

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council Political Fund (#30808):

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and the Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council Political Fund 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 State Building and Construction Trades Council Political Fund (the "Fund") made two contributions that cumulatively total \$150 to the Friends of Tom Bakk Committee. The cumulative contributions exceeded by \$50 the applicable limit. 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 June 10, 2010, Michael Hawthorne, treasurer, states "This event was unintentional and we would appreciate correcting this as quickly as possible."

3. Board records show that this is the first violation by the Fund 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 July 24, 2006.

4. The parties agree that the Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council Political Fund made cumulative contributions 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 State Building and Construction Trades Council Political Fund agrees to pay a civil penalty of \$50 to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. This civil penalty represents one times the amount by which the total contributions exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

6. Michael Hawthorne, treasurer, hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$50 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 of \$50 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 \$50 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.



Michael Hawthorne, Treasurer
Minnesota State Building and Construction Trades Council Political Fund

Dated: 8/10/2010

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Bob Milbert, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: August 3, 2010