

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

**CONCILIATION
AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Masin (Sandra) Campaign Committee (14857);

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes section 10A.28, subdivision 3, the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board and Representative Sandra Masin (the Candidate) agree as follows:

1. The Masin (Sandra) Campaign Committee (the Committee) is the principal campaign committee of Representative Sandra Masin. On its 2013 year-end Report of Receipts and Expenditures and its 2014 pre-primary-election Report of Receipts and Expenditures, the Committee reported that it had accepted \$1,100 in total contributions from MAPE-PAC, a political