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AGENDA
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
BOARD MEETING

Monday, June 9, 2008
James R. Thompson Center – Room 9-040
Chicago, Illinois
10:30 a.m.

Call State Board of Elections to order.

Recess State Board of Elections and convene as the State Officers Electoral Board (agenda & material sent under separate cover).

Recess State Officers Electoral Board and reconvene as the State Board of Elections.

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Appeals of campaign disclosure fines – new appeals – hearing officer recommendation appeal be granted

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7) *SBE v. Meeks for Senate,* S8290, 08AG010; (pgs.55-58)
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Appeals of campaign disclosure fines – new appeals – hearing officer recommendation appeals be denied

9) *SBE v. Citizens for Patel,* L13950, 08DS254; (pgs.63-65)
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4. Other business. (pg.102)

5. Comments from the Chairman and Vice Chairman. (pg.102)

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7. Next Board meeting Monday, July 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Springfield. (pg.102)

8. Executive Session. (pgs.103-139)

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
Board Meeting
Monday, May 19, 2008
Springfield, Illinois

MINUTES

PRESENT:	Albert Porter, Chairman Bryan Schneider, Vice Chairman Patrick Brady, Member John Keith, Member William McGuffage, Member Wanda Rednour, Member Jesse Smart, Member Robert Walters, Member
ALSO PRESENT:	Dan White, Executive Director Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel Rebecca Glazier, Assistant to Executive Director

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The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Elections was called to order at 10:40 a.m. with eight members present. Member McGuffage was present in the Chicago office and connected via videoconference.

Chairman Porter presented the minutes of the April regular monthly Board meeting. Director White discussed the revisions which were distributed to the members. Member Smart moved to approve the minutes as amended. Member Rednour seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The Executive Director announced that Dennis Hopper will be retiring after 16 years of employment at the State Board of Elections. Director White thanked him for his service and wished him many years of enjoyment in retirement. Chairman Porter presented Mr. Hopper with a framed resolution on behalf of the State Board of Elections and thanked him for his hard work over these years.

The Executive Director introduced Arvin Talwar and Scott Hilkert from Catalyst Consulting. Mr. Hilkert presented an update on the statewide voter registration system and reviewed the progress to date. The original completion date of June 30, 2008 has been moved due to procurement and EMS delays so some jurisdictions won't be finished until late summer. The project is coming in under budget and it was noted that once HAVA funds are depleted General Revenue funds will need to be

appropriated. In response to a question it was noted that the local jurisdictions make the decision to remove a duplicate registration, not the State Board of Elections.

The Executive Director reported on the Advisory Committee meeting held this morning. Chairman Porter, Vice Chairman Schneider, and Members Keith and Smart were present. Discussions took place on pending legislation including the photo ID and straight party voting legislation and many concerns were voiced on the straight party legislation. The issue of the short time period for canvassing and seating of the judicial candidates after the November 2008 election was discussed. The clerks indicated they would work with the State Board of Elections to get these results as quickly as possible if necessary.

The Executive Director presented a legislative update indicating the Legislature is in what is supposed to be the last two weeks of session. Cris Cray discussed the legislative items that are still alive including the straight party voting, a requirement of a photo ID for everyone voting, and the Ethics bill. Dianne Felts indicated that if the straight party legislation passes it will be a tight schedule but she will need to test current systems to determine if straight party voting is possible on them. The Compensation Review Board has a bill that also contains raises for the Board members but Ms. Cray was not sure where that would go.

The Executive Director presented for discussion the FY 09 State Board of Elections meeting schedule. Discussion ensued on the canvassing of judicial candidates and the date they are seated. Member Keith questioned if an injunction can be filed against all candidates from taking office until the State Board of Elections certifies the results of the November 2008 election. The General Counsel indicated he would research this matter and report back to the Board in June.

The Executive Director reviewed the action taken at the April Board meeting in regard to the Populex voting equipment used by Sangamon County. Mr. Sandy Morganstein was present in Chicago. Joe Aiello, Sangamon County Clerk, was present in Springfield. Mr. Aiello indicated that they have reached an impasse because it is clear Mr. Morganstein cannot meet his contract obligations. Sangamon County staff has worked hundreds of hours to find an option for the November 2008 election. Dianne Felts indicated that the current Populex system cannot provide for

mail absentee voting as required by law. Mr. Morganstein does not have the resources to submit the system for the required testing for the modification to the system. Member Smart felt that the county should be given a refund. Ms. Felts indicated that her recommendation was to deny final approval of the system. Discussion ensued on options and the possible of the county purchasing another system just for mail absentee ballots. It was indicated that they could but the results would have to be tallied with the results of the Populex equipment by hand. There is nothing certified to merge the software with another system. The county can rent equipment per election and Mr. Aiello indicated they are researching that option as well. Member Smart moved to not give final approval to the Populex system. Member Rednour seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0. Further discussion ensued and Board staff will assist Sangamon County as needed.

The Executive Director presented the FY 08 fiscal status report for the period ending April 30, the FY 08 fiscal report for the Help Illinois Vote Fund and the two year plan of activity for the months of May and June for informational purposes.

Meeting recessed at 11:55 a.m. and reconvened at 12:05 p.m.

The General Counsel presented a motion for reconsideration in the matter of *SBE v. Citizens for Bilota*, noting that Counsel for the Committee has requested that this be held to the June meeting. Member Rednour moved to grant the request. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The General Counsel presented appeals of civil penalties that the hearing officer recommends be granted and concurred with the recommendations. Member Smart moved to grant the appeals in *SBE v. Committee to Elect Gary Craig, Sr.*, 08DS106; *SBE v. Committee to Elect Judge Marilyn Johnson*, 08AG014; and *SBE v. Citizens for Madeline O'Neill*, 08AG022. Member Rednour seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The General Counsel presented appeals of civil penalties that the hearing officer recommends be denied. Parties were present in agenda item #14 and would be heard separate. A request was received to continue disclosure agenda item #8 to the June meeting. Member Keith moved to continue the matter of *SBE v. Citizens to Elect Brenda L. Thompson*, 07AE050. Member

Brady seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The General Counsel concurred with the recommendations of the hearing officer noting that in the recommendation in item #7 the last sentence did not follow previous Board action. He suggested deleting the last sentence which reads "The Final Order of the Board should note any subsequent violations shall result in the assessment of additional penalties being incorporated with any previous assessments." Member Keith moved to adopt the hearing officer's recommendation and the General Counsel's recommendation including the amendment on #7 in the matters of *SBE v. Citizens for Patty Thiede,* 08DS036; *SBE v. Committee to Keep Robin Harper Whitehead,* 08DS041; *SBE v. Friends of Emmanuel Imoukhuede* 08DS049; *SBE v. Friends of Eddie Joe,* 08D1001; *SBE v. Pope County Republican Women,* 08DS144; *SBE v. Citizens for Phil Pritzker,* 08DS121; *SBE v. IVCA PAC,* 08AG011; *SBE v. Ramon Ocasio for Judge,* 08DS204; and *SBE v. Friends for Alex M. Lyons,* 08MA002. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The General Counsel presented *SBE v. Crete Township Democrats*, 08DS213 and reviewed the activities of the committee. He concurred with the hearing officer recommendation that the appeal be denied for lack of adequate defense. Norenna Kuhn, Treasurer of the Committee, was present in the Chicago office. Ms. Kuhn indicated that she is no longer the Treasurer and the new Treasurer is attending the classes to learn about filing procedures. She asked for a reduction in the fine. Member McGuffage asked the committee to make a settlement officer and Member Smart felt rather than a reduction the committee offer a payment plan. Member McGuffage moved to accept a settlement officer. Member Rednour seconded the motion which lost by a roll call vote of 3-5 with Members Brady, Keith, Smart, Walters and Vice Chairman Schneider voting in the negative.

Member Keith moved to deny the appeal and assess the penalty in accordance with the hearing officer and General Counsel's recommendation and if the motion passes the parties can work out a payment plan. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

The General Counsel presented Friends of Terry Link/Peter Couvall explaining that at the last meeting the Board had asked staff to provide a summary of correspondence that existed between State Board of Elections staff and the Terry Link Committee with regard to the involvement of Peter

Couvall. Mr. Sandvoss indicated based on the information received, it was concluded that the issues raised by staff had been answered and no further reporting was necessary. Mr. Peter Couvall had received an amount of $2,500 as a salary. Member Brady was concerned if Mr. Couvall had made an in-kind contribution to the committee and if so does he have an obligation to make that report to the Committee for full disclosure. Discussion ensued and the General Counsel noted that the payment to Mr. Couvall was to perform services and if he paid others out of his salary to help him perform the job they would be his subcontractors. Member McGuffage moved to accept the recommendation of the hearing officer and General Counsel and end the matter. After further discussion Member Brady moved to hold this issue to the June meeting to determine if there is a motion appropriate to the situation. Member McGuffage withdrew his motion. Member Keith seconded Member Brady's motion which passed by roll call vote of 7-1 with Member Porter voting in the negative.

The General Counsel presented draft correspondence that staff proposes sending to political committees regarding reporting of professional services. Rupert Borgsmiller reviewed the memo indicating that professional services would include payments to a professional for services rendered or as an in-kind contribution from a professional. Discussion ensued that many committees do not realize these kinds of services must be reported. Member Keith suggested a time frame be provided for reporting such services as well as some kind of indication of when the bill was paid, if the work was pro bono or when the professional got paid. After further discussion Member Brady agreed with Member Schneider that a bland reminder be sent that professional services are subject to contribution requirements and committees should be aware of this fact. It was agreed that Mr. Borgsmiller and Mr. Sandvoss will prepare a model draft and send to the Board members to seek comment; if no comment is received staff can send out to the political committees.

The General Counsel presented a listing of committees who received assessment letters and did not appeal the penalty and asked the Board to issue final orders assessing the penalties. Member Smart moved to enter Board orders on committees listed on Mr. Borgsmiller's memo of May 15, 2008. Member Brady seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The General Counsel presented for informational purposes a listing of committees who have paid civil penalties.

The General Counsel presented a complaint following public hearing in the matter of *SBE v. Annual Roosevelt Cocktail Party*, 07CD069. Mr. Sandvoss reviewed the background of the complaint indicating the respondent did not appear at the closed hearing nor the public hearing. Staff has not been able to reconcile the report with the committee's bank statements and the ending balance on one report was significantly different than the subsequent report. Mr. Sandvoss recommended the respondent be ordered to submit an additional amended report that accurately reflect the totals as those that appear on, or at least be consistent with, the bank statements and failure to file the amended report within the time period determined by the Board will results in a civil penalty not to exceed $5,000 for failure to comply with Board order. After discussion on the recent fining of the committee, Member Keith moved to order the committee to file an amended report for the semi-annual due in the summer of 2007 and any necessary subsequent reports and to correct reporting errors by July 1 and that failure to do so may result in a civil penalty. Discussion ensued and it was clarified the report due would be the June 2006 semi-annual report. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The General Counsel presented two alternative proposed rulemakings addressing the issue of reporting obligations of Act Blue Illinois and similar organizations. Mr. Sandvoss suggested that this issue be brought to the attention of the legislative leaders and addressed through legislation. Steven Gold, Counsel for Act Blue, believed this was an issue which is resulting in inaccurate reporting and indicated he would like to see accurate reporting and agreed a legislative fix would be the best approach. Mr. Gold explained how the Act Blue website works and in response to a question from Member Keith, stated that a small administrative fee is charged by Act Blue Illinois, but is paid to a separate vendor. Tips are accepted by Act Blue Illinois but are not required. Discussion ensued on how to address the fees being charged. Mr. Sandvoss indicated he would prepare a letter detailing this issue that will be sent to the legislative leaders and suggested that the Board do nothing further at this time.

Wayne Strnad, Citizens for Wayne A. Strnad, was present indicating he has run for State Representative three times and each time has filed freedom of information request with the Chicago Board of Election Commissioners. The Chicago Board has denied all but one of his requests. The Board told Mr. Strnad that it could not order the Chicago Board to comply with his requests, but that if he felt there was something our Board could respond to that he would need to send something in writing asking the Board to address such issue.

Member Keith moved to recess to executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and pending litigation. Member Schneider seconded the motion which passed unanimously. Meeting recessed at 1:45 p.m. and reconvened at 3:20 p.m. Upon reconvening, it was noted that during executive session there may have been a short period of time during discussion of personnel matters that the tape recorder had ceased without the Board being aware of it. It was inadvertent and no votes were taken during that time.

Member Keith moved to make an offer of employment with the duties as discussed for the Assistant Executive Director and authorize the General Counsel and Executive Director to convey the offer and draft a contract for a two year period starting July 1, 2008 as discussed in executive session and to advise the Board at the next meeting that the contract has been agreed upon or if any problems exist, and if the contract is accepted that the Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director make such other personnel changes as are appropriate at the other staff levels. Member Keith added that the contract language would be subject to the approval of the chairman and vice chairman. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Member Keith moved to offer the General Counsel a two year extension on his contract at the rate approved in executive session and conveyed to him in executive session. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0.

Member Keith moved to offer the Executive Director a two year contract commencing July 1, 2008 at the salary adjustment approved in executive session and conveyed to the Executive Director in executive session. Vice Chairman Schneider seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 8-0. Member McGuffage voted aye with the notation "my vote in executive session notwithstanding."

Member Keith moved to approve a merit compensation plan for one time to be implemented in accordance with the outline discussed in executive session with the Executive Director to prepare a notification to staff for the Board approval with funds to be paid from FY 08 funds on a payroll submitted in June at the latest possible date. Member Walters seconded the motion which passed by roll call vote of 7-1 with Member Brady voting in the negative.

Vice Chairman Schneider congratulated Member Brady upon the recent birth of his son, William Carter.

The next regular meeting of the State Board of Elections will be held on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Chicago.

With there being no further discussion, Member Schneider moved to adjourn until June 9 or the call of the chair. Member Smart seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Glazier

Assistant to Executive Director

Executive Director

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEMORANDUM

From the desk of:
Daniel W. White, Executive Director

TO: Members of the Board

SUBJECT: EAC Election Data Collection Grant Program Update

DATE: May 30, 2008

In an earlier e-mail I notified the Board that we are one of five states awarded a $2 million competitive grant to improve election data collection for Federal elections. Following is a review of the program and request to move forward with a sole source contract.

