

# REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance met Wednesday, December 10, 2003, at Suite 1614 of Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Attending the meeting were board members Henry Fincher, Darlene McNeece, Wilbert Minter, Lee Anne Murray and Marian Ott.

On motion by Ott, seconded by McNeece, the minutes from the October 8, 2003 meeting were approved unanimously.

## ***Request for Reconsideration***

***03-31 CASS PAC***, for failure to timely file a 2003 1<sup>st</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), seven days late, maximum one hundred seventy-five (\$175) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

The board voted at its June 11, 2003 meeting to issue the organization a show cause notice.

The board voted at its July 9, 2003 meeting to assess the organization a \$175 civil penalty for their failure to timely file the required report. The organization submitted a statement asking for the board's reconsideration of the civil penalty assessment.

The board voted at its October 8, 2003 meeting not to reconsider the \$175 civil penalty against the organization.

The organization requested to appear before the board at the December 10, 2003 meeting to ask for a reconsideration of the assessment.

Paul F. Poole, treasurer for the organization, personally appeared before the board and apologized for his failure to timely file the required report. Mr. Poole explained that Mr. Cassman, organizer of the PAC, moved his business out of state and that all notices to file were sent to Mr. Cassman's former address. Mr. Poole further explained that the organization has had no activity and that he will be closing the PAC on the next quarterly report.

A motion was made by Murray, seconded by Ott, to reconsider the \$175 assessment against the organization. The motion to reconsider passed the board unanimously. On motion by McNeece, seconded by Minter, the board voted unanimously to assess the organization a \$75 civil penalty.

## ***Cases Considered for Issuance of Show Cause Notices***

***Murfreesboro Firefighters Association Local 3035 PAC***, for failure to timely file a 2003 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure statement. Class one (1), two days late, maximum fifty (\$50) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Fincher, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to take no action in this matter.

**Jack Redden**, for failure to timely file a 2003 annual supplemental campaign financial disclosure statement. Class one (1), one day late, maximum twenty-five (\$25) civil penalty. Mr. Redden has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by Fincher, seconded by McNeece, the board voted unanimously to take no action in this matter.

**Blount County Democrat Party**, for failure to timely file a 2003 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure statement. Class one (1), six days late, maximum one hundred fifty (\$150) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

The organization submitted a statement to the Registry explaining that the late filing of the report was due to the sudden death of the treasurer.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to take no action in this matter.

**Fraternal Order of Police TN State Lodge**, for failure to timely file a 2003 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure statement. Class one (1), eight days late, maximum two hundred (\$200) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

**Greene County Democratic Party**, for failure to timely file a 2003 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure statement. Class one (1), ten days late, maximum two hundred fifty (\$250) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

**Johnson City Professional Firefighters PAC**, for failure to file a 2003 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure statement. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

**Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders & Exhibitors Association PAC**, for failure to timely file a 2003 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure statement. Class one (1), 30 days late, maximum seven hundred fifty (\$750) civil penalty. The organization has had previous matters before the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

**Kevin Cole**, for failure to file a 2003 annual supplemental campaign financial disclosure statement. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Cole has had no previous matters with the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

**Alonzo Grant**, for failure to file a 2003 annual supplemental campaign financial disclosure statement. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Mr. Grant has had previous matters with the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

**Mike Whitaker**, for failure to timely file a 2003 Annual Supplemental campaign financial disclosure statement. Class one (1), 18 days late, maximum four hundred fifty (\$450) civil penalty. Mr. Whitaker has had no previous matters with the board.

On motion by McNeece, seconded by Murray, the board voted unanimously to issue a show cause notice.

### ***Reported Financial Expenses***

Director Rawlins presented the expenditure reports for the 2002/2003 fiscal year through October 31, 2003.

Director Rawlins provided the board with a budget projection report for the 2004/2005 fiscal year.

### ***Other Business***

A motion was made by Fincher, seconded by Murray, to name William Long as chairman and Darlene McNeece as secretary for 2004 by acclamation.

A motion was made by McNeece, seconded by Murray, to adjourn the meeting until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The motion passed unanimously.