

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**

**CONCILIATION**

**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund (#30308):

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and, Donna Lynn Blake, treasurer, Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2008 the contribution limit from a political fund to a House of Representatives candidate is \$500 as set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause a (5). In 2008 the Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund ("the Fund") made three contributions that cumulatively total \$600 to the Kathy Brynaert for State Representative Committee. The cumulative contributions exceeded by \$100 the applicable limit. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned to the Fund within 60 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence dated September 19, 2008, Donna Lynn Blake, treasurer, states "Our lobbyist...accidentally wrote out campaign contributions totaling \$600... As soon as we noticed this error, we contacted Kathy Brynaert's treasurer...and requested that he return the excess contribution of \$100."

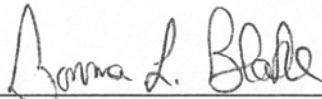
3. Board records show that this is the Fund's second violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1(c), which prohibits an excess contribution to a principal campaign committee. The statute prohibiting a political fund from making contributions in excess of specified amounts went into effect in 2002.
  
4. The parties agree that the Fund made cumulative contributions to the aforementioned principal campaign committee in calendar year 2008, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause c.
  
5. 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 total contributions exceeded the applicable contribution limit.
  
6. The Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund 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 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.
  
7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil fine of \$200 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then Donna Lynn Blake, 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, three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board chair;

(b) \$400, four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received after 90 days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board chair;

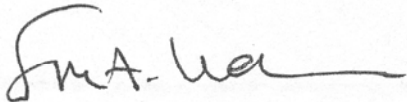
8. It is further understood that if the civil fine is not paid as agreed, within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 4.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Donna Lynn Blake 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.

  
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Donna Lynn Blake, treasurer  
Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund

Dated: 10/24/08

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By   
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Sven A. Wehrwein, Chair  
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Dated: 10/29/08