On December 22, 2007, Congress authorized the Omnibus Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2008. Public Law 110-161 authorized the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) to award $10 million in grants to States to implement an election data collection program. Under provisions of P.A. 110-161, the EAC shall establish a program to provide a grant of $2 million to each of five eligible States to improve the collection of precinct-level data relating to the November 2008 Federal elections. The program is designed to: a) develop and document a series of administrative and procedural best practices in election data collection that can be replicated by other States; b) improve data collection processes; c) enhance the capacity of States and their jurisdictions to collect accurate and complete election data; and d) document and describe particular administrative and management data collection practices, as well as particular data collection policies and procedures.

The deadline for submission of the grant applications was April 28.

Ten states applied for the grant: Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, South Carolina and Wisconsin.

On May 28 we received confirmation that we were awarded one of the $2 million grants. Other winners: Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Our application proposed creation of a system that electronically transmits precinct by precinct election results directly from 110 election jurisdictions to the SBE. It involves infrastructure development at both State and local levels. This proposal dovetails with the state mandate for electronic canvassing. As such, electronically transmitted election data results from this project will become a permanent part of Illinois election administration, requiring two new staff to be hired and retained long term to administer the project. These positions will be an Information Technology Specialist and Election Information Specialist.

Also, as part of our application we were permitted to identify organizations to assist in implementing data collection efforts. We have identified Catalyst Consulting Group, Inc. as a primary organization to assist in implementing the program. Therefore, I am requesting that the Board approve Catalyst as a sole economically feasible source contractor to assist with the project. Please see attached memo and recommendation from Grant Committee Chairman Steve Sturm.

In addition, we have spoken with former employee Pat Freeman and it appears Catalyst will be contracting with Ms. Freeman to manage the project.

We will use the funds in part to implement new data collection procedures, systems, and/or methodologies for the November 2008 election. We will have until March 2009 to report the data collected from that election to the EAC. We are also required to submit to the EAC a semi-annul program report, which is due six months following the inception of the grant (approximately November 1, 2008), as well as a final program report, which is due June 1, 2009. Additionally, States must submit a financial report on January 15, 2009, for the period beginning on the date of award of the contract and ending on December 31, 2008; and on July 31, 2009 for the period beginning January 1, 2008 and ending on the close out of the grant program.

No later than June 30, 2009, the EAC will submit a report to Congress on the impact of the grant program on States' ability to effectively collect Federal election data. The EAC will consult with States receiving grants under the program, along with the Election Assistance Commission Board of Advisors, to compile the report. The report will include recommendations to improve the collection of data relating to regularly scheduled general elections for Federal office in all States. This will include recommendations for changes in Federal law or regulations and the EAC's estimate of the amount of funding necessary to carry out such changes.

Once again, congratulations to our staff, led by Steve Sturm for their hard work that gives us the opportunity to showcase our agency on a national scale.

A copy of the full forty-six page winning Illinois application is available from Amy Calvin.

Attachment

EAC Awards Five States $10 Million to Improve Election Data Collection

Good Data Benefits the Election Process, Chief Election Official Says

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) will award five states $2 million each to improve the collection of precinct-level data in the November 2008 election. This marks the first time the federal government will issue grants to states to improve federal elections data.

The winning states-Illinois, Minnesota, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin-will use the funds to develop methods and procedures for collecting data that other states and jurisdictions can replicate. The EAC will include this data in its biennial Election Day Survey, a comprehensive report on how Americans vote in federal elections. The EAC's 2004 and 2006 Election Day Surveys include statistics on key election issues such as voter turnout and registration, overvotes and undervotes, poll workers, and voting equipment and machines, among other topics.

"Solid data on how federal elections are carried out in all U.S. states and territories can help local officials make effective, fiscally-sound enhancements to the voting process," EAC chairwoman Rosemary Rodriguez said.

Ten states applied for the Election Data Collection grants, and winners were selected through an independent review process. The Omnibus Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2008 and Public Law 110-161 authorize the EAC to distribute the grants. The Act also requires states to submit data they collect to the EAC by March 2009. In turn, the EAC is required to evaluate the grant program's overall success, and provide Congress recommendations for changes to federal laws and regulations to improve the collection of data. Additional information about the program is available in the grant announcement.

The EAC is an independent bipartisan commission created by the Help America Vote Act (HAVA). The EAC serves as a national clearinghouse and resource of information regarding election administration. It is charged with administering payments to states and developing guidance to meet HAVA requirements, adopting voluntary voting system guidelines, and accrediting voting system test laboratories and certifying voting equipment. It is also charged with developing and maintaining a national mail voter registration form. The four EAC commissioners are Rosemary Rodriguez, chair; Caroline Hunter, vice chair; Gracia Hillman; and Donetta Davidson.

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

From the desk of.... Steven Sturm, Legal Counsel
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To: Daniel W. White; Executive Director

Re: EAC Grant Implementation-
Decision Memo

Date: May 29, 2008

On May 28, 2008, I received oral and electronic confirmation that the Illinois State Board of Elections has been chosen as a recipient of a $2,000,000 grant from the Election Assistance Commission. This Federal grant is intended to allow for improved election data collection from local election jurisdiction voting systems, starting with the November 4, 2008 General Election. As a result, the Illinois State Board of Elections must design and implement a new data collection system which can collect precinct by precinct data from each of the election authorities in the State in time for the November election noted above.

Illinois' proposal to the EAC was for a system which would use the existing data connections from the Illinois Voter Registration System (IVRS) as a starting point upon a new, independent module could be added. The implementation of the proposed data collection system would require the creation of new software which would allow for precinct by precinct election data to be uploaded from the election authorities to a new system located at the Illinois State Board of Elections' principal office in Springfield.

A key requirement of this Federal grant is that this system must be developed and implemented in time to capture the results of the November 2008 general election, and timely report those results to the EAC. This extremely short timeframe for system development, as well as the unavailability of in-house resources for this project indicate that an outside contractor with extensive experience in Illinois elections operations will be needed to develop the necessary data capture & reporting applications. In addition, the short timeframe to the November election makes the use of standard RFP (Request for Proposal) procurement methods unfeasible because of the extended time period needed to develop the RFP, solicit, receive, evaluate responses and make an award, as well as the additional 'learning curve' time necessary for a brand new vendor to learn Illinois' varied local jurisdiction voter systems. With these additional timeframes, it is highly unlikely that this data capture application could be developed in time for the November 2008 election (which is a mandatory EAC requirement for receipt of these Federal monies).

With these concerns in mind, this project has been presented for evaluation to Catalyst Consulting Group for their review and comments. As you know, Catalyst is the primary development contractor for the IVRS system, which is the platform that this additional module will be based on. Catalyst has indicated that, using their prior knowledge of Illinois voter system procedures and their extensive development knowledge of the IVRS system, they can develop, test and implement an additional 'stand-alone' application that will meet the requirements of the EAC grant in the extremely short timeframes allowed, using existing data capture elements of the existing IVRS system. In addition, our EAC grant task group believes that their initial cost estimates are reasonable and competitive with those available through a competitive bidding arrangement, given the specific mandates of the EAC grant.

This memo asks for your direction in procurement of outside contractual resources to implement the EAC project. A sole source procurement with Catalyst Consulting would be the method that most ensures that this project is completed in time for the November 2008 election data capture, as required by EAC grant rules. The competitive solicitation process can also be used, although it adds significant time to the procurement process and would materially impact the ability to have the project completed within required timeframes. It is my and the task group's recommendation that the State Board of Elections immediately commence the sole source procurement process with the most experienced available vendor (Catalyst Consulting), to ensure that the project is completed within the time deadlines mandated by the EAC.

DWW. _____Yes, you have my approval to begin development of a sole source procurement with Catalyst Consulting, after negotiation of best possible terms/pricing.

_____No, I believe we should pursue standard State posting, solicitation and bid review processes to find a vendor for this project.

_____No, I would like to pursue a different course of action. Please schedule a meeting for further discussion.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

From the desk of.... Mark Mossman, Director of Election Information
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To: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Re: New Party and Independent Filing Period
Date: May 29, 2008

The filing period for new party and independent candidates is Junes 16 through June 23. As a result of P.A. 95-699 effective November 9, 2007, independent candidates now file during the same filing period as new party candidates. While the total number of filers is expected to be similar to past filing periods, the number of filings by independent candidates versus new party candidates may increase.

In 2004 and 2000, approximately 25 candidates filed petitions with most filing activity occurring during the last day when 22 and 23 candidates filed respectively.

Most activities associated with the filing period will be conducted in the large board room with petitions being secured in the mini board room. For the first time, petitions that are filed will be scanned providing valuable information in preparation for the scanning of all documents associated with the filing periods in 2010.

Staff from the Division of Election Information will be responsible for all aspects of the filing period except for voter searches conducted at the six work stations in the board room under the direction of Kyle Thomas.

Increased staff participation from the IT Department will be required during the last day of filing. Other staff involvement on a limited basis may be needed on the last day as well.

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MEMORANDUM

From the desk of:
Daniel W. White, Executive Director

TO: Members of the Board

SUBJECT: Legislative Update

DATE: May 29, 2008

As the Board packet materials are being assembled, the legislature is in what we hope to be the final week of the Spring session.

We will have an oral update at the meeting.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Meeting Schedule
JULY 1, 2008 - JUNE 30, 2009

	Monday, July 21	Springfield
*	Friday, August 29	Chicago
	Monday, September 15	Springfield
	Monday, October 20	Chicago
	Monday, November 17	Springfield
**	Friday, December 5	Chicago
***	Tuesday, January 20	Springfield
***	Tuesday, February 17	Chicago
	Monday, March 16	Springfield
	Monday, April 20	Chicago
	Monday, May 18	Springfield
	Monday, June 15	Chicago

* Statutory deadline for certification of the November general election ballot

** Statutory deadline for proclamation of results of the November general election (Judges take office December 1 – prior to the 31 days canvassing date)

*** Regular meeting date changed due to holiday

All meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m.
UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTICED

Dates, times and location of the meetings are subject to change. Notice of any changes will be posted prior to the meeting or information can be obtained by calling 217/782-4141 or 312/814-6440.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEMORANDUM

From the desk of:
Daniel W. White, Executive Director

TO: Members of the Board

SUBJECT: December Certification Meeting

DATE: May 30, 2008

This is a carryover item from the May meeting.

General Counsel Steve Sandvoss has included a memo regarding the Board's request to contact the Attorney General's office and Director of Elections Mark Mossman will offer comments at the meeting.

Attachment

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Albert Porter
Vice Chairman Bryan Schneider
Members of the Board
Executive Director Dan White

From: Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel

Re: Communication with Attorney General's Office Regarding Canvass of Judicial Elections

Date: May 27, 2008

Pursuant to Member Keith's request at the last Board meeting, I contacted the Attorney General's Office and spoke with Karen McNaught, Chief of the General Law Bureau, regarding the possibility of seeking an injunction against the winning candidates at the November 4, 2008 General Election, enjoining them from taking office prior to the Board's official canvass. I also explained to her the dilemma faced by the Board regarding the commencement of judicial terms mandated by the Illinois Constitution and the limited time in which the Board will have to perform its statutory mandate. She stated that it "was safe to say" that the Attorney General's Office would not seek such an injunction. However, she said that she would bring this issue to the attention of persons higher up the chain of command and explore possible options. Any response from the AG subsequent to this Memo will be communicated to the Board at the June meeting.

Sincerely

Steven S. Sandvoss
General Counsel

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

From the desk of.... Mark Mossman, Director of Election Information
Phone: 217-557-0855
Email: mmossman@elections.il.gov

To: Daniel W. White, Executive Director
Re: Certification of Republican Party Nominees
Date: May 29, 2008

Friday, August 29, 2008 is the date on which the State Board of Elections will certify the names of established political party, new party and independent candidates for the November 4 General Election with the exception of nominees for the Republican Party for President and Vice President.

The Republican Party nominees for President and Vice President will be chosen at the Republican National Convention in Minneapolis-Saint Paul, Minnesota on September 3.

I am submitting September 5th and 8th as dates for the Board's consideration to conduct a special Board meeting via videoconference call for certifying these nominees to the county clerks.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEMORANDUM

From the desk of:
Daniel W. White, Executive Director

TO: Members of the Board

SUBJECT: FY08 Fiscal Status Reports

DATE: May 30, 2008

At the time the Board packet materials were assembled the fiscal status reports were not available. They will be sent under separate cover.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEMORANDUM

From the desk of:
Daniel W. White, Executive Director

TO: Members of the Board

SUBJECT: Two Year Plan of Activity

DATE: May 28, 2008

Attached is the two-year plan of staff activity for the months of June and July for your review and information.

