarding of contracts as political favors.

Accountability and oversight are crucial in a state that has seen more than its share of questionable contracts, political patronage and huge cost overruns.

Not only does the state need to enforce compliance of this law, but also to conduct performance audits of several agencies in order to review the validity of the millions of dollars in contracts that are awarded annually.

Time and again, we see the wisdom of an independent Inspector General, as has been advocated by OCG, who would have the authority to review contracts, conduct audits and investigations and also force compliance with state law.

Where the Secretary of State's office has no enforcement authority and the state Attorney General seems not only unwilling to act, but also in non-compliance of this law, an Inspector General would have the authority to do so and also the incentive to protect the taxpayer.

Elected Officials Above the Law Where's the Outrage?

By Sandra L. Thompson

Once again the Rhode Island Ethics Commission is proven to be an ineffective watchdog to wrong doing on the part of our public officials.

And once again Atty. Gen. Patrick Lynch plays party politics when it comes to investigating elected officials who behave improperly, using their power to perform favors for friends.

I am referring to the phone call placed by State Representative and majority whip Rene Menard to Woonsocket Police Detective Todd Brien, another Democratic legislator, asking him to blackout the name of a Massachusetts school official who was arrested for allegedly soliciting prostitutes on June 24.

The police arrest log is a matter of public record and tampering with it in any manner is breaking the law. The incident came to light when a Massachusetts news reporter who had heard about the arrest asked to see the report. When it was given to her it was noticed that the name was blacked out.

The Woonsocket Police did an internal investigation and filed a report with the AG's office. Patricia Morgan, Rhode Island Republican state chairwoman, filed papers asking for an investigation.

Finally, on Friday, September 19, at the close of the business day, too late for the evening news, Deputy Atty. Gen. Gerald Coyne released his finding that "While it is troubling that Representative Menard did not recognize the inappropriateness of contacting a member of the Woonsocket police in an attempt to cause the withholding of public information related to this arrest, his action did not lead — directly or indirectly — to the temporary withholding of information which did occur. While inappropriate, his

actions were not criminal." Now how confusing is that?

The story appeared below the fold in the local news section in *The Providence Journal* on Saturday, the slowest of news days.

Prior to going to the attorney general, Morgan asked the Rhode Island Ethics Commission to investigate, but they declined on the grounds that state law limits its power to cases of financial gain. Menard admitted to making the call but would not reveal the person who requested the favor. And so Menard and Brien get away with not even a slap on the wrist.

The explanation of the incident by the Woonsocket Police Dept. couldn't be more convoluted, using the overused miscommunication excuse. Ten paragraphs out of the 14 paragraph *Journal* article were taken up with the explanation of what happened.

Still the name of the actual individual who did the blacking out is not given. It seems like Atty. Gen. Lynch is telling the public that politicians interfering in the legal system has no consequences.

If we do not express our outrage over this unethical and possibly illegal behavior by our public officials, we can expect more of the same.

Maybe it is time for the new General Assembly leadership to set up a process to censure their own and call for State Rep. Menard to step down from his leadership position.

Let Speaker Murphy know you are paying attention and you care about ethics in R.I. government. Call him at 222-2466 or 861-1142. or email at: rep-murphy@rilin.state.ri.us

Should the King Charles Charter be relocated?

By Will Barbeau

Just outside the Senate Chamber in the State House stands the imposing "Charter Safe." Mounted on its rear wall is the original King Charles Charter, issued July 8, 1663. A little math tells us that the illustrious document is exactly 340 years old.

More interesting than its age, however, is the fact that it is not listed in the "Chronology of U.S. Historical Documents" published on the University of Oklahoma College of Law web site. This list for the 1650 – 1670 era includes the Connecticut Colony Charter (1662) and The Thanksgiving Proclamation of 1676. Rhode Island's famed charter is listed under "What Happened This Day In Church History – July 8, 1663." Does this

make it a religious artifact rather than a governing document?

Rhode Island's King Charles Charter – listed as an event in *church history* on a religious web site – is praised with a glowing description of the unique religious freedoms it initiated (better than in England itself). It ends with this humorous sentence: "Curiously enough, Rhode Island operated under this charter for almost two hundred years, even after the Revolutionary War."



King Charles

Oh, how well we know! It's tantalizing to imagine that the Charter was never intended for general governance, but rather simply for religious observance. And since these were totally entwined in those days - should the charter have expired when church and state were separated?

The Charter Safe also previously contained the state's original copy of the Declaration of Independence and the Gaspee Commission. These were removed to the state archives in 1993. Is it thinkable that with a new day in Rhode Island government on the horizon, the King Charles Charter might be more appropriately located in, say, the First Baptist Church building?



King Charles Charter outside the Senate Chamber

OCG celebrates with picnic

Operation Clean Government held its second annual picnic at Goddard State Park on September 27th. The crowd enjoyed the sparkling day and great food. Many thanks to Barbara Ball and Hal Meyer for their efforts and especially to Linda Meyer who served up a fabulous feast.



Left: Hal and Linda Meyer
Below: (from left around the table) Robert Arruda, Mimi DeCesaris, Jim DeCesaris, David Clarke, Will Touret, Sarah Howe and Carol Driver.



Reserve this date !
OCG's Non-Partisan
Second Biennial Candidates' School
to be held March 27, 2004
at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick

Needed: a balanced two-party political process

By Sandra L. Thompson

Citizens of Rhode Island, look at what we the people have accomplished. A Separation of Powers amendment to the state constitution will appear on the November 2004 ballot.

