STATE OF MINNESOTA CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the Matter of SCHA PAC;

- 1. A routine staff review by the Minnesota Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board of the Tama Theis for Minnesota House Committee's 2014 pre-primary-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures identified a contribution which, as reported, constitutes a violation of the Minnesota Statutes.
- 2. The Tama Theis for Minnesota House Committee (the Committee) reported that, on February 18, 2014, it received a contribution from SCHA PAC in the amount of \$300. The Committee is a principal campaign committee registered with the Board. SCHA PAC is an association not registered with the Board.
- 3. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 prohibits an unregistered association from contributing over \$200 to a principal campaign committee unless it provides a written disclosure statement as required by that section. The appropriate disclosure was not provided with the SCHA PAC contribution.
- 4. The Committee returned \$100 to SCHA PAC on July 21, 2014. A copy of the check used to return the contribution was provided to the Board on October 20, 2014. However, the prohibited portion of the contribution was not returned within the 90-day period within which a contribution may be returned to avoid a violation and is therefore deemed accepted.
- 5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, SCHA PAC agrees that it will refrain from making political contributions in any amount to state candidates and associations registered with the board.
- 6. SCHA PAC agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$100 against the SCHA PAC for making a contribution without providing the disclosure required by Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13. \$25 of the penalty is due within 30 days of the date the agreement is signed by both parties. \$75 of the penalty is, by the terms of this agreement, stayed until January 1, 2017. If SCHA PAC violates Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is due immediately. If SCHA PAC does not violate Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 13 before January 1, 2017, the outstanding civil penalty is waived.
- 7. If SCHA PAC does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

<u>/s/ Harry E. Burns</u>	Dated:	12/2/2014	
Executive Director			
SCHA PAC			
/s/ Gary Goldsmith	Dated:	11/18/2014	
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director			
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board			
Agreement approved by Board at meeting	of <u>Novem</u>	ber 18	, 2014
/s/ Deanna Wiener			
Deanna Wiener, Chair			
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure R	Roard		