Attachment

Start Date	End Date	Activity	Division
5 /30/2008		The last day that the State Board of Elections shall notify political committees that have filed a Statement of Organization of their obligation to file a SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES. 10 ILCS 5/9-10, 9-16(7)	CAMP DISC
6 /2 /2008		Begin work on post session bill recommendations to the Board and the Governor's office. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (8)	LEG
6 /9 /2008		Send Letter to the Election Authorities requesting Polling Place Accessibility exemptions and information. (Rules and Regulations)	VOSS
6 /9 /2008		BOARD MEETING. 10 ILCS 5/1A7	EXEC DIR
6/16/2008	6 /23/2008	Send notice of obligation to new party candidates who file petitions by mail or through an agent within two business days of the date and hour filed. 10 ILCS 5/9-15	CAMP DISC
6 /16/2008	6 /23/2008	Filing period for new party candidates and independent candidates for President. 10 ILCS 5/7-2, 10-2	EL INFO
6 /26/2008		Send notice to election authorities who failed to submit a computerized voter registration file, for the May 15, 2008 submission. Rules and Regulations	VRS
6 /26/2008		Send to each election authority a current computerized voter registration error report, from the May 15, 2008 submission	VRS
6 /30/2008		Last day to object to petitions of candidates who filed June 16-23, 2008. 10 ILCS 5/10-8	EL INFO
6 /30/2008		Last day for US President, US Senator, US Representative candidates and candidates for Supreme and Appellate Court judgeships to submit personal statements and photographs for the internet voters' guide to the State Board of Elections. 10 ILCS 5/12A-10(g)	LEG
7 /1 /2008		Begin review and update of DEPUTY REGISTRAR GUIDELINES booklet. Complete by September 2, 2008. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2,	ET&RD
7 /1 /2008		Update ELECTION AUTHORITY GUIDELINES Book for 2008. ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2, 3, 4, 11)	ET&RD

Start Date	End Date	Activity	Division
7 /1 /2008		Begin updating the SBE GUIDE FOR POLLWATCHERS. (Complete by September 2, 2008.) 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2, 4, 11)	ET&RD
7 /1 /2008		Start review and update MILITARY/OVERSEAS booklet. Submit to printer by August 1, 2008 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1,2,3,7,11)	ET&RD
7 /1 /2008		Notify Department of Public Health for LIST OF FACILITIES licensed or certified under the NURSING HOME CARE REFORM ACT OF 1979. Send listing to election authorities by July 28, 2008. 10 ILCS 5/19-12.2	ET&RD
7 /1 /2008		First day that any political committee shall file its SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES with the Board or the Board and the county clerk. 10 ILCS 5/9-10	CAMP DISC
7 /1 /2008		Begin preparation of materials and speaker outlines for a series workshops/speaking engagements for local election officials in preparation for elections in 2009. 10 ILCS 5/ 1A-8(1-13)	ET&RD
7 /1 /2008		Order ELECTION CODES for the year 2008. Delivery in Dec 2008. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1 through 13)	ET&RD
7 /1 /2008		Begin plans for updating and printing all agency BROCHURES. (Complete by: September 18, 2008.) 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2, 4, 11)	ET&RD
7 /1 /2008		Submit CANDIDATE'S GUIDE for 2009, the LOCAL ELECTION OFFICIALS HANDBOOK for 2009 and the TOWNSHIIP CAUCUS GUIDE for printing. Preparations began February 6, 2008. Schedule printing to be completed by July 31, 2008. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1, 2, 3, 7, 11)	ET&RD
7 /2 /2008		Last day to conduct lottery to determine ballot position for 8:00 a.m. simultaneous filing June 16-23, 2008 filing period. 10 ILCS 5/10-6.2	EL INFO
7 /2 /2008		Last day to transmit objections and call for electoral board hearings. 10 ILCS 5/10-8	EL INFO
7 /2 /2008		Last day to file objections to petitions to amend Article IV of the Illinois Constitution and statewide advisory questions in the office of the State Board of Elections. (Objections to petitions must be filed in duplicate.) 10 ILCS	ET&RD

Start Date	End Date	Activity	Division
7 /7 /2008		Begin planning for the printing and distribution of campaign financing material to state political committees for the November 4, 2008 General Election pre-election report. (Notification/packets to be mailed to political committees by September 5, 2008) 10 ILCS	CAMP DISC
7 /11/2008		The Board will refer to the Attorney General of Illinois for compliance enforcement each jurisdiction whose computerized voter registration submission has not been received for the May 15, 2008 submission	VRS
7 /21/2008		BOARD MEETING. 10 ILCS 5/1A7	EXEC DIR
7 /21/2008		Last day that a political committee shall file its SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS And EXPENDITURES with the Board or the Board and county clerk. 10 ILCS 5/9-10	CAMP DISC
7 /28/2008		Last day for SBE to send list of facilities licensed or certified under the NURSING HOME CARE REFORM ACT to the proper election authorities. 10 ILCS 19-12.2	ET&RD
7 /28/2008		Generate material for the "List of Candidates" for the General Election and prepare for printing.	EL INFO, IT
8 /1 /2008		Receive from printer and make available for distribution the CANDIDATE'S GUIDE for 2009, the LOCAL ELECION OFFICIALS HANDBOOK for 200 and the TOWNSHIP CAUCUS GUIDE. Send required number of copies of each to State Library Documents section. Projects began February 6, 2008. 10	ET&RD
8 /1 /2008		Begin planning for the printing and distribution of campaign financing material to local election authorities for petition filing for February 24, 2009 Consolidated Primary and April 7, 2009 Consolidated Election. 10 ILCS 5/9-15(1)	CAMP DISC
8 /3 /2008		Submit MILITARY/OVERSEAS booklet to printers. Project started July 1, 2008. 10 ILCS 5/1A-8 (1,2,3,7,11)	ET&RD
8 /4 /2008		Last day for representative and legislative committees to meet and organize. 10 ILCS	EL INFO

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May 29, 2008

Salamanaca for Change
Joaquin Salamanca
2847 S Keeler
Chicago, IL 60023

L13747

NOTICE TO POLITICAL COMMITTEE

Dear Political Committee Officer/Representative,

Please be advised that based on your failure to comply with a Board Order issued on April 22, 2008 (enclosed), the Board is authorized to impose a civil penalty against your committee not to exceed $5000.00. The Board will consider the imposition of a civil penalty against your committee at its June 2008 meeting. You are welcome to attend the meeting to answer any questions the Board may have, however your presence is not mandatory. The meeting will begin at 10:30 AM on Monday, June 9, 2008 and will be held in the James R Thompson Center, 100 W Randolph, Suite 9-040, Chicago IL. Any Motions regarding this matter must be made in writing and received by the General Counsel no later than four (4) days before the date of the meeting. If you have any further questions please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Director
Division of Campaign Disclosure

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COUNTY OF COOK)

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter Of:	)	
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State Board of Elections,	)	
Complainant(s),	)	
Vs.	)	07 CD 100
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Salamanca for Change,	)	
Respondent(s).	)	

ORDER

TO: Salamanca for Change L13747
2847 S Keeler Ave.
Chicago, IL 60623

This matter coming to be heard this 21st day of April, 2008, following a Public Hearing as a result of a Complaint filed pursuant to "An Act to Regulate Campaign Financing" (Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10 ILCS 5/9-1 *et seq.*, herein referred to as the "Act"), alleging that the respondent(s) violated 10 ILCS 5/9-10, 5/9-13 & 5/9-14 in that the Respondent failed to file the June 2007 Semi-annual Report of Contributions and Expenditures; and the State Board of Elections having read the report of the Hearing Officer and hearing the recommendation of the General Counsel and now being fully advised in the premises,

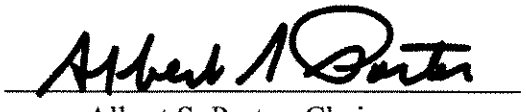
THE BOARD FINDS:

1. The Complaint was filed on justifiable grounds; and
2. There was no appearance by the Respondent at the Public Hearing, and
3. The report at issue remains unfiled.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Respondent file the June 2007 Semi-annual report within 30 days of the effective date of this Order; and
2. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of a civil penalty not to exceed $5000.00, and
3. The effective date of this Order is April 22, 2008.

DATED: 4/22/2008



Albert S. Porter, Chairman

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
08 APR 25 PM 4:10

April 25, 2008

Mr. Albert S Porter
Chairman, State Board of Elections
1020 S Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62704

RE: Case # 07 MA 032

Dear Chairman Porter,

In reference to case #07 MA 032 which refers to a Final Order issuing total fines to the campaign committee of Citizens for Bilotta of $11,100, I am asking that the Board of Elections to please reconsider the fine amounts.

Over the past year I have taken on way more than I should by having three jobs to try and make ends meet for my family as well as trying to continue being an effective representative to my constituents. Being a good representative takes a tremendous amount of time, more than I ever imagined. I try very hard to be a good elected official yet that also consumes any time left. Over that time I have been neglectful in my responsibilities in filing my disclosures with the State Board of Elections in a timely fashion and I humbly apologize for this. I am current with all my filings with the help of Andy Nauman in your Chicago office, he is very helpful. Since all this has happened I have asked my accountant to help me with this to insure that this NEVER happens in the future, I should have done this years ago.

I am asking the Board to please reconsider the total fine amount assessed on my committee. The fine amount will completely deplete my efforts to be able to continue serving as a good representative to my constituents. Fundraising is by far the only thing I hate about public office. I realize and am willing to pay a fine since I did this to myself, yet please reconsider the amount to something that is more manageable. I will not put either of us in this situation again.

Thank you for your consideration with this request of reconsidering the fine amount. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 815-955-4310.

Sincerely,

James Bilotta
Citizens for Bilotta
1000 S State St. #209
Lockport, IL 60441
815-588-0909 FAX

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08 APR 25 PM 4:10

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

In the Matter Of:	)	
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State Board of Elections	)	
Complainant(s),	)	
Vs.	)	
	)	07 MA 032
Citizens for Bilotta	)	
Respondent(s).	)	

FINAL ORDER

TO: Citizens for Bilotta L10811
1000 S State St., Suite 208
Lockport, IL 60441

This matter coming to be heard this 21st day of April, 2008, as an imposition of a civil penalty under Article 9 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-1 *et. seq.*), and the State Board of Elections being fully advised in the premises,

THE BOARD FINDS

1. In case number 07 MA 032, a $5000.00 civil penalty was assessed against the Respondent for the delinquent filing of the June 2007 Semi-annual report; and
2. In case number 07 MA 032, a $1800.00 civil penalty was assessed against the Respondent for the delinquent filing of the December 2007 Semi-annual report; and
3. An appeal of the civil penalties was not submitted by the committee, and
4. The committee was previously assessed a penalty of $4300.00, which was stayed as a first violation, for the delinquent filing of the December 2006 Semi-annual report (07 DS 173). This assessment was not appealed.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. A civil penalty totaling $6800.00 is imposed and the stay is lifted on the previously assessed penalty of $4300.00. The total amount of $11,100.00 is now due and owing within 30 days of the effective date of this Order; and
2. The effective date of this Order is April 23, 2008, and
3. This is a Final Order subject to review under the Administrative Review Law and Section 9-22 of the Election Code.

DATED: 4/23/2008

Albert S Porter, Chairman

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
08 MAY -7 AM 11:18

Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez
3605 S 59th Ave
Cicero Illinois 60804

April 28, 2008

Illinois State Board of Elections
General Counsel Steve Sandvoss
1020 S Spring Street
Springfield Illinois 62704

Dear Mr. Sandvoss,

The committee for Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez is requesting reconsideration to appeal the decision in the matter of State Board of Elections vs. Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez.

Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez are aggrieved by said decision and herby petitions for reconsideration for the delinquent filing of the December 2007 Semi-Annual report.

We request that reconsideration be granted and that further proceeding be had.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Hernandez
Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez

Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez
3605 S 59th Ave
Cicero, Illinois 60804

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
08 APR 30 AM 9:40

April 28, 2008

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Sincerely,

Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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In the Matter Of:	)	
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State Board of Elections	)	
Complainant(s),	)	
Vs.	)	
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Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez	)	
Respondent(s).	)	

FINAL ORDER

TO: Citizens for Elizabeth Hernandez S8255
3605 S. 59th Ave.
Cicero, IL 60804

This matter coming to be heard this 21st day of April, 2008, as an imposition of a civil penalty under Article 9 of the Illinois Election Code (10 ILCS 5/9-1 *et. seq.*), and the State Board of Elections being fully advised in the premises,

THE BOARD FINDS

1. In case number 08 DS 183, a $50.00 civil penalty was assessed against the Respondent for the delinquent filing of the December 2007 Semi-annual report; and
2. An appeal of the civil penalty was not submitted by the committee, and
3. The committee was previously assessed a penalty of $236.00, which was stayed as a first violation, for the delinquent filing of a Schedule A-1 report in conjunction with the March 2006 election (06 AP 023). This assessment was not appealed.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. A civil penalty in the amount of $50.00 is imposed and the stay is lifted on the previously assessed penalty of $236.00. The total amount of $286.00 is now due and owing within 30 days of the effective date of this Order; and
2. The effective date of this Order is April 23, 2008, and
3. This is a Final Order subject to review under the Administrative Review Law and Section 9-22 of the Election Code.

DATED: 4/23/2008

Albert S Porter, Chairman

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COOK

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections
Complainant

Vs. Case No. **08 DS 125**

Bremen Township Regular Democratic Org S742
Respondent

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment for Delinquently Filing the
December 31st, 2007 Semi-Annual Report

The political committee's December 31st, 2007 Semi-Annual Report was received by the State Board of Elections (herein referred to as SBE) on January 31st, 2008, seven (7) days late. As such, the political committee has been assessed a fine of $1,400.00. In addition, the political committee has previously been assessed a penalty of $150 for the June 2004 Semi-annual report, a penalty of $500 for the June 2005 Semi-annual report, and a penalty of $75 for the June 2006 Semi-annual report. All previously assessed penalties have been paid in full. Since this is a subsequent violation, it will be required to be paid by the political committee within thirty (30) days of the issuance of a Final Board Order.

Mr. John D. Lord, Treasurer, filed a Request for Hearing and Appeal Affidavit, on March 10th, 2008, indicating he truly feels "that the magnitude of the fine is out of proportion to the minor offense. There were circumstances involved in the "tardy" filing I hopefully can successfully explain them at the hearing"

Hearing in this matter was set for Wednesday, April 9th, 2008, to be conducted at the Chicago Board office, 100 W. Randolph, 14-100, at 9:00 a.m. This hearing was subsequently rescheduled and held via teleconference call on Wednesday, March 26th, 2008, at approximately 9:15 a.m.

Mr. John D. Lord, Treasurer, appeared on behalf of the Respondent. Mr. Lord stated that the organization is not active, with limited funds. Mr. Lord indicated that he resigned his position with the political committee in December, 2007, but due to the failure of the political committee to fill the vacancy, Mr. Lord had to continue as Treasurer. Mr. Lord indicated that the bank statements are received on the 10th of every month, delivered to a P.O. Box, which caused a delay in the preparation of the report. Mr. Lord stated records of the political committee were recently moved to the Deputy Committeemen's home, Ron Szako, which made access to them difficult. Mr. Lord indicated that copies of financial records and statements had to be requested of the bank to prepare the report. Mr. Lord did state the political committee received notification from the SBE concerning statutory changes in Semi-Annual deadlines.

I feel based upon a review of the statements/documents presented in this matter, and consideration of a prior filing delinquencies, the Hearing Examiner finds that there are no reasonable grounds for the December 2007 Semi-Annual Report to have been filed late. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the Hearing Examiner that the appeal be denied, and the assessed fine of $1,400 be due and owing.

