

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the Matter of Lobbyist Mark Grant (Registration No. 1940);

1. A routine Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board review of filed reports revealed that the Katie Sieben Volunteer Committee's 2013 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures and 2014 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures disclosed contributions from special sources in excess of the statutory limit.
2. The committee responded to staff's inquiry and indicated that it had received a \$10 contribution from Mark Grant in 2013. Mark Grant is a lobbyist registered with the Board. The committee indicated that Mr. Grant's lobbyist registration number was not included with the contribution, as required by statute. A copy of the contribution check issued by Mr. Grant, and dated August 23, was provided to the Board to verify the missing registration number.
3. In an email to Board staff on August 10, 2015, Mr. Grant indicated that he simply forgot to include his lobbyist registration number on the contribution check.
4. The parties agree that Mr. Grant made a contribution to a candidate without including his lobbyist registration number on the check, in violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5.
5. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, Mr. Grant agrees that he fully understands the requirement that a lobbyist must include their name and registration number on all contributions made by a lobbyist to a candidate. Mr. Grant will ensure that future contributions to candidates clearly state both his name and his registration number, clearly identifying the number as a lobbyist registration number.
6. Mr. Grant agrees that the Board's acceptance of this agreement constitutes the imposition of a civil penalty in the amount of \$10 against Mr. Grant for making a contribution to a candidate that did not comply with the requirements of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 5. The civil penalty is due within 30 days of the date this agreement is signed by both parties.
7. If Mr. Grant does not comply with the provisions of this agreement, this matter may be reopened by the Board and the Board may take such actions as it deems appropriate.

/s/ Mark Grant
Mark Grant

Dated: 9/15/15

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 9/1/15

Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 9/1, 2015

/s/ George A. Beck

George A. Beck, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board