

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

**FINDINGS REGARDING
SEIU LOCAL 73-HC**

Procedural Background

In response to an inquiry from the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board (“the Board”) James Fritz, treasurer, (Patti) Fritz Volunteer Committee, notified the Board that the SEIU Local 73-HC, an association that is not registered with the Board, made a \$200 contribution to the (Patti) Fritz Volunteer Committee on August 23, 2004.

Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 13 (b), prohibits an unregistered association from making a contribution to a registered principal campaign committee, unless, at the time the contribution is made, the unregistered association provides a disclosure statement that meets the reporting requirements of Minn. Stat. §10A.20.

The Board sent letters to SEIU Local 73-HC regarding this matter on March 31, 2005, and April 20, 2005 and Board staff spoke with Denise Poloyac, Secretary/Treasurer, SEIU Local 73-HC regarding this matter on May 12, 2005, and May 17, 2005, however, no written response was received.

This matter was considered by the Board in executive session at its meeting on June 7, 2005. The Board’s decision was based on correspondence received from Mr. Fritz and Board records.

Based on the record before it, the Board issues the following:

EVIDENTIARY FINDINGS

1. There is evidence that the SEIU Local 73-HC Political Fund inadvertently violated Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 13 (b), when it made a contribution in excess of \$100 to the (Patti) Fritz Volunteer Committee without providing the required disclosure.
2. There is no evidence that this contribution was returned within 60 days.
3. Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 13 (b), provides that an unregistered association that makes a contribution in excess of \$100 without the required disclosure is subject to civil penalty of up to \$1,000.

Based on the above Statement of the Evidence, the Board makes the following:

FINDINGS CONCERNING PROBABLE CAUSE

There is probable cause to believe that SEIU Local 73-HC inadvertently violated Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 13 (b) by making a contribution in excess of \$100 to a registered principal campaign committee without providing the required disclosure.

Based on the above Findings, the Board issues the following:

ORDER

1. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$200, two times the amount by which the contribution exceeded \$100, on SEIU Local 73-HC for making a contribution in excess of \$100 without providing the required disclosure.
2. SEIU Local 73-HC is directed to forward to the Board payment of the civil penalty of \$200 by check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota, within thirty days of the public posting of this order.
3. If the SEIU Local 73-HC does not comply with the provisions of this order, the Board's Executive Director shall refer this matter to the Attorney General for civil enforcement pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.34, subd. 2
4. The Board investigation of this matter is hereby made a part of the public records of the Board pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.02, subd. 11, and upon payment by the civil penalty imposed herein, this matter is concluded.

Dated: June 7, 2005



Terri Ashmore, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board