Tony Morgando Jr. – Hearing Examiner
April 2nd, 2008

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County of COOK)

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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF;)
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,)
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Complainant)
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Vs.) Case No. 08DS125
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BREMEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR DEMOCRATIC)
Respondent(s). ORGANIZATION)

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, John D. LORD, the TREASURER of the
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)

BREMEN TOWNSHIP REGULAR DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION
(Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

REQUEST A HEARING

Signed and Sworn to by:
John D Lord
before me this 6th Day of
March, 2008
Notary Public

John D Lord
(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)

OFFICIAL SEAL
SHARON P SCHWANBECK
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:08/18/08

SUBJECT: ASSESSMENT LETTER DATE: 3/6/2008

PLEASE REPLY TO → SIGNED John A Lord

TO:

STATE BOARD of ELECTION

ATTN.: HEARING OFFICER

MESSAGE:

ENCLOSED YOU WILL FIND

- APPEAL AFFIDAVIT
- HEARING REQUEST

I TRULY FEEL THAT THE MAGNITUDE of THE FINE IS OUT of PROPORTION TO THE MINOR OFFENSE. THERE WERE CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVED IN THE "TARDY" FILING. I HOPEFULLY CAN SUCCESSFULLY EXPLAIN THEM AT THE HEARING.

I CAN BE REACHED @ (312) 553-9265 (W) OR (708) 334-5827 (C) TO SET UP

REPLY: A DATE & TIME FOR THE HEARING.

DATE: SIGNED

THANK YOU.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS

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March 3, 2008

Bremen Township Regular Democratic Organization S742
John Lord
4348 W 150th St.
Midlothian, IL 60445

Dear Bremen Township Regular Democratic Organization;

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	Semiannual Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007
Filing Period:	January 2, 2008 through January 22, 2008

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on January 31, 2008, 7 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of $1400.00.

Enclosed please find the Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fine if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of this assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal within this 30 day period, you forfeit the right to contest this assessment.

If the above listed violation is not appealed and since this is a subsequent violation it is also required to be paid by the committee within 30 days of the issuance of the Final Board Order:

If you have any questions regarding the appeal process, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director, Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections

Complainant

v. **07 AE 050**

Citizens to Elect Brenda L Thompson L 13794

Respondent

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment
For Failure to File a Schedule A-1 for the 2007 Consolidated Election

This Committee received 10 contributions, but failed to list them on a Schedule A-1. On 3/26/07, it received a contribution of $1500; on 3/27/07, it received a contribution of $2000; on 4/3/07, it received a contribution of 1500; on 4/4/07, it received a contribution of $3000; on 4/5/07, it received contributions of $1000, $1000, $1000, $2500, and $1500; and on 4/8/07, it received a contribution of $1500; for a total of $16,500. In addition, this Committee had been assessed a civil penalty of $2200 (not appealed, stayed) for delinquently filing the pre-election report for the 2007 Consolidated Election. The total assessment is $18,700.

Dr. Syleecia Thompson, the Treasurer of the Committee, filed an Appeal Affidavit. Neither a Request for Hearing nor a Waiver of Appearance was filed. Staff unsuccessfully attempted to contact Dr. Thompson regarding this. Since Dr. Thompson attached a memo from herself stating her defense, I will make my recommendation based upon the attachment to the Appeal Affidavit.

On the Affidavit, Dr. Thompson referenced an attached letter. In the letter she stated that she is extremely regretful for failing to file the A-1s. She is the treasurer of the Committee and the candidate's daughter. It was not her intention to forget these A-1s, but the bookkeeper quit abruptly and was nowhere to be found. She then had to become engulfed in this process more, but the A-1s were left out because she wasn't quite aware of the detailed requirements of filing. During the filing period, she worked with Board staff, and they never made her aware that she was missing the A-1s. The election caused many stresses in their family. It was a very heated political campaign that pulled her and her mother in many directions. She would like the opportunity to file these forms within 30 days and clear this matter up.

It is apparent that this Committee had some internal problems which placed a lot of stress on all involved, especially Dr. Thompson, the Treasurer, since the bookkeeper quit. However, internal personnel problems do not constitute an adequate defense in regards to failing to file the Schedule A-1 forms. Contributions totaling $16,500 were received by the candidate prior to the election and those contributions were not reported by the Committee until well after the election.

Therefore, I recommend that the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. However, since there is no indication that these violations were anything other than inadvertent and unintentional, I also recommend that the penalties be reduced to 10% of the original assessments, or $1650. If this recommendation is accepted by the Board, the stay will be lifted from the previously assessed $2200 penalty, with the total assessment being $3850. In addition, since this Committee has filed a Final Report, I further recommend that should the Committee remain dissolved for a period of 2 years following the date of the Final Order imposing the penalty, the fine be abated.

Sharon Steward – Hearing Officer
April 15, 2008

State of Illinois)
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County of Cook)

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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF;)
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,)
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Complainant)
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Vs.) Case No._____
)
Citizens to Elect Brenda Thompson)
Respondent(s).)

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, Dr. Syleecia Thompson, the Dr. Syleecia Thompson + Treasurer of the
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)
Citizens to Elect Brenda Thompson
(Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

See Attached

Signed and Sworn to by:
Syleecia N. Thompson
before me this 31 Day of
March 2008
Gloria J. Lewis
Notary Public

Dr Syleecia Thom
(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)

OFFICIAL SEAL
GLORIA J. LEWIS
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Jan 08, 2012

March 17, 2008

To: Illinois State Board of Elections

From: Citizens to Elect Brenda Thompson

RE: Appeal Affidavit

This letter is in response to the fine notice received. The committee is extremely regretful for failing to file the A'1s mentioned in the letter. I am the Treasurer of the Campaign and Brenda Thompson's daughter. It was not my intention to forget these A1'S but the bookkeeper we had quit abruptly and was nowhere to be found. I, then had to become engulfed in this process more but the A1's were left out because I wasn't quite aware of the detailed required of filing. During the filing period, I worked with several workers at the Board of Elections and they never made me aware that I was missing the A1's. Please allow me to file these A1 forms and clear up any confusion this has caused.

The election caused many stresses in our family. It was a very heated political campaign that pulled me and my mother in many directions. I would like the opportunity to get you these forms within 30 days and clear this matter up.

Thanks in advance.

Regards,

Dr. Syleecia Thompson

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March 3, 2008

Citizens to Elect Brenda L Thompson
16000 Halsted St
Harvey, IL 60426

L13794

Dear Citizens to Elect Brenda L Thompson;

This committee has failed to file the following Schedule A-1's, Report of Campaign contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act:

Contributed By	Date of Contribution	Fine Assessed	Amount of Contribution	Date A-1 Received	Days Late
American Kitchen	3/27/07	$2000.00	$2000.00	*not filed	
Anthony Bass	4/8/07	$1500.00	$1500.00	*not filed	
Craig Hanley	4/5/07	$1000.00	$1000.00	*not filed	
James Heidon	4/5/07	$1000.00	$1000.00	*not filed	
John Heidon	4/5/07	$1000.00	$1000.00	*not filed	
Dwight Jones	4/5/07	$2500.00	$2500.00	*not filed	
KR Miller Contractors	4/3/07	$1500.00	$1500.00	*not filed	
Keith Miller	4/5/07	$1500.00	$1500.00	*not filed	
Starfish Consulting	3/26/07	$1500.00	$1500.00	*not filed	
The Woodman Group	4/4/07	$3000.00	$3000.00	*not filed	

The committee is fined a **total** of $16500.00 for delinquently filing Schedule A-1 reports as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act. This total ***does not*** reflect any previously assessed fines.

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b-5) of the Election Code, the Board may impose fines for violations not to exceed 100% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported, but in no case when a fine is imposed shall it be less than 10% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported.

Since this is the first delinquent Schedule A-1 filing by your committee, the civil penalty will be automatically reduced to $1650.00, (10% of the total amount reflected above) if you do not choose to file an appeal under the Board's present policy. The total amount due will be imposed with the issuance of a Final Board Order after the 30-day appeal period had expired. This amount must be paid (including any previously assessed fines), within 30 days of the issuance of the Order.
Enclosed please find Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fines if you believe the civil penalties have been assessed in error. ***If you have a legitimate reason for your delinquent filing, it would behoove you to send in the appeal form since the Board has the discretion to take extenuating and other circumstances into account in determining the amount of your penalty.*** Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of this assessment for it to be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal procedure, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director, Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm
cc: Officer(s), Candidate(s)

* This contribution was reported on the June 2007 Semi-annual Report but should have been reported on a Schedule A-1 Report of Campaign Contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections
Complainant

v. **08 AG 004**

Citizens for Prorok L 14435
Respondent

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment For Delinquently Filing a Schedule A-1
For the 2008 General Primary Election

This Committee received 7 contributions from 1/1/08 through 1/16/08, and listed them on a Schedule A-1 filed 1/22/08. The total assessment is $27,000.

Christy Paulson Bauers, the Treasurer of the Committee, filed a Waiver of Appearance and submitted on the Appeal Affidavit the following:

On the Affidavit, Ms. Bauers referenced an attached notarized statement. On that statement Ms. Baurs stated that she is a CPA with a private practice in Rockford. This is the first time she has served as a committee treasurer. She attended the downlink seminar held by the Disclosure Division in December and also spoke with people knowledgeable in campaign disclosure matters. She was aware of the Schedule A-1 requirement as shown by attached internal committee e-mails. She had prepared a Schedule A-1 for each of the contributions in question and thought she had filed them. She thought by clicking on 'File Report' and putting the date in the 'Date Filed' space that she had actually filed those documents. She didn't realize that another step was necessary in order to transmit the reports electronically. She realized her error after she successfully filed the 2007 December Semi-Annual Report on 1/22/08. The A-1s were then actually uploaded; she contacted the Board where she was advised to send a letter to the Board to be put on file explaining what had happened. (Attached) She states that the late filing of the A-1 reports in question was inadvertent and the result of inexperience with a software program that was new to her. There was no attempt to intentionally fail to disclose contributions in a timely manner. All subsequent Schedule A-1s have been filed in a timely manner. The Citizens for Prorok respectfully requests that the Board waive any and all fines in this matter.

Everything submitted by Ms. Bauers supports her defense that she honestly thought she was filing these Schedule A-1s when she entered the 'Filed On' date. The attached e-mails illustrate the intentions of a person taking the extra step to make sure that things are done right and on time. A review of the data files that become the report seen on the website and in internal Board files, shows the 'Filed On' dates exactly as she outlined in her appeal, backing up her contention that if these A-1s had been filed as she believed they were, they would have been timely. A review of the Committee's filing history also shows six additional A-1s filed timely after January 22nd. Therefore, in order to be consistent with previous Board decisions when an electronic filing issue is used as a defense, I recommend that the appeal be granted. However, since the filer is now aware of the correct way to upload a Schedule A-1, it is doubtful the Board would look favorably upon the use of this defense a second time.

Sharon Steward – Hearing Officer
May 28, 2008

State of Illinois)
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County of Winnebago)

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CITIZENS FOR PROROK)
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APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, CHRISTY PAULSON BAUERS, the TREASURER of the
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)

CITIZENS FOR PROROK
(Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

SEE ATTACHED

Signed and Sworn to by:
MARCIA L. MUELLER
before me this 9th Day of
MAY, 2008
Notary Public

(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)

OFFICIAL SEAL
MARCIA L MUELLER
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:02/04/09

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO)

I, Christy Paulson Bauers do hereby depose and swear that the following information is true and correct according to my knowledge, information and belief.

1. I am a Certified Public Accountant with a private practice in Rockford, Illinois.
2. I am Treasurer for Citizens for Prorok.
3. That my position as Treasurer for Citizens for Prorok is the first time that I have served as treasurer for a political campaign committee.
4. That the D-1 for Citizens for Prorok was filed on November 14, 2007 formally establishing Citizens for Prorok as a campaign committee at which time, Citizens for Prorok had no assets.
5. That on December 8, 2007, I attended the Webcast on Campaign Disclosure sponsored by the State Board of Elections. I also consulted with Luci Hoover and Cathy McDermott, both of whom were experienced in campaign disclosure matters.
6. That I was aware of the requirement to file A-1 Reports within 48 hours of receipt of a contribution of $500.00 or more to the campaign committee after January 1, 2008. I sent e-mails to those members of the campaign who might receive contributions reminding them of that requirement. (Copies of these e-mails are attached as Exhibit A).
7. That I prepared each A-1 Report for the contributions in question in a timely manner. I thought that I had filed the following Filing I.D. numbers on the corresponding dates:
   a. IL-89793: Donation received 1/11/08 – "filed" 1/11/08.
   b. IL-89797: Donation received 1/11/08 – "filed" 1/14/08
   c. IL-89798: Donation received 1/14/08 – "filed" 1/15/08
   d. IL-89799: Donation received 1/15-16/08 – "filed 1/16/08
   e. IL-89801: Donation received 1/16-17/08 – "filed" 1/18/08
8. That when I prepared each of the A-1 Reports, under "Edit" in the electronic filing program, I clicked "File Report" and after entering the date filed, I thought that I had filed the report failing to realize that another step was necessary in order to transmit the report electronically.
9. That it wasn't until I successfully filed the D-2 Report on January 22, 2008 that I realized that all of the A-1 Reports that I thought I had filed previously had a filing date of January 22, 2008.
10. That I immediately called the State Board of Elections and spoke to Sharon Steward and advised her of my error. Ms. Steward advised me to send a correspondence documenting the A-1 Reports that I thought I had filed. That correspondence was sent by facsimile on January 22, 2008. (A copy of the correspondence is attached as Exhibit B).
11. That the late filing of the A-1 Reports in question was inadvertent and the result of inexperience with a software program that was new to me. There was no attempt to intentionally fail to disclose contributions made to Citizens for Prorok in a timely manner.
12. That subsequent A-1 reports were filed in a timely manner.
13. That Citizens for Prorok respectfully requests that the State Board of Elections waive any and all fines in this matter.

Signed and Sworn to by
Christy Paulson Bauers
Before me this 9th day
of May, 2008.

Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Christy Paulson Bauers, Treasurer

1622 Halsted Rd
Rockford IL 61103-3065
Phone: 815-877-3600
Fax: 815-877-3630

Christy Paulson Bauers CPA PC

Fax

To:	Campaign Disclosure Illinois Board of Elections	**From:**	Christy Bauers, Treasurer Citizens for Prorok
Fax:	1-217-782-5959	**Date:**	January 22, 2008
Phone:	1-217-782-4141	**Pages:**	1
Re:	A-1 Filings for FID 4582	**CC:**	

With today's initial electronic filing of Form D-2, I discovered that I have not correctly been using your software to transmit the A-1 filings that I prepared timely since 1/1/08.

