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Frederick M. Herrmann, Executive Director of the New Jersey Election Law Enforcement Commission, has been named Chairperson of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL).

At COGEL's annual conference in Quebec City, Canada, last week, Herrmann was selected to lead the 150-member international organization during the next year.

"This position is indeed gratifying to me personally as well as an honor for the Election Law Enforcement Commission," said Herrmann. "Without a doubt, it demonstrates that COGEL members from throughout the United States and Canada consider the Commission to be at the forefront in the field of campaign financial disclosure."

COGEL is a private, non-profit international organization that serves as a professional association for governmental agencies in the United States and Canada charged with the responsibility for regulation of governmental ethics, elections, campaign finance, and lobbying.

"I strongly believe that membership in COGEL provides an excellent means for keeping informed of the latest developments in the area of governmental ethics," said Herrmann. "It certainly contributes to the effort to sustain our citizens' faith in public officials and governmental institutions".

Herrmann, who is also the Chairperson of the Northeastern Regional Conference on Lobbying, served as a member of the COGEL Steering Committee during the past year. As International Membership Chairperson in 1987 and Eastern Regional Chairperson in 1986, he played a key role in doubling the size of the organization over a period of two years.

Executive Director of the Election Law Enforcement Commission since June, 1984, Herrmann worked for the New Jersey Legislature in the area of election law for eight years prior to coming to the agency.

He holds an AB from the University of Pennsylvania and a doctorate in American Political History from Rutgers University. Herrmann has taught at Rutgers University and Kean College and is the author and co-author of numerous books, articles, and reviews in New Jersey history and government. He recently published an article on New Jersey's pioneer gubernatorial public financing program.

Herrmann said, "I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation. Hopefully I can contribute to the already strong efforts toward governmental ethics and campaign financial disclosure in New Jersey as well as to an overall positive atmosphere for ethics in public life throughout the nation and Canada."