

# REGISTRY OF ELECTION FINANCE

The Registry of Election Finance met Wednesday, February 11, 2004, at Suite 614 of Parkway Towers, 404 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee.

Attending the meeting were board members William Long, Henry Fincher, Wilbert Minter, Karen Dunavant and Marian Ott.

On motion by Fincher, seconded by Minter, the minutes from the January 14, 2004 meeting were approved unanimously.

## ***Request for Reconsideration***

***03-38 Thelma Harper***, for failure to file a 2002 allocation of unexpended funds report. Class two (2), no report filed, maximum ten thousand (\$10,000) civil penalty. Sen. Harper has had a previous matter before the board.

The board voted at its June 11, 2003 meeting to issue Sen. Harper a show cause notice for her failure to file the required report.

The board voted at its July 9, 2003 meeting to assess Sen. Harper a \$500 civil penalty for her failure to file the required report. Sen. Harper requested a reconsideration of the assessment.

Sen. Harper and Waverly Crenshaw, representative for Sen. Harper, appeared before the board and apologized for the untimely filing of the required report. Sen. Harper explained that all notices from the Registry had been going to a business address and she did not always see the notices in a timely manner. Sen. Harper further explained that the Registry now has the correct mailing address and that all future reports will be filed in a timely manner.

On motion by Fincher, seconded by Minter, the board voted unanimously to reconsider the \$500 assessment against Sen. Harper. A motion was made by Fincher to take no action. The motion to take no action died for a lack of a second. A motion was then made by Dunavant, seconded by Ott, to assess Sen. Harper a \$75 civil penalty. A friendly amendment was made by Minter, accepted by Dunavant and Ott, to assess Sen. Harper a \$50 civil penalty. The motion to assess Sen. Harper a \$50 civil penalty passed the board unanimously.

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

***Steamfitters Local Union No. 614 Political Education Committee***, for failure to timely file a 2003 4<sup>th</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), one day late for a maximum twenty-five (\$25) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

***Take Back Tennessee***, for failure to timely file a 2003 4<sup>th</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), one day late for a maximum twenty-five (\$25) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

***UNAKA Company PAC***, for failure to timely file a 2003 4<sup>th</sup> quarter campaign financial disclosure report. Class one (1), one day late for a maximum twenty-five (\$25) civil penalty. The organization has had no previous matters before the board.

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

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

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

Director Rawlins also provided the board with the proposed budget for the 2004/2005 fiscal year.

### ***Discussion of Proposed Rules***

Director Rawlins provided the board with a copy of the proposed campaign finance rules with amendments suggested by the Attorney General's office.

On motion by Long, seconded by Fincher, the proposed rules as amended were approved unanimously by a roll call vote.

### ***Executive Director's Report***

Director Rawlins provided the board members with 2004 reporting calendars and updated campaign financial disclosure manuals.

### ***Other Business***

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