I prepared each report within the required period, under "Edit" clicked "File Report" and after entering the date filed, my records reflected that it had in fact (I thought) been filed. After discovering today that additional steps to transmit the information were required, I spoke with Sharon Steward at your office who requested that I transmit all the A-1 Forms that I thought I had been filing. The following Filing I.D.s will appear late to you:

IL-89793 Received 1/16/08 & 1/17/08, I thought filed 1/18/08

IL-89801 Received 1/15/08 & 1/16/08, I thought filed 1/16/08

IL-89799 Received 1/14/08, I thought filed 1/15/08

IL-89798 Received 1/11/08, I thought filed 1/14/08

IL-89797 Received 1/11/08, I thought filed 1/11/08

The D-1 was filed 11/14/07 and this is my first experience with the State Board of Elections. I attended the Webcast on 12/8/07. Please forgive any penalties that might be generated as a result of this error. Thank you.

Christy Bauers

EXHIBIT A

No virus found in this outgoing message.
Checked by AVG Free Edition.
Version: 7.5.503 / Virus Database: 269.17.17/1182 - Release Date: 12/12/2007 11:29 AM

Subject	**RE: RE: Contributions**
From	Christy Paulson Bauers <cbauerscpa@insightbb.com>
Date	Thursday, December 13, 2007 11:05
To	c.prorok@insightbb.com

Yes, per a quick call to IL Board of Elections. We need to identify & document who it came from. While I was on the phone with them, I added you as an authorized contact person with your SS# as your identifier. Expect a letter via mail that we can send in to switch contact reminders from USPS to e-mail.

From: c.prorok@insightbb.com [mailto:c.prorok@insightbb.com]
Sent: Thursday, December 13, 2007 10:11 AM
To: Christy Paulson Bauers
Subject: Re: RE: Contributions

I was referring to the D-2. I knew we needed name and address for anything. I had some one drop off cash, is that acceptable?

----- Original Message -----
From: Christy Paulson Bauers <cbauerscpa@insightbb.com>
Date: Thursday, December 13, 2007 9:58
Subject: RE: Contributions
To: c.prorok@insightbb.com

EXHIBIT B (1-5

> Our records need name &
address for anything over $20.
> Doner is identified
> on D-2 filed if over $150 (in
total) during the 6 month
> reporting period.
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> From: c.prorok@insightbb.com
[mailto:c.prorok@insightbb.com]
> Sent: Thursday, December 13,
2007 9:41 AM
> To: cbauersepa@insightbb.com
> Subject: Contributions
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> Christy:
> What is the threshold dollar
amount that requires
identification
> of the
> donor?
> I seem to recall $150.
> Chuck
>
>
> Charles J. Prorok
> 1515 Greenmount Street
> Rockford, Illinois 61107
> 815-968-5606
> Cell: 815-985-4301
> c.prorok@insightbb.com
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incoming message.
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> Version: 7.5.503 / Virus
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Release Date:
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EXHIBIT B (2-5)

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Charles J. Prorok
1515 Greenmount Street
Rockford, Illinois 61107
815-968-5606
Cell: 815-985-4301
c.prorok@insightbb.com

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message.
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EXHIBIT B (3-5)

No virus found in this outgoing message.
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Version: 7.5.516 / Virus Database: 269.19.0/1216 - Release Date: 1/9/2008 10:16 AM

Subject	**A-1 & D-2 filings**
From	Christy Paulson Bauers <cbauerscpa@insightbb.com>
Date	Friday, January 11, 2008 12:53
To	"'Thomas A. Wartowski'" <tawlaw@insightbb.com>, 'CHARLES J PROROK' <c.prorok@insightbb.com>
Cc	Marcia Mueller <MMueller@HinshawLaw.com>

Gentlemen,

FYI, I've confirmed with "downstate" that A-1 forms are only needed for contributions OVER $500, not "$500 or over" as stated in various parts of the forms & instructions. Law changed 3 years ago, but forms didn't. I filed the required A-1 today for the $10,000 received from Alpine Bancorporation deposited today

The D-2 is due to be filed by 1/22/08 & I'm assuming that you'd like that filed as late as reasonably possible. The only info missing on that form is employers & occupations for natural persons contributing over $500 within a reporting period. I need employer & title info for:

1. Robert Prorok
2. R Robert Funderburg Alpine Bancorporation Inc
3. Frank & Mary Linda Gelafio
4. Dr Robert C Mueller
5. H Verne & Frances Loeppert
6. Dale Falconer
7. Raymond & Wilma Porter
8. Hugh Funderburg
9. Kathleen Ayres
10. Ted Ross
11. Mrs George Taylor

EXHIBIT B (4-5)

E-mail or phone me with detail please?

Thanks.

- Christy

Christy Paulson Bauers
(815) 877-3600 Office
(815) 877-3630 Fax
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CBauersCPA@InsightBB.Com

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April 14, 2008

Citizens for Prorok
POB 4087
Rockford, IL 61110

L14435

Dear Citizens for Prorok;

This committee has failed to file the following Schedule A-1's, Report of Campaign contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act:

Contributed By	Date of Contribution	Fine Assessed	Amount of Contribution	Date A-1 Received	Days Late
Alpine Bancorporation Inc	1/11/08	$10000.00	$10000.00	1/22/08	4
Brian Helm	1/16/08	$1000.00	$1000.00	1/22/08	1
Gerald & Patti Weber Jr.	1/15/08	$10000.00	$10000.00	1/22/08	2
Frank & Jennifer Wehrstein	1/14/08	$2000.00	$2000.00	1/22/08	3
Clifford & Beth Smith	1/11/08	$1000.00	$1000.00	1/22/08	4
Thomas Wartowski	1/11/08	$1000.00	$1000.00	1/22/08	4
Robert Funderburg	1/16/08	$2000.00	$2000.00	1/22/08	1

The committee is fined a **total** of $27,000.00 for delinquently filing Schedule A-1 reports as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act. This total ***does not*** reflect any previously assessed fines.

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b-5) of the Election Code, the Board may impose fines for violations not to exceed 100% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported, but in no case when a fine is imposed shall it be less than 10% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported.

Since this is the first delinquent Schedule A-1 filing by your committee, the civil penalty will be automatically reduced to $2700.00, (10% of the total amount reflected above) if you do not choose to file an appeal under the Board's present policy. The total amount due will be imposed with the issuance of a Final Board Order after the 30-day appeal period had expired. This amount must be paid (including any previously assessed fines), within 30 days of the issuance of the Order.

Enclosed please find Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fines if you believe the civil penalties have been assessed in error. ***If you have a legitimate reason for your delinquent filing, it would behoove you to send in the appeal form since the Board has the discretion to take extenuating and other circumstances into account in determining the amount of your penalty.*** Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of this assessment for it to be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal procedure, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director, Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm
cc: Officer(s), Candidate(s)

* This contribution was reported on the December 2007 Semi-annual Report but should have been reported on a Schedule A-1 Report of Campaign Contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt.

** This contribution did not, by itself, necessitate filing of a Schedule A-1. No fine was assessed for this contribution – it is listed for informational purposes only. A subsequent contribution, when aggregated with this contribution, exceeded the "more than $500.00" threshold and was used as the basis for the fine assessment.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections

Complainant

v. **08 AG 010**

Meeks for Senate S 8290

Respondent

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment For Delinquently Filing a Schedule A-1
For the 2008 General Primary Election

This Committee received a contribution of $2500 on 1/7/08, and listed it on a Schedule A-1 filed 1/10/08, 1 day late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of $2500.

Kathleen E. Geary, the Treasurer of the Committee, filed a Waiver of Appearance and submitted on the Appeal Affidavit the following:

On the Affidavit, Ms. Geary stated that on January 7, 2008, Meeks for Senate received a contribution from Com Ed PAC in the amount of $2500. On January 9, 2008, she filed an A-1 Report reporting the contribution. On January 10, she received a call from Board staff stating that the A-1 filed on January 9th did not contain any information; it was blank. That evening she corrected the error and immediately filed an A-1 on January 10th which contained the contribution made to Meeks for Senate by Com Ed PAC in the amount of $2500. The error in filing an empty A-1 Report on January 9th was inadvertent and completely unintentional.

It is possible using the IDIS software to inadvertently file a Schedule A-1 with no data attached. The filer would receive notification that a filing had been made with the Board, even though the filing was blank. This is apparently what Ms. Geary did as the Committee's report filing history shows, but she immediately refiled when the error was brought to her attention by staff. It appears from Board records that Ms. Geary is a new treasurer. Being a new treasurer is not a valid defense, since a number of Schedule A-1 forms have previously been filed on behalf of this Committee. However, this Committee has had no prior late filing assessments. Therefore, in order to be consistent with prior Board decisions when an electronic filing issue is presented as a defense by a Respondent, I recommend that the appeal be granted. However, now that this new treasurer is aware of the correct way to create and file a Schedule A-1 and is in a position to pass this information along to any subsequent treasurer, it is doubtful the Board would look favorably upon the use of this defense a second time.

Sharon Steward – Hearing Officer
May 28, 2008

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vs.) No. 58290
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MEEKS FOR SENATE)
Respondent(s).)

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, KATHLEEN E. GEARY, the TREASURER of the
(Name) (Chairman/Treasurer)

MEEKS FOR SENATE
(Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

1. That on January 7, 2008 Meeks for Senate received a contribution from Com Ed Pac in the amount of $2,500.00.
2. That on January 9 ,2008 on behalf of Senator James Meeks, I filed an A1 Report acknowledging receipt of a check from Com Ed Pac in the amount of $2,500.00.
3. That on January 10, 2008 I was contacted by Tara Cachur from the Illinois State Board of Elections and was advised that the above-mentioned A1 Report did not contain any information, i.e., any contribution received by the Committee.
4. Promptly that evening, I corrected the error and immediately filed an A1 Report on January 10, 2008 which contained the contribution made to Meeks for Senate by Com Ed Pac in the amount of $2,500.00.
5. The error in filing an empty A1 Report on January 9, 2008 was inadvertent and completely unintentional.

Subscribed and Sworn to Before me
This 14th Day of May, 2008

OFFICIAL SEAL
DIANN P KROSEY
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 06/14/08

NOTARY PUBLIC

(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)

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April 14, 2008

Meeks for Senate
POB 1248
Calumet City, IL 60409

S8290

Dear Meeks for Senate;

This committee has failed to file the following Schedule A-1's, Report of Campaign contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act:

Contributed By	Date of Contribution	Fine Assessed	Amount of Contribution	Date A-1 Received	Days Late
Com Ed PAC	1/7/08	$2500.00	$2500.00	1/10/08	1

The committee is fined a **total** of $2500.00 for delinquently filing Schedule A-1 reports as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act. This total ***does not*** reflect any previously assessed fines.

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b-5) of the Election Code, the Board may impose fines for violations not to exceed 100% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported, but in no case when a fine is imposed shall it be less than 10% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported.

Since this is the first delinquent Schedule A-1 filing by your committee, the civil penalty will be automatically reduced to $250.00, (10% of the total amount reflected above) if you do not choose to file an appeal under the Board's present policy. The total amount due will be imposed with the issuance of a Final Board Order after the 30-day appeal period had expired. If your committee has no other civil penalty assessments and only one delinquent Schedule A-1 amount is listed above, the penalty will be ***stayed*** as a first violation and would only become due and owing upon any subsequent delinquent filings by the committee.

Enclosed please find Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fines if you believe the civil penalties have been assessed in error. ***If you have a legitimate reason for your delinquent filing, it would behoove you to send in the appeal form since the Board has the discretion to take extenuating and other circumstances into account in determining the amount of your penalty.*** Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of this assessment for it to be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal procedure, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director, Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm
cc: Officer(s), Candidate(s)

* This contribution was reported on the December 2007 Semi-annual Report but should have been reported on a Schedule A-1 Report of Campaign Contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt.

** This contribution did not, by itself, necessitate filing of a Schedule A-1. No fine was assessed for this contribution – it is listed for informational purposes only. A subsequent contribution, when aggregated with this contribution, exceeded the "more than $500.00" threshold and was used as the basis for the fine assessment.

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Rupert T. Borgsmiller **Director, Campaign Disclosure**

To: Members of the Board, Daniel W. White, Executive Director, Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel

Re: SBE vs. Friends of Luis Arroyo - 08 AG 013

Date: May 29, 2008

Please be advised that the Hearing Examiner's Report in the matter of SBE vs. Friends of Luis Arroyo, case no. 08 AG 013 will be submitted under separate cover.

RTB:sm

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County of Cook)

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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF;)
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,)
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Complainant)
)
Vs.) Case No. 08 AG 013
)
Friends of Luis Arroyo)
Respondent(s).)

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, Denise Arroyo (Name), the Treasurer (Chairman/Treasurer) of the Friends of Luis Arroyo (Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

1/9/08 are the dates of the checks, not the dates we received the checks. Friends of Luis Arroyo received the checks via mail on 1/19/08 and were entered on that 1/21. I believe that the 2 days of reciept begins the date of reciept of the checks, not 2 days from the date the person writes the check.

Signed and Sworn to by:
Denise J. Arroyo
before me this 14 Day of
May, 2008
Ernesto Irizarry
Notary Public

Denise J Arroyo
(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
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Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires August 060

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April 14, 2008

Friends of Luis Arroyo
Denise Arroyo
2450 N Nordica
Chicago, IL 60607

S9349

Dear Friends of Luis Arroyo;

This committee has failed to file the following Schedule A-1's, Report of Campaign contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act:

Contributed By	Date of Contribution	Fine Assessed	Amount of Contribution	Date A-1 Received	Days Late
Mauricio Araujo	1/9/08	$2000.00	$2000.00	1/21/08	6
Citz for Mariyana Spyropoulous	1/9/09	$5000.00	$5000.00	1/21/08	6

The committee is fined a **total** of $7000.00 for delinquently filing Schedule A-1 reports as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act. This total ***does not*** reflect any previously assessed fines.

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b-5) of the Election Code, the Board may impose fines for violations not to exceed 100% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported, but in no case when a fine is imposed shall it be less than 10% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported.

Since this is the first delinquent Schedule A-1 filing by your committee, the civil penalty will be automatically reduced to $700.00, (10% of the total amount reflected above) if you do not choose to file an appeal under the Board's present policy. The total amount due will be imposed with the issuance of a Final Board Order after the 30-day appeal period had expired. This amount must be paid (including any previously assessed fines), within 30 days of the issuance of the Order.

