

STATE OF MINNESOTA
CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD
CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT

In the matter of the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee;

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“the Board”) and Representative Alice Seagren hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2003, the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee accepted aggregate contributions totaling \$200 from the Minneapolis Retired Police Association Political Fund. These contributions 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). The amount of the excess contribution was not returned by the committee within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. In a letter received February 4, 2004, Paul Zech, treasurer, stated “it does appear to me that the two PAC contributions (from January and July) ...may have come from the same source, thereby having resulted in the campaign committee receiving more than \$100 from the same PAC source.”

3. The (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee registered with the Board on April 5, 1992. This is the second calendar year in which the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee reported acceptance of a contribution that exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

4. The parties agree that the (Alice) Seagren Volunteer Committee accepted a cumulatively excessive contribution in calendar year 2003, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A. 27, subd. 1(a)(4).

5. Representative Seagren agrees to return \$100 to the Minneapolis Retired Police Association Political Fund within thirty days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair. Representative Seagren also agrees to provide the Board with a copy of the check and accompanying letter returning the contribution within thirty days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board chair.

6. The Board imposes a civil fine totaling \$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 contribution exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

7. Representative Seagren 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 copies of the checks and accompanying letters returning the contributions, payment of the civil fine of \$200, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subs. 3 and 4.

8. 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 Representative Seagren will be personally liable to pay a civil fine, under Minn. Stat. §§10A.28 and 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$300, three times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31-90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$400, four times the amount by which the contribution exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91-120 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 Representative Seagren 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.

_____ Dated: June 3, 2004
Representative Alice Seagren
Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By _____ Dated: June 8, 2004
Wil Fluegel
Chair, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board