

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

**CONCILIATION**

**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund (#30308):

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Wilbert Harri, treasurer, hereby agree as follows:

1. During calendar year 2004, the Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund, a registered political fund, made two \$100 contributions to the Senator (Dennis) Frederickson Volunteer Committee, a registered principal campaign committee, which cumulatively exceeded by \$100 the \$100 non-election year limit for a political fund contribution as set out in Minn. Stat. §10A.27, subd. 1(a) (4), and resulted in violations of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 2. The excess contribution amount was not returned within 60 days as required by Minn. Stat. §10A.15, subd. 3.

2. In correspondence received on May 16, 2005, Wilbert Harri, treasurer, stated “we understand we have committed a violation of the non-election year limit of \$100. It was an error on our part but not a willful attempt to circumvent the campaign finance statutes and

regulations.” Mr. Harri confirmed that a refund of the excess contribution had been received from the Senator (Dennis) Frederickson Volunteer Committee.

3. Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund registered with the Board on September 27, 1989. Prior to August 1, 2002, there was no penalty for a political fund that made a contribution in excess of the applicable limits. This is the first excess contribution by the Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund subsequent to August 1, 2002.

4. The parties agree that Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund made cumulatively excessive contributions to the Senator (Dennis) Frederickson Volunteer Committee in calendar year 2004, resulting in an inadvertent violation of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 2.

5. The Board imposes a civil penalty totaling \$100 to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state. This civil penalty represents one times the amount by which the contributions cumulatively exceeded the applicable contribution limit.

6. Inter Faculty Organization Lobby Fund hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$100 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within thirty days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board chair. It is agreed by the parties that payment of the civil penalty of \$100, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subds. 3 and 4.

7. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$100 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 6 above, then Wilbert Harri will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minn. Stat. § 10A.34, subd. 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$200, two times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 31 to 60 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair;

(b) \$300, three times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 61 to 90 days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board chair;

(c) \$400, four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received 91 to 120 days after the date this agreement is signed by the Board chair;

8. It is further understood that if the civil penalty is not paid as agreed, within the times specified in paragraphs 6 and 7 above, the Board will proceed to enforce the provisions of Minn. Stat. §10A.28, subd. 4.

9. It is further understood and agreed that this Agreement is confidential until signed by Wilbert Harri and the Board Chair; the signed Agreement then shall become a matter of public record, and the statutory requirement of confidentiality shall no longer apply. Minn. Stat. §§10A.02, subd. 11 and 10A.28, subd. 3.

Wilbert Harri Dated: 6/17/05  
Wilbert Harri

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By Terri Ashmore Dated:  
Terri Ashmore  
Chair, Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board