Enclosed please find Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fines if you believe the civil penalties have been assessed in error. ***If you have a legitimate reason for your delinquent filing, it would behoove you to send in the appeal form since the Board has the discretion to take extenuating and other circumstances into account in determining the amount of your penalty.*** Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of this assessment for it to be considered.

If you have any questions regarding the appeal procedure, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director, Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm
cc: Officer(s), Candidate(s)

* This contribution was reported on the December 2007 Semi-annual Report but should have been reported on a Schedule A-1 Report of Campaign Contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt.

** This contribution did not, by itself, necessitate filing of a Schedule A-1. No fine was assessed for this contribution – it is listed for informational purposes only. A subsequent contribution, when aggregated with this contribution, exceeded the "more than $500.00" threshold and was used as the basis for the fine assessment.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections
Complainant

v. **08 DS 254**

Citizens for Patel L 13950
Respondent

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment For Delinquently Filing
The 2007 December Semi-Annual Report

The Report was received on March 31, 2008, 49 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of $2450. In addition, the Committee had previously been assessed a $150 civil penalty (not appealed) for delinquently filing the 2007 June Semi-Annual Report. The total assessment is $2600.

Mohammad Patel, the Chairman of the Committee, filed a Waiver of Appearance and submitted on the Appeal Affidavit the following:

On the Affidavit, Mr. Patel stated that his defense is that he had a heart attack, bypass surgery and months of rehab and recovery. He and his wife, Debra Patel (treasurer) were concentrating on his recovery and inadvertently forgot to file the report. As soon as they realized it was overdue, they filed it immediately. He asks that the Board reconsider assessing a penalty.

This report was filed 2 ½ months late. Prior to the filing deadline, the Committee was mailed the notification packet and a reminder notification. This notification went to the Committee address, which is also the address given by the Chairman and the Treasurer, Mr. and Mrs. Patel. After the filing deadline, the Committee was mailed another letter, this one stating that it had not filed the report by the deadline. There was no activity during this reporting period as indicated by the one page paper semi-annual report filed on 3/31/08; therefore, it could have been completed very quickly. In addition, the Committee had also delinquently filed the 2007 June Semi-Annual Report; it was mailed more than two weeks after that filing deadline. (That assessment was not appealed.) This Committee created 2/20/07, and since then has filed two of its three required reports delinquently. Mr. Patel states that because of his illness, he and his wife forgot to file the report. I believe that the Patels did forget to file the report due to Mr. Patel's illness, but I don't believe that that is a legitimate defense for a filing that was 2 ½ months late. I recommend that the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. If this recommendation is accepted by the Board, the assessed amount of $2600 will be due and owing.

Sharon Steward – Hearing Officer
May 6, 2008

State of Illinois)
County of Cook)

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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF;

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,

Complainant

Vs.

Citizens For Patel
Respondent(s).

Case No. 08 DS 254

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, Mohammad Patel (Name), the Chairman (Chairman/Treasurer) of the Citizens For Patel (Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

My defense in filing late is that I had a heart attack, Bypass surgery and months of Rehab and recovery. My wife, Debra Patel (Treasurer) and I were concentrating on my recovery and inadvertently forgot to file the report. As soon as we realized it was overdue, we filed it immediately. Please reconsider assessing a penalty. Thank you.

Mohammad Patel

Signed and Sworn to by: Ashwin V. Parikh
before me this 3rd Day of May 2008
Ashwin V. Parikh
Notary Public

(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)

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Notary Public - State of Illinois
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April 14, 2008

Citizens for Patel
Debra Patel, Mohammad Patel
253 E Berkley Ln
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

L13950

Dear Citizens for Patel;

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	Semiannual Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007
Filing Period:	January 2, 2008 through January 22, 2008

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on March 31, 2008, 49 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of $2450.00.

Enclosed please find the Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fine if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of this assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal within this 30 day period, you forfeit the right to contest this assessment.

If the above listed violation is not appealed and since this is a subsequent violation the previously stayed fine(s) for delinquent filing is now also required to be paid by the committee within 30 days of the issuance of the Final Board Order:

Reporting Period	Report Type	Previous Fine Amount
1/1/2007 – 6/30/2007	Semi-annual	$150.00
TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE		**$2600.00**

If you have any questions regarding the appeal process, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director, Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm

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Springfield, Illinois 62704
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Rupert T. Borgsmiller **Director, Campaign Disclosure**

To: Members of the Board, Daniel W. White, Executive Director, Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel

Re: SBE vs. Citizens for Suzanne Petrella – 08 MA 004

Date: May 29, 2008

Please be advised that the Hearing Examiner's Report in the matter of SBE vs. Citizens for Suzanne Petrella, case no. 08 MA 004will be submitted under separate cover.

RTB: sm

State of Illinois)
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County of Kendall)

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF;)
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,)
)
Complainant)
)
Vs.) Case No. 08 MA 004
Citizens for Suzanne Petrella)
Respondent(s).)

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, Suzanne Petrella (Name), the treasurer (Chairman/Treasurer) of the Citizens for Suzanne Petrella (Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

see attached paper

Signed and Sworn to by:
Mary M. Derdzinski
before me this 8 Day of
May, 2008

Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
MARY M. DERDZINSKI
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 07/20/2011

Suzanne Petrella
(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)

There was no withholding of information; all of the required campaign finance information had been submitted in a timely manner in written form.

There has been has been absolutely no non-disclosure. There was substantial compliance, although I may have been one day late with one form, it was submitted it to the local County Clerk's office to fax, before being mailed at the Post Office. The day before was a Monday, January 14th, Martin Luther King Day (government holiday), and I assumed it was not counted as a business day. The check was deposited on Saturday the 12th, not a business day. I thought two business days gave me until the sixteenth, so I sent the paper copy regular mail (on Saturday), arriving the 16th.

I fully complied with the spirit of disclosure laws. I painstakingly and meticulously listed all of the information in the spirit of complete disclosure as required by law. I wasn't known to me at that time that meticulously recording every campaign related dollar would put me in a category requiring online filing.

When I had my taxes prepared, the accountant who has been in business for eighteen years, when asked about electronic filing, explained the IRS has been sending him notices imploring him to file online, and he ignores them. I did not fully comprehend the difference at that time. I assumed that electronic filing was a voluntary compliance, duplicative, and was not mandated for those who complied by filing their report in written form.

This is my first run for office. I am effectively running without assistance other than the contributions made to my campaign and fully disclosed by me. I was not able to comprehend the complexity of the online filing program and did not have the time to learn it in the limited time available to me as a single parent. I had temporary employment, which allowed continuity pay meaning a significantly higher rate after thirty days provided not one day was missed until the close of the assignment. I was unable to find another individual who was familiar with the online filing program. At the very first opportunity available I drove to Springfield to learn firsthand from the State Board of Elections how to use the filing program. I was not hiding information, I was not failing to disclose information, I had filed in writing and disclosed everything required of me.

My Mother worked for the Board of Elections for over twenty years, and retired after an enjoyable career in New York State, passing away this December. From my Mother I learned the importance of hard work, diligence, honesty and integrity. I would never aim to be dishonest in any way.

Suzanne Petrilla

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April 14, 2008

Citizens for Suzanne Petrella
Suzanne Petrella
14 Maple St
Yorkville, IL 60560

L14391

Dear Citizens for Suzanne Petrella;

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	Semiannual Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007
Filing Period:	January 2, 2008 through January 22, 2008

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on April 2, 2008, 49 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of $2450.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

This committee has failed to file the following Schedule A-1's, Report of Campaign contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act:

Contributed By	Date of Contribution	Fine Assessed	Amount of Contribution	Date A-1 Received	Days Late
Angelo Kleronomos	1/12/08	$1000.00	$1000.00	1/16/08	1

The committee is fined a **total** of $1000.00 for delinquently filing Schedule A-1 reports as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act. This total ***does not*** reflect any previously assessed fines.

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b-5) of the Election Code, the Board may impose fines for violations not to exceed 100% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported, but in no case when a fine is imposed shall it be less than 10% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported.

Since this is the first delinquent Schedule A-1 filing by your committee, the civil penalty will be automatically reduced to $100.00, (10% of the total amount reflected above) if you do not choose to file an appeal under the Board's present policy. The total amount due will be imposed with the issuance of a Final Board Order after the 30-day appeal period had expired. This amount must be paid (including any previously assessed fines), within 30 days of the issuance of the Order.

Enclosed please find the Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fine if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of this assessment notice.

If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal within this 30 day period, you forfeit the right to contest this assessment. If the above listed violations are not appealed they will be required to be paid by the committee within 30 days:

If you have any questions regarding the appeal process, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director, Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm
Enclosure(s) appeal documents

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections

Complainant

v. **08 AG 006**

Residences Ridgewood L 14574

Respondent

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment For Delinquently Filing a Schedule A-1
For the 2008 General Primary Election

This Committee received 1 contribution of $4600 on 1/7/08, 1 contribution of $2121.60 on 1/7/08, and 1 contribution of $2000 on 1/22/08, and reported them on a Schedule A-1 filed 1/31/08. The two contributions received on 1/7/08 were reported 15 days late; the one received 1/22/08 was reported 5 days late. The total assessment is $8721.60.

Sara M. Gadola, the Attorney for the Respondent, filed a Waiver of Appearance and an Appearance Form on behalf of the Respondent, and submitted on the Appeal Affidavit the following:

On the Affidavit, the Respondent stated that the Committee Treasurer, Ralph Kopkowski, is a parent volunteer and a novice with regard to the filing of campaign disclosure reports. He inadvertently assumed that he could legally report each of the Committee's three January contributions on one Schedule A-1 at the end of the month. At no time did Mr. Kopkowski knowingly or intentionally try to conceal the contributions or delay their reporting in any way. Although reported late, all three contributions were voluntarily disclosed and reported prior to the February 5, 2008 general primary election. The Committee has committed no other violations and has filed a Final Report on March 3, 2008 and will be conducting no further campaign finance activities.

I recommend that the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. The treasurer is responsible for the timely filing of all disclosure reports, regardless of whether he is paid or unpaid, experienced or unexperienced. However, since there is no indication that these violations were anything other than inadvertent and unintentional, I also recommend that the penalty be reduced to 10% of the original assessment or $873. In addition, since this Committee has filed a Final Report, I further recommend that should the Committee remain dissolved for a period of 2 years following the date of the Final Order imposing the penalty, the fine be abated.

Sharon Steward – Hearing Officer
May 23, 2008

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County of Cook)

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

In the matter of Illinois State Board of Elections,	)	
Complainant,	)	
vs.	)	No. 08AG006
Residences Ridgewood,	)	Committee ID: L14574
Respondent.	)	

APPEAL OF ASSESSED CIVIL PENALTY

The Respondent, Residences Ridgewood (the "Committee"), by and through its attorneys, Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd., respectfully requests that the Illinois State Board of Elections ("Board") waive or reduce the civil penalty assessed against the Committee in this matter. In support of this request, the Committee states as follows:

1. The Committee received two monetary contributions on January 7, 2008, and a third monetary contribution on January 22, 2008. Each contribution was required to be reported within two business days of its receipt on a Schedule A-1 Report of Campaign Contributions of More Than $500.

2. On January 31, 2008, the Committee filed a single Schedule A-1 listing all three of the aforementioned monetary contributions. On April 14, 2008, the Committee was fined a total of $8,721.60, which was automatically reduced to a total of $873.00 as a first-time violation.

3. The Committee's Treasurer, Ralph Kopkowski, is a parent volunteer and a novice with regard to the filing of campaign finance reports.

4. Kopkowski inadvertently assumed that he could legally report each of the Committee's three January contributions on one Schedule A-1 at the end of the month. At no time did Kopkowski knowingly or intentionally try to conceal the contributions or delay their reporting in any way.

5. The Committee reported one contribution just five (5) business days late. Its two others were reported only fifteen (15) business days late. Moreover, all three contributions were voluntarily disclosed and reported prior to the February 5, 2008, general primary election.

6. Finally, the Committee has committed no previous violations of Sections 9-3 or 9-10 of the Election Code (10 ILCS 5/1-1 *et seq.*). It also filed a Form D-2 Final Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures on March 3, 2008, and will be conducting no further campaign finance activities.

WHEREFORE, the Respondent, Residences Ridgewood, prays that the Board enter an order waiving or reducing the civil penalty of $873.00 assessed against Respondent.

Respectfully submitted,
RESIDENCES RIDGEWOOD

By: _____
Sara M. Gadola
Attorney for Respondent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
before me this 27th day
of May, 2008.

_____
Notary Public

(SEAL OR STAMP)

"OFFICIAL SEAL"
NEOMI E. PALLAREZ
Notary Public, State of Illinois
My Commission Expires 03/16/10

State of Illinois)
)
County of Cook)

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

In the matter of Illinois State Board of Elections, Complainant, vs. Residences Ridgewood, Respondent.	))))))))))	No. _____ Committee ID: L14574

APPEARANCE

The undersigned, an attorney, hereby enters her appearance on behalf of the Respondent, Residences Ridgewood.

Sara M. Gadola
Attorney for Respondent

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN
before me this 27th day
of May, 2008.

Notary Public

(SEAL OR STAMP)

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Notary Public, State of Illinois
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Sara M. Gadola
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April 14, 2008

Residences Ridgewood
POB 56004
Harwood Heights, IL 60656

L14574

Dear Residences Ridgewood;

This committee has failed to file the following Schedule A-1's, Report of Campaign contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act:

Contributed By	Date of Contribution	Fine Assessed	Amount of Contribution	Date A-1 Received	Days Late
Dahlquist & Lutzow Architects Ltd	1/22/08	$2000.00	$2000.00	1/31/08	5
Stephen Frey	1/7/08	$4600.00	$4600.00	1/31/08	15
Community For RHS	1/7/08	$2121.60	$2121.60	1/31/08	15

The committee is fined a **total** of $8721.60 for delinquently filing Schedule A-1 reports as required by the Illinois Campaign Disclosure Act. This total ***does not*** reflect any previously assessed fines.

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10(b-5) of the Election Code, the Board may impose fines for violations not to exceed 100% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported, but in no case when a fine is imposed shall it be less than 10% of the total amount of the contributions that were untimely reported.

