

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Rod Skoe Campaign Committee (15777);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Senator Rod Skoe (hereinafter referred to as the Candidate) hereby agree as follows:

1. The Rod Skoe Campaign Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Senator Rod Skoe. A routine Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board review identified an individual contribution as a potential lobbyist name match. The Rod Skoe Campaign Committee's 2013 Year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures initially listed a \$500 dollar contribution from Michael Madigan on the schedule for individual contributions. After reviewing the matter, the Rod Skoe Campaign Committee submitted an amended report to include the contribution from Mr. Madigan (the Lobbyist) on the schedule for lobbyist contributions.
2. With the addition of the aforementioned contribution, during the 2013-2014 election cycle segment the Committee accepted \$6,500 in contributions from special sources. These sources include registered lobbyists, from whom the Committee accepted \$1,500, and political committees or political funds, from which the Committee accepted \$5,000. The total amount of these contributions exceeds by \$500 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state senate candidate is \$6,000. The \$500 in excess contributions was not returned within 90 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
3. In a letter to Board staff on April 8, 2014, the Candidate stated that the \$500 contribution from the Lobbyist had been initially entered as an individual contribution because the Lobbyist had not included his registration number of the check. The Candidate provided the Board with a copy of the check to verify the missing registration number. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5, provides that a contribution made to a candidate by a lobbyist must include the name and registration number of the lobbyist. The Lobbyist has acknowledged that he failed to include his registration number with the contribution.
4. Board records indicate that this is the first election cycle segment in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on June 10, 2002.
5. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from special sources resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 11, in the 2013-2014 election cycle segment.
6. The Candidate has returned the \$500 contribution to the Lobbyist to bring the Committee into compliance with the special source limit. A copy of the check used to return the excess contribution must be provided to the Board within 30 days after the date this conciliation agreement is signed by both parties.

7. It is agreed by the parties that providing a copy of the check used to return the excess contribution and this conciliation agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4. No civil penalty is assessed in this matter, as the Lobbyist failed to include his registration number with the contribution.

8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that failure to provide a copy of the check used to return the excess contribution within the time specified in paragraph 6 above is a violation of the terms of this conciliation agreement and the Board may declare this agreement to be null and void and may take further action to resolve this matter.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this agreement is confidential until signed by the Candidate and the Board Chair. Once signed, the agreement shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minnesota Statutes section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and section 10A.28, subdivision 3.

/s/ Rod Skoe Dated: 10/20/2014
Senator Rod Skoe

/s/ Deanna Wiener Dated: 10/7/2014
Deanna Wiener, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board