

STATE OF MINNESOTA

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION

AGREEMENT

In the matter of the Dan Skogen for Senate Volunteer Committee (#16242);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Senator Dan Skogen (hereinafter referred to as "the Candidate") hereby agree as follows:

1. The 2007 non-election year contribution limit from a political committee or fund to a Senate candidate was \$100, as set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause a (4). During 2007, the Dan Skogen for Senate Committee ("the Committee") accepted a contribution of \$200 from the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1055 political fund. The contribution exceeded by \$100 the applicable contribution limit. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a letter dated February 24, 2008, Charles Lane, treasurer, states, "At the time we received this check, neither Senator Skogen nor I realized that the limit on the size of contributions from lobbyists and PAC's went down in non-election years. We were both brand new at this. ...we regret this error and wish to resolve it by conciliation as quickly as possible."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of a contribution that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board February 10, 2005. The parties recognize that the subject contribution was excessive on its face.

4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted an excessive contribution resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A. 27, subdivision 1, clause a (4).

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$100 to the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1055 political fund. Copies of the check and the accompanying letter returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

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

7. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$200 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that the copy of the check and accompanying letter returning the contribution, payment of the civil penalty 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 penalty of \$200 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$300 which is three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded 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 by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

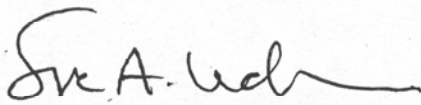
9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.02,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



Dated: 4-21-08

Senator Dan Skogen

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Dated: 5/3/08

Sven Wehrwein, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board