Since this is the first delinquent Schedule A-1 filing by your committee, the civil penalty will be automatically reduced to $873.00, (10% of the total amount reflected above) if you do not choose to file an appeal under the Board's present policy. The total amount due will be imposed with the issuance of a Final Board Order after the 30-day appeal period had expired. This amount must be paid (including any previously assessed fines), within 30 days of the issuance of the Order.

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If you have any questions regarding the appeal procedure, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director, Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm
cc: Officer(s), Candidate(s)

* This contribution was reported on the December 2007 Semi-annual Report but should have been reported on a Schedule A-1 Report of Campaign Contributions of more than $500.00, within 2 business days of receipt.

** This contribution did not, by itself, necessitate filing of a Schedule A-1. No fine was assessed for this contribution – it is listed for informational purposes only. A subsequent contribution, when aggregated with this contribution, exceeded the "more than $500.00" threshold and was used as the basis for the fine assessment.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections

Complainant

v. **08 MA 005**

Samuel Johnson L 14617

Respondent

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER
Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment For Delinquently Filing A D-1
Statement of Organization, the Pre-Election Report for the 2005 Consolidated Election,
And the 2005 June Semi-Annual Report

The D-1 Statement of Organization was filed on 3/28/08, 778 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of $5000; the Pre-Election Report for the 2005 Consolidated Election was filed on 3/28/08, 11 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of $1100; and the 2005 June Semi-Annual Report was filed on 3/28/08, 664 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of $5000. The total assessment is $11,100.

Sam Johnson, the Chairman of the Committee, filed a Waiver of Appearance and submitted on the Appeal Affidavit the following:

On the Affidavit, Mr. Johnson stated that in March of 2005, he called the State Board of Elections with questions about filing. He states he was asked how much money he received for his election. Mr. Johnson told him that it was $5000. He was asked if he had spent it all. Mr. Johnson told him he had spent all but $200. Mr. Johnson was asked if it would all be spent by the date of the election, and he answered yes. He was asked if the election was partisan or non-partisan and he responded that it was non-partisan. Mr. Johnson states that he was told that it was not necessary for him to file. Mr. Johnson asked if he meant before or after the election. The person he spoke with said it was not necessary for him to file anything. He hopes this matter will be resolved as he was assessed unfairly by the information he received.

I cannot conceive of any circumstance under which any Board of Elections employee would ask any of the questions Mr. Johnson states that he was asked, other than the question of how much money he had received, when determining whether he would be required to file as a political committee. And I cannot conceive of any circumstance under which Mr. Johnson would have been given the advice he claims to have been given by any Board employee. I can only speculate that it was not the Board of Elections that he contacted regarding this matter. I therefore recommend that the appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense. In addition, since this Committee has filed a Final Report, I further recommend that should the Committee remain dissolved for a period of two years following the date of the Final Order imposing the penalty of $11,100, the fine be abated.

Sharon Steward – Hearing Officer
May 7, 2008

State of Illinois)
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County of Pulaski)

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BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF;)
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,)
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Complainant)
)
Vs.) Case No. 08 MA 005
)
SAM JOHNSON)
Respondent(s).)

APPEAL AFFIDAVIT

I, SAM JOHNSON (Name), the CHAIRMAN (Chairman/Treasurer) of the SAM JOHNSON Candidate for MAYOR (Name of the Committee)

Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he/she represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are: In March of 2005, I called the State Board of Elections with questions about filing. I was asked how much money I received for my election. I told him it was $5,000.00. He asked me had I spent it all. I told him, all but $200. He asked would it all be spent by the election day. I said yes. He asked if the election was partisan or non-partisan. I told him it was non-partisan. He told me it was not necessary for me to file. I asked if he meant before or after the election. He told me it was not necessary for me to file anything. I hope this matter will be resolved as I was accessed unfairly by the information I received.

Signed and Sworn to by:
Sam Johnson
before me this 30 Day of April, 2008

Sam Johnson
(Signature of Chairman/Treasurer)

Notary Public

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RITA K FLUMMER
NOTARY PUBLIC - STATE OF ILLINOIS
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:02/23/10

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April 14, 2008

Samuel Johnson
Samuel Johnson
101 S. 4th St
Mound City, IL 62963

L14617

Dear Samuel Johnson;

This letter is to inform you that this committee failed to file its' D-1 Statement of Organization during the requisite 10-day filing period.

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-3 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received by the Board on March 28, 2008, 778 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of $5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	Pre-Election Report of Campaign Contributions
Report Period:	January 25, 2005 through March 6, 2005
Filing Period:	March 7, 2005 through March 21, 2005

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on March 28, 2008, 11 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of $1100.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	Semiannual Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	January 1, 2005 through June 30, 2005
Filing Period:	July 1, 2005 through August 1, 2005

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on March 28, 2008, 644 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of $5000.00.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Illinois State Board of Elections

Complainant

v. **08 MA 006**

Dunn for Judge Committee S 7515

Respondent

REPORT OF HEARING EXAMINER

Appeal of Civil Penalty Assessment For Delinquently Filing the 2007 June Semi-Annual Report and the 2007 December Semi-annual Report

The 2007 June Semi-Annual Report was received electronically on 4/1/08, 165 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of $5000. The 2007 December Semi-Annual Report was received electronically on 4/1/08, 48 days late, resulting in a civil penalty assessment of $3600. In addition, the Committee had previously been assessed a $150 civil penalty (appealed, appeal denied, unpaid) for delinquently filing the 2000 December Semi-Annual Report; a $150 civil penalty (appealed, appeal denied, unpaid) for delinquently filing the 2001 June Semi-Annual Report; and a $150 civil penalty (appealed, appeal denied, unpaid) for delinquently filing the 2002 June Semi-Annual Report. The total assessment is $9050.

Thomas More Leinenweber, the Treasurer of the Committee, filed a Waiver of Appearance and submitted on the Appeal Affidavit the following:

On the Affidavit, Mr. Leinenweber stated that he has been the treasurer of this Committee since its inception in 1999. He is solely responsible for all campaign related filings with the Board. Thomas Dunn, the candidate, is his maternal uncle. The Committee ceased to function in any meaningful way after Mr. Dunn's loss in the 2000 Democratic Primary for the Third District Appellate Court. Mr. Dunn requested that Mr. Leinenweber close the Committee sometime in 2000 after his loss in the Primary, but he did not do so. This Committee has had no assets of any kind since shortly after Mr. Dunn's loss in the March 2000 Primary. He believed that by timely filing the reports showing no assets, debts or receipts that he was doing what he was required to do by the Board. He also believed that because the Committee had no assets he could file paper reports. He fully intended to comply with all the rules and regulations concerning campaign disclosure and did not intend to violate any rules or procedures of the Board. He regrets any inconvenience and realizes that in retrospect he should have closed the Committee in 2000 when it ceased to function as a campaign committee.

A review of the reports filed by this Committee confirms that there were no funds and no activity in the Committee after 2000. However, since the Committee had met the mandatory electronic filing threshold, it was required to file reports electronically and failed to do so after 2001. As noted by the campaign disclosure specialist who reviewed this Committee's filings, the

Committee had been notified that it was still required to file electronically. However, until rules governing the electronic filing of reports became effective for the 2007 June Semi-Annual Report, there was little the Board could do to enforce this section of the law. On August 13, 2007, the Committee was mailed a letter stating that it had 30 days in which to refile this report (the 2007 June Semi-Annual Report) electronically; if not refiled electronically within 30 days it would be considered a non-filing and penalties would accrue from the date of the filing deadline. That report was not filed electronically until 4/1/08. On February 15, 2008, the Committee was mailed a letter stating that since the Committee had previously been informed of the need to file all reports electronically, that the 2007 December Semi-Annual Report filed on paper was being considered as never having been filed at all. That report was then filed electronically on 4/1/08. The Committee received several notifications of its obligation to file electronically, and the two letters mentioned above are clear in regards to its filing obligations. I therefore recommend that the Appeal be denied for lack of an adequate defense, and the $9050 civil penalty shall stand. In addition, since this committee has filed a Final Report, I further recommend that should the Committee remain dissolved for a period of 2 years following the date of the Final Order imposing the penalty, the fine be abated.

Sharon Steward – Hearing Officer
May 13, 2008

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STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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County of Cook)

BEFORE THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS
OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF;	)	
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ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS,	)	
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	)	Case No. 08 MA006
Complainant,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	
DUNN FOR JUDGE,	)	
Respondent.	)	

Affidavit of Thomas More Leinenweber

I, Thomas More Leinenweber, the treasurer of the Dunn for Judge Committee, first being duly sworn deposes and states that he represents that the said committee can offer a good reason or defense to the assessment of a civil penalty in this matter, and that such reasons and defenses are:

1. I have been the campaign treasurer for the Dunn for Judge Committee and have been since its inception in 1999.

2. I am solely responsible for all campaign related filings with the State Board of Elections for the Dunn for Judge Committee.

3. Thomas Dunn, the candidate who was supported by the Dunn for Judge Committee is my maternal uncle.

4. The Dunn for Judge Committee ceased to function in any meaningful way after Mr. Dunn's loss in the 2000 Democratic Primary for the Third District Appellate Court.

5. Mr. Dunn requested that I close the Dunn for Judge Committee sometime in 2000 after his loss in the Primary.

6. I did not close the Committee at that time, choosing instead to keep up with the filings with the State Board of Elections.

7. The Dunn for Judge Committee has had no assets of any kind since shortly after Mr. Dunn's loss in the March 2000 primary.

8. I believed that by timely filing the Dunn for Judge Committee's reports showing no assets, debts or receipts that I was doing what I was required to do by the State Board of Elections.

9. I also believed that because the Dunn for Judge Committee had no assets I could file paper reports with the State Board of Elections.

10. I fully intended to comply with all the rules and regulations concerning campaign disclosure and I did not intend to violate any rules or procedures of the Illinois State Board of Elections.

11. I regret any inconvenience that I have caused for the Illinois State Board of Elections and in retrospect should have closed the Dunn for Judge Committee in 2000 when it ceased to function as a campaign committee.

Affiant states nothing further.

Thomas More Leinenweber

Signed and sworn to before me
This 12th day of May, 2008.

Notary Public

OFFICIAL SEAL
JEANNE FUJIMOTO
Notary Public - State of Illinois
My Commission Expires Sep 14, 2010

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Dunn for Judge Committee
2915 Colfax St
Evanston, IL 60201

February 15, 2008

Dear Political Committee:

Our records indicate your committee has failed to **electronically** file the following document as required by 10 ILCS 5/9-28 of the Election Code:

Report Type:	Semi-Annual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures
Report Period:	July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007
Filing Period:	January 2, 2008 through January 22, 2008

Although your committee did file this report on paper, it had previously been informed of the need to file all reports electronically. Therefore, under Section 100.150 of the Board's Rules and Regulations **the paper report is now considered as never having been filed.**

Based upon your committee's failure to comply with the filing requirements, it is being assessed a civil penalty for each day this report was unfiled. The penalty for late filing will accrue from the date of the original report filing deadline, and will continue until such time as this reports is filed electronically.

After your report is received electronically in this office, you will be mailed an assessment notice, advising you of the amount of the civil penalty being assessed against this committee. You will also be provided with forms with which to appeal such penalty, if you feel you have been assessed such penalty in error. Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of the assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal within this 30 day period of time, you forfeit the right to contest the assessment notice at any time in the future.

The assessed civil penalty shall be stayed for a first time violation. Any subsequent violation of any provision of Article 9 of the Election Code or of a Board Order shall result in the assessment of another penalty as provided in Section 125.425 of the Rules and Regulations, with that civil penalty and any previously assessed penalty to be paid within 30 days.

Please remember that your committee is required to file all reports electronically. Paper reports from your committee will be considered non-filings.

If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the Campaign Disclosure Division at (217) 782-4141.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller
Director of Campaign Disclosure

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August 13, 2007

Re: Semi-Annual Report (S-7515)

Dear Committee Treasurer:

Thank you for filing a Semi-Annual Report with us. However, please be advised that under the Campaign Disclosure Act, your committee is required to file its reports electronically. The act states:

"Beginning July 1, 2003, electronic filing is required for all political committees that during the reporting period (i) had at any time a balance or an accumulation of contributions of $10,000 or more, (ii) made aggregate expenditures of $10,000 or more, or (iii) received loans of an aggregate of $10,000 or more."

Because your committee exceeded the $10,000 threshold, it is required to file its reports electronically. Electronic filing software is available free of charge at the State Board of Elections website at www.elections.il.gov, or by contacting us at (217) 782-4141. Technical support in using the software is similarly available.

Your committee's report must be re-filed electronically within 30 days of this notice. Since your paper report was received by the Board by the filing deadline, if the report is re-filed electronically within 30 days of this notice the paper report will be considered a timely filing. If the report is not filed electronically within 30 days of this notice, the paper report will be considered as never having been filed and penalties for late filing will accrue from the date of the filing deadline.

This letter serves as your committee's written warning, under Section 100.150 of the Board's Rules and Regulations, that your committee's reports must be filed electronically. This is the one and only time a report filed on paper by your committee can qualify as a timely filing. In the future, reports from your committee will not be considered filed until they are filed electronically.

If you have any questions or if you need assistance please contact the Campaign Disclosure Division at (217) 782-4141.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Director
Division of Campaign Disclosure

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April 14, 2008

Dunn for Judge Committee
2915 Colfax Street
Evanston, IL 60201

S7515

Dear Dunn for Judge Committee;

As you have been previously notified, this committee failed to file the following document during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	Semiannual Report of Campaign Contribution and Expenditures
Report Period:	January 1, 2007 through June 30, 2007
Filing Period:	July 2, 2007 through July 20, 2007

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5/9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received by the Board on April 1, 2008, 165 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of $5000.00.

In addition, this committee failed to file the following documents during the requisite filing period:

Report Type:	Semiannual Report of Campaign Contributions and Expenditures
Report Period:	July 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007
Filing Period:	January 2, 2008 through January 22, 2008

Based upon this committee's failure to comply with the provision of 10 ILCS 5-9-10 of the Election Code, it has been assessed a civil penalty for each day this report remained unfiled. According to Board records, this report was received on April 1, 2008, 48 day(s) late. As such, this committee has been assessed a fine of $3600.00.

Enclosed please find Section 125.425 Civil Penalty Assessments and the forms with which you may appeal the assessed fines if you believe the civil penalty has been assessed in error. Notice of Appeal must be filed within 30 days of the mailing of this assessment notice. If you fail to file a Notice of Appeal within this 30 day period, you forfeit the right to contest this assessment.

