

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC (#30098):

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2009 the contribution limit from a political fund to a State Senate candidate was \$100 as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(4). In 2009 the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC (the "Fund") made a contribution of \$126.67 to the People to Re-elect Senator Steve Murphy Committee. The contribution exceeded by \$26.67 the applicable limit of \$100. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
  
2. In a letter dated April 20, 2010, Ted Vanderbeek, treasurer, states, "It appears there was a data input error with our...accounting system by our staff person in regards to this check printed and issued from the MPFF PAC account. The amount entered was for the Committee's Registered PAC number 12667 and not for the authorized amount of \$100. ...We agree that because the check was cashed and reported that the violation occurred but it was an unintentional mistake and ultimately is our fault."

3. Board records show that this is the first violation for the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(c), which prohibits a political fund from making an excess contribution to a principal campaign committee. The Fund registered with the Board on August 19, 1974.

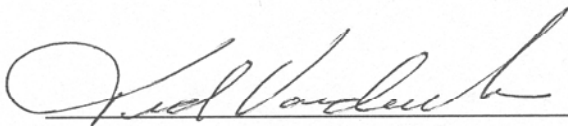
4. The parties agree that the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC made a contribution in the amount of \$126.67 to the aforementioned principal campaign committee in calendar year 2009, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(c).

5. The Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$53.34 to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. This civil penalty represents two times the amount by which the total contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The assessment of a penalty of two times the amount of the violation recognizes that this matter involved a facially excessive contribution.

6. Ted Vanderbeek, treasurer, hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$53.34 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within thirty days after the date this Agreement is signed by both parties. It is agreed by the parties that the payment of the civil penalty and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$53.34 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, the terms of this conciliation agreement will be violated and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

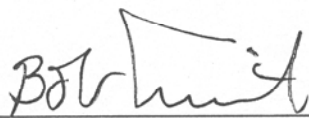
8. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Fund's treasurer and the Board Chair. Once signed, the Agreement shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11 and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.



Dated: 6-8-10

Ted Vanderbeek  
Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters PAC

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Dated: June 1, 2010

Bob Milbert, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board