

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Minnesota CPAs Public Affairs Committee (#70005):

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and, Mike Casserly, treasurer, hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2005, the Minnesota CPAs Public Affairs Committee (the "Committee") made cumulatively excessive contributions of \$200 to the Volunteers for (Dan) Dorman committee. The contributions exceeded by \$100 the \$100 non-election year limit for a candidate for state representative as set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1 (a), clause 5, and resulted in a violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1 (c). The excess contribution was not returned to the Committee within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated March 28, 2006, Mike Casserly, treasurer, stated " We regret the clerical error that allowed the excess contribution to be made. We have reviewed our disbursement process to avoid similar occurrences in the future."

3. Board records show that this is the second year the Committee exceeded the contribution limit to a principal campaign committee. The Committee registered with the Board on September 28, 1978.

4. The parties agree that the Committee made a cumulatively excessive contribution to the aforementioned principal campaign committee in calendar year 2005, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1 (c).

5. The Committee has forwarded to the Board a copy of the check received from the aforementioned committee returning the \$100 contribution.

6. The Board imposes a civil fine of \$200 to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. This civil fine represents two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

7. The Committee hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$200 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within thirty days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that the copy of the check, the payment of the civil fine of \$200, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

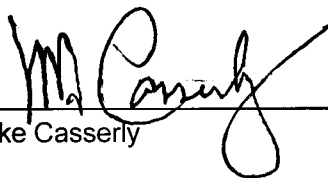
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil fine of \$200 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then Mike Casserly, treasurer, will be personally liable to pay a civil fine, under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$300 which is three times the amount of the penalty for cumulatively exceeding the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$400 which is four times the amount of the penalty for cumulatively exceeding the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 60 days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board chair;

9. It is further understood that if the civil fine is not paid as agreed, within the times specified in paragraphs 7 and 8 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 4.

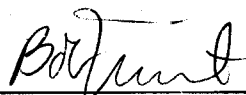
10. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Mike Casserly and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02,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



Mike Casserly

Dated: 4/21/06

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Bob Milbert, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: 4/24/06