STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

In the matter of Education Minnesota PAC (30558);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Education Minnesota PAC (the Fund) agree as follows:

1. Education Minnesota PAC is a political fund registered with the Board. On its 2013 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures and its 2014 October pre-general-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Fund reported that it had made $1,300 in total contributions to Jason Isaacson's principal campaign committee for state representative. The total amount of these contributions exceeds the applicable political fund contribution limit during the 2013-2014 election cycle, which is $1,000 for a state representative candidate. The $300 in excess contributions was not returned within 90 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In a January 22, 2015, email to Board staff, the Fund confirmed that it had made excess contributions to the principal campaign committee. The excess contributions have been returned to the Fund and copies of the checks returning the excess contributions have been provided to the Board.

3. The Executive Director has confirmed that the Fund was using the Campaign Finance Reporter software in an approved manner. The Fund was properly importing its contributions and running batch compliance reports to determine whether any violations had occurred. However, a defect in the software provided numerous false warnings to the Fund that violations had resulted from nearly all of its contributions. The number of false warnings rendered the batch compliance report unusable, preventing the Fund from identifying the one true violation.

4. Board records show that this is the first instance in which the Fund reported making contributions that exceeded the contribution limits. The Fund registered with the Board on September 15, 1998.

5. The parties agree that the Fund made excessive contributions to a state representative's principal campaign committee resulting in a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5), in the 2013-2014 election cycle, but that due to the defect in the Board's software, no civil penalty is warranted and no remedial steps by the Fund are required.

6. Upon acceptance of this agreement by the Fund, this matter is dismissed.

Dated: 2/11/15

Brandon Rettke, Treasurer
Education Minn PAC

Dated: 2/4/15

Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 2/3, 2015

George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board