Many said it would never happen and resigned themselves to "business as usual" in Rhode Island. But we were successful, and why? Because ordinary people, under the courageous leadership of reform minded legislators and community advocacy groups for government reform, dedicated themselves to making a change.

We did not give up, and the General Assembly heard, loud and clear, that we were not going away. We need to keep that determination and effort alive by putting our elected officials on notice that we the people plan to take back our government by *letting no General Assembly seat go unchallenged in 2004*.

We see, on a daily basis, the corruption, waste and government of, by and for the *favored few* that is the result of one political party wielding the power in Rhode Island. There seems to be a history in our state of one party rule. In the early 20th century the Republicans were in control, but that changed after the Bloodless Revolution of 1935 when the Democrats assumed power and have been in control ever since with little or no improvement in the quality of government.

Any party that wields excessive power is the problem. Do we want to be known as "A State for Sale?" Our democracy works as it should when there is a real choice in every office in every election.

Competition is good for our society. It promotes value, progress, and honesty. Issues are openly debated in the public forum. Expenditures are out in the open. Questions are asked. The people then have the opportunity to evaluate government performance and make informed decisions.

Even with separation of powers (which

still needs to pass in 2004), not much will change, when as now, the General Assembly can easily overturn a veto from the governor.

Politics is an essential part of representative government. A strong opposing party serves as a watchdog to the party in power. When the powerful go unchallenged, they can create all sorts of mischief as we have experienced in the form of secret expenditures and political patronage to name a few.

They will continue to serve the special interests of those who get them elected whether or not it is in the best interest of the general public. A strong two party system will go a long way to ending corruption, secrecy and waste in our government.

So, what do we do? Seriously consider running for office or encouraging others to run. Talk it up at work, in the organizations you belong to and at social gatherings. Get Rhode Islanders interested in public service and taking back their government.

Support these candidates in whatever way you can, either financially or through volunteering time and energy to help with the campaign. It is an investment that will benefit in growth and opportunity for our state. Our children should not have to leave Rhode Island to find good paying jobs with a future.

And finally, participate in our democratic process. Question the candidates. Make them understand that they work for the people and that we are going to be watching their votes and their behavior in office. And then do it.

We the taxpayers have been paying the bills with little if any say in how the money is spent. Now is the time to put our elected officials on notice; the people of Rhode Island are back and challenging them to *listen* to the voters.

Our founding fathers provided power to we the people, but it is up to us to use it wisely.

OCG is considering a name change

As OCG approaches its ten year anniversary, the board of directors is exploring the idea of a name change for the group that will best reflect the ideas and goals that we aspire to achieve for the future.

Although the name "Operation Clean Government" has served us well to this point, it is felt by some to not adequately describe the role of our group as it has evolved, nor

does it connote permanency.

We would appreciate your feedback as to the relevancy of a name change and any ideas you may have for a new name.

Please email your comments and suggestions to ocgov@aol.com or write to:

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Warwick, RI 02888

Don't Miss Operation Clean Government's State of the State Cable TV Show

Sundays at 8 A.M. on Cox Channel 13 (*statewide*)
Thursdays at 9 P.M. and Fridays at 3 P.M. on Cox Channel 18
(*in central areas of Rhode Island*)

Shows are taped on the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Each production runs for two weeks, except when there are five Thursdays in a month, a show may run three weeks.

To receive email announcements of the content of the programs, send us your email address through the OCG website, www.ocgri.org, requesting to be on our list for notifications and other OCG news.

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and pay-as-you-go projects would be reduced annually by approximately \$54 million for 20 years; and there is no guarantee that future federal funding will stay at current levels. Because federal funding is done in six-year cycles it would also mean RI's 20-year payback period would depend on four cycles of new funding rates.

The *Providence Journal* noted in an August 30, 2003 article that the Almond administration elected not to use GARVEE bonds. Furthermore, RIPEC (Rhode Island Public Expenditure Council) has stated that Rhode Island's proposed heavy reliance on the GARVEEs is unduly risky.

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While these construction projects may be worthy, does RI really need to fund all five projects now at a cost over \$1 billion? And should we tie up \$54 million of federal funding for each of the next 20 years, leaving fewer dollars for maintenance and pay-as-you-go projects?

But more importantly, shouldn't the voters have had a say in this huge commitment of state taxpayer dollars? It seems more public forums and education of the voters about these bonds would have gone a long way in answering the many questions raised by the September 11th action of the State Planning Council for Transportation Projects.

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WHO WE ARE...

OPERATION CLEAN GOVERNMENT is a grassroots organization working to bring about positive changes in Rhode Island state government. We advocate the passage of legislation which will provide Honest, Responsible and Responsive state government. We file court suits and ethics complaints and alert the public to government wrongdoing via OCG newsletters, press releases, opinion pieces on editorial pages and appearances in the electronic media. Dues are \$12 for an individual membership and \$15 for a family membership. Donations of any amount are also welcome. As an all volunteer organization, there are no salaries or compensation other than the satisfaction that we are giving our best effort to make a positive difference in Rhode Island. Our costs include newsletters, mailings, court filing fees, office materials and supplies, publicity and public forums.

OCG MEMBERSHIP FORM

YES, I want to join other Rhode Island citizens and help to promote Honest, Responsible and Responsive State Government.

New member Renewal

My membership contribution to OPERATION CLEAN GOVERNMENT is enclosed:

\$12 Individual \$15 Family (list all names to be included) \$25 \$50 \$100 \$___ Other

Name(s) _____ Home Phone _____

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OCG is a non-profit organization, however contributions are not tax deductible because our activities include lobbying.

Yes, I would like to volunteer some time or participate on one or more of the OCG committees. Please call me.

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