

**STATE OF MINNESOTA**  
**CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD**  
**CONCILIATION**  
**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Minneapolis Retired Police Association Political Fund (#30123);

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and James Haugen, treasurer, hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2003, the Minneapolis Retired Police Association Political Fund (#30123) contributed \$200 to the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee which cumulatively exceeded by \$100 the \$100 non-election year limit for a political committee contribution as set out in Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 1 (a)(4), and resulted in a violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 2. The Fund contributed \$100 to the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee on January 6, 2003, and \$100 on July 10, 2003. The amount of the excess contribution was not returned by the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. In a letter dated March 23, 2004, James Haugen, treasurer, stated “On January 6, 2003, the Minneapolis Retired Police Association gave \$100 to the Seagren Volunteer Committee as a donation. On July 10, 2003, a second donation was given to the Seagren Volunteer Committee for \$100. The second donation was in error...”

3. The Minneapolis Retired Police Association Political Fund registered with the Board on September 7, 1976. Prior to August 1, 2002, there was no penalty for a committee that made a contribution in excess of the applicable limits.

4. The parties agree that the Minneapolis Retired Police Association Political Fund made a cumulatively excessive contribution to the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee in calendar year 2003, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 2.

5. James Haugen hereby agrees to provide the Board with a copy of the check and accompanying letter received from the Alice Seagren Volunteer Committee that returns the excess amount. The copy should be received within thirty days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. The Board imposes a civil fine totaling \$100 to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. This civil fine represents one time the amount by which the contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

7. James Haugen hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$100 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. James Haugen also agrees to forward a copy of the check received from the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee with 30 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that a copy of the check received by the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee, the payment of the civil fine of \$100, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subsd. 3 and 4.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil fine of \$100 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then Earl Champlin, chair, will be personally liable to pay a civil fine, under Minn. Stat. §10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

- (a) \$200, two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;
- (b) \$300, three times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair,
- (c) \$400, four times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 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 Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

10. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by James Haugen 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. Minn. Stat. §10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.

James Haugen

Dated:

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By

Wil Fluegel

Dated: June 8, 2004

Chair, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board