## STATE OF MINNESOTA

## CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

**CONCILIATION** 

**AGREEMENT** 

In the matter of the Volunteers for Dan Dorman Committee (#14955);

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

- 1. During 2005, the Volunteers for Dan Dorman Committee ("the Committee") accepted cumulatively excessive contributions of \$200 from the Minnesota CPA's Public Affairs Committee, a registered political committee. The contributions exceeded by \$100 the applicable \$100 non-election year limit for a political committee contribution as set out in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.27, subdivision 1, clause 5. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned by the committee within 60 days as required by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
- 2. In a letter dated January 31, 2006, Steve Brownlow, treasurer, states "After completion of our report, it was discovered that our Campaign incorrectly deposited PAC contributions that exceeded the \$100 calendar year limit. ... A copy of the check issued to reimburse the PAC has been enclosed."

- 3. Board records show that this is the second calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on February 20, 2002.
- 4. The parties agree that the Committee accepted cumulatively excessive contributions resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes, section 10A. 27, subdivision 1, clause 5, in calendar year 2005.
- 5. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$200, two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. A copy of the check returning the excess contribution was forwarded to the Board.
- 6. 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 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.
- 7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$200 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 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 more than 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;
- 8. 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.

Representative Dan Derman

Bob Milbert, chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board