If the above listed violation is not appealed and since this is a subsequent violation the previously stayed fine(s) for delinquent filing is now also required to be paid by the committee within 30 days of the issuance of the Final Board Order:

Reporting Period	Report Type	Previous Fine Amount
7/1/2000 – 12/31/2000	Semi-annual	$150.00
1/1/2001 – 6/30/2001	Semi-annual	$150.00
1/1/2002 – 6/30/2002	Semi-annual	$150.00
TOTAL AMOUNT NOW DUE		**$9050.00**

If you have questions regarding the appeal process, please call Sue McArthur at 217/782-1543.

Sincerely,

Rupert T. Borgsmiller, Director
Division of Campaign Disclosure

RTB:sm
Enclosure(s): appeal forms

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

MEMORANDUM

From the desk of:
Daniel W. White, Executive Director

TO: Members of the Board

SUBJECT: Friends of Terry Link/Peter Couvall

DATE: May 30, 2008

At the request of the Board this matter was continued from the May meeting.

Attachments

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217/782-4141

Rupert T. Borgsmiller **Director, Campaign Disclosure**

To: Members of the Board, Daniel W. White, Executive Director, & Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel

Re: Friends of Terry Link/Peter Couvall

Date: May 7, 2008

The Board instructed me last month to prepare a report summarizing the staff's inquiry in regards to Peter Couvall and his involvement with the petition submitted by Senator Terry Link. Below is a brief synopsis of staff involvement.

The Board received an inquiry regarding the payment for individuals to collect signatures for Senator Terry Link's petition. The inquiry cited testimony given during the objection to petitions submitted by Senator Link (Transcript P 52). I had staff review testimony that was given during the objection proceeding and several questions were directed towards Peter Couvall. Mr. Couvall answered our first inquiry and his answer generated a follow-up letter from staff. A letter was then submitted on Mr. Couvall's behalf by attorney Michael Dorf. All correspondence has been included with this memo. I would like to point out that according to the Friends of Terry Link they paid Peter Couvall $2,500 on 9/22/07 for staff salary. (Schedule B)

Lastly, I conferred with Steve Sandvoss and we concluded that the issues raised by staff had been answered and no further reporting by the committee was necessary.

1 BY MR. LAVELLE:

2 Q. But go ahead with respect to your

3 question. Do you recall the question?

4 A. No.

5 Q. All right. What did -- what did

6 Peter Couvall tell you with regard to circulating

7 the petitions as far as being paid? Did he tell

8 you he would pay you?

9 A. Yes, sir.

10 Q. Did he tell you how much?

11 A. No.

12 Q. Did he tell -- what did he say he would

13 pay you for?

14 A. If I had 500 signatures, out of 500

15 signatures, it was hard to say how much I get paid.

16 I might do so many, like I might do 200 and get

17 maybe $100.

18 Q. Well, were you told to fill out whole

19 sheets?

20 A. 1 through 25.

21 Q. He wanted whole sheets done?

22 A. Whole sheet had to be done.

23 Q. And did you -- now we're back off the

24 offer of proof.

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February 14, 2008

S 6692

Lake County Democratic Party
Attn: Peter Couvall, Vice-Chairman
709 North Ave
Waukegan, IL 60085

Dear Mr. Couvall:

A review of testimony in re *Jerry Johnson, objector, vs. Terry Link, candidate*, before the State Officers Electoral Board on December 8, 2007, has generated a matter of interest for the Campaign Disclosure Division.

Witness Kenneth Davison testified that you told him you would pay him for circulating petitions on behalf of Senator Link's candidacy for re-election.

We need to determine the answers to several questions:

1) Was Mr. Davison, in fact, paid for circulating the petitions?

2) If so, was he paid by the Lake County Democratic Central Committee, by Friends of Terry Link, and/or by you or Senator Link personally?

3) If so, how much was he paid?

Please respond in writing to this correspondence so we may determine if amended reports will be required of either the Democratic Central Committee or Friends of Terry Link.

Respectfully,

John Levin
Campaign Disclosure Specialist (217) 782-1561

EXHIBIT

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February XX, 2008

Mr. John Levin
Campaign Disclosure Specialist
State Board of Elections
1020 South Spring Street
Springfield, IL 62708

S-6692

Dear Mr. Levin:

I am in receipt of your letter addressed to me dated, February 14, 2008. You asked three separate questions, and my responses to those questions are as follows:

1. Was Mr. [Kenneth] Davison, in fact, paid for circulating petitions?

Response: Yes.

2. If so, was he paid by the Lake County Democratic Central Committee, by Friends of Terry Link, and/or by you or Senator Link personally?

Response: Friends of Terry Link (FTL) paid me to assist in the preparation of Senator Terry Link's nominating petitions. In the course of my activities, I chose to pay individuals, like Mr. Davison, to help me.

FTL's payment to me in the amount of $2,500.00 is reflected on its semi-annual report which was filed in January.

3. If so, how much?

Response: $360.00

Sincerely,

Peter Couvall

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March 18, 2008

S 1692

Peter Couvall
709 North Ave
Waukegan, IL 60085

Re: *Jerry Johnson, objector, vs. Terry Link, candidate*

Dear Mr. Couvall:

Your response to our initial inquiry in this matter indicates Friends of Terry Link paid you to assist in the preparation of Senator Link's nominating petitions and that you, in turn, paid individuals to help you. You indicated that Mr. Davison was paid $360.00.

By way of clarification, could you please identify the other individuals whom you paid for their assistance in this effort and how much each was paid?

Thank you for your continued assistance in this matter.

Respectfully,

John Levin
State Board of Elections
Springfield, IL
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March 27, 2008

Mr. John Levin
Campaign Disclosure Specialist
Illinois State Board of Elections
1020 South Spring Street
Springfield, Illinois 62708

(S 6692-13)

Dear Mr. Levin:

Mr. Peter Couvall has forwarded to me, as counsel to Friends of Terry Link, the principal campaign committee of Senator Terry Link, and registered with the State Board of Elections as State Committee S-6692 (the "Committee"), your letter to him dated March 18, 2008, with the Reference Heading **"Jerry Johnson, objector, vs. Terry Link, candidate"**. You state that the letter is a follow up to "our initial inquiry in this matter", and you request information concerning a payment made by the Committee to Mr. Couvall to assist in the preparation of Senator Link's nominating petitions. For your convenience I have attached a copy of your March 18, 2008 letter, marked as Exhibit A.

As a preliminary matter, and as one of the attorneys representing Mr. Link in Jerry Johnson, Objector, v. Terry Link, Candidate, 07-SOEP GP 515, I object to any attempt by the State Board of Elections to revisit this matter. Not only have you no statutory basis to reassert jurisdiction in this case, which was decided by the State Board on December 21, 2007, and affirmed by the Circuit Court of Cook County on January 9, 2008, but it is a prima facie breach of due process not to have given Senator Link notice of your action.

Turning to the substance of your inquiry, the March 18, 2008 letter was a response to a letter sent by Mr. Couvall to you, which I have attached as Exhibit B, which in turn was in response to an initial letter, dated February 14, 2008, sent by you to Mr. Couvall, which I have attached as Exhibit C. I will summarize each in turn.

Your February 14, 2008 letter was addressed to Mr. Couvall as Vice-Chairman of the Lake County Democratic Party. It noted that a review of the testimony in Johnson v. Link had "generated a matter of interest". You asserted that a witness, Kenneth Davison, had testified

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concerning payment for circulation of petitions. You asked whether Mr. Davison had been paid for circulating petitions, and if so, the source and amount of such payment. You specifically asked if payment was made by the Lake County Democratic Central Committee, the Committee, Mr. Couvall personally, or Senator Link personally. You stated the purpose of your letter as the determination whether an amended report would be required from either the Lake County Democratic Central Committee, or the Committee.

Mr. Couvall's response to you stated that the Committee had hired Mr. Couvall to assist in the preparation of petitions. Mr. Couvall noted that such payment was disclosed in the Semi-Annual Report filed by the Committee for the applicable period. Mr. Couvall further stated that Mr. Davison had been paid by Mr. Couvall to assist him.

Given the stated purpose of your February 14, 2008 letter, to determine whether the Committee or the Lake County Democratic Central Committee needed to file an amended report, once Mr. Couvall had made clear that a reported expenditure had been made by the Committee, any further inquiry should have been directed to that entity. Instead, your March 18, 2008 letter asks Mr. Couvall, who is not an officer of the Committee, questions that presumably go to your desire to obtain information concerning the Committee's expenditures.

As the Committee reported, and as Mr. Couvall confirmed, an Expenditure of $2,500 was made to Mr. Couvall on September 22, 2007. Mr. Couvall's assignment was the preparation of Senator Link's nominating petitions. Mr. Couvall was not, nor was he intended to be, a "conduit" for such expenditure, as contemplated by the language in 26 Ill.Adm.Code 100.70 (c), which might require additional disclosure. Rather, his assignment was the same as that of any vendor who was given a task and, as part of such task, might use others to assist him. The Committee did not give him further directions, nor did it specify how the task should be completed. Accordingly, no further information was required to be reported by the Committee, nor by any other committee or person.

Please direct any further requests for clarification to my attention.

Sincerely,

Michael C. Dorf

Enclosures

cc: Hon. Albert Porter, Chairman (w/enc.)
Mr. Rupert Borgsmiller, Dir. of Campaign Disclosure (w/enc.)
Steve Sandvoss, Esq., General Counsel (w/enc.)

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Friends of Terry Link	7/1/2007 thru 12/31/2007	1/22/2008 12:32:07PM	IDENTIFICATION NO. S 6692

SCHEDULE B

PART 8 - EXPENDITURES

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES FULL NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE	DATE OF EXPENDITURE	AMOUNT	AGGREGATE AMOUNT FOR THIS REPORTING PERIOD
Comcast 29777 Telegraph Rd. Ste 4400B Southfield, MI 48034			
Purpose: cable show	7/1/2007 Beneficiary:	$208.33 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
Purpose: cable	7/1/2007 Beneficiary:	$98.32 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
Purpose: cable show	8/15/2007 Beneficiary:	$321.97 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
Purpose: cable	8/15/2007 Beneficiary:	$70.33 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
Purpose: cable	8/25/2007 Beneficiary:	$70.33 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
Purpose: cable	8/27/2007 Beneficiary:	$70.33 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
Purpose: cable show	10/16/2007 Beneficiary:	$319.96 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
Purpose: cable	11/7/2007 Beneficiary:	$7,032.00 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
Purpose: cable	12/15/2007 Beneficiary:	$330.55 Friends of Terry Link	$8,522.12
COUNTRY Insurance & Financial Services P.O. Box 2020 Bloomington, IL 61702-2020			
Purpose: Springfield Auto	12/16/2007 Beneficiary:	$677.32 Friends of Terry Link	$677.32
Couvall, Peter Bonnie Brook Waukegan, IL 60085			
Purpose: staff salary	9/22/2007 Beneficiary:	$2,500.00 Friends of Terry Link	$2,500.00
EDDI 24444 W Middlefork Rd Barrington, IL 60010			
Purpose: community relations	11/7/2007 Beneficiary:	$300.00 Friends of Terry Link	$300.00

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Rupert T. Borgsmiller **Director, Campaign Disclosure**

To: Members of the Board, Daniel W. White, Executive Director, Steve Sandvoss, General Counsel

Re: Candidates with unpaid files/potential Ballot Forfeiture

Date: May 29, 2008

Attached is a current listing of candidates that have the potential to face ballot forfeiture for the November 4, 2008 General Election. All **active** candidate committees listed have pending appeals that will be decided at the June or July Board meetings.

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Ballot Forfeiture 2008 GE
Active Committees

Cmte No	Cmte Name	Candidate	Office Sought	Fine due	Appeal Pending?
L10811	Citizens for Bilotta	James Bilotta	County Board Member/Will Co	$11,100.00	motion/reconsider
L14382	Citz for Mariyana Spyropoulos	Mariyana Spyropoulos	Water Reclamation Dist	$105,088.80	yes
L14391	Citz for Suzanne Petrella	Suzanne Petrella	County Board Member/Kendall Co	$3,450.00	yes
L14435	Citz for Prorok	Charles Prorok	State's Attny/Winnebago Co	$27,000.00	yes
S8255	Citz for Elizabeth Hernandez	Elizabeth Hernandez	State Rep/ 24th Dist	$286.00	motion/reconsider
S9349	Friends of Luis Arroyo	Luis Arroyo	State Rep/ 3rd Dist	$7,000.00	yes
S9696	Stout for Senate Cmte	Steve Stout	State Senate/ 38th Dist	$7,000.00	yes

Ballot Forfeiture 2008 GE
Final Committees

Cmte No	Cmte Name	Candidate	Current Office Sought	Fine due	Abate On Date
L5628	Jeff Lair for Sheriff	Jeff Lair	Morgan County Coroner**	$300.00	11/14/08
L7246	Citz to Elect Lickiss	Jeff Lickiss	County Board Member/Peoria Co	$5;000.00	10/17/08
L13423	The Friends of Lauren Boswell Loftin Cmte	Lauren Loftin	County Board Member/ Rock Island Co	$467.00	1/17/09
S9350	Friends of Rita Gonzalez	Rita Gonzalez	County Board Member/DuPage Co	$1,552.00	8/22/09

** Candidate was running for Morgan County Sheriff at the time of the penalty assessment

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To: Daniel W. White, Executive Director, Members of the Board

Re: Payment of Civil Penalties - Informational

Date: May 29, 2008

The following committees have made payment of outstanding civil penalties for the period of 5/8/2008 – 5/29/2008:

- Friends of Clayborne - $100.00
- Friends of Joy Cunningham - $2303.00
- Citizens for Lightford - $1600.00
- Citizens for Mary Margaret Maule - $75.00

Total Amount Paid for this Period- $4078.00

Year to Date:
1/10/08 – 2/7/08 - $8147.00
2/8/08 – 2/26/08 - $3430.00
2/27/08 – 4/10/08 - $31,544.14
4/11/08 – 5/7/08 - $9597.35
5/8/08 -5/29/08 - $4078.00

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4. Other business.

5. Comments from the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

6. Comments from the general public.

7. The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 21, 2008 at 10:30 a.m. in Springfield.

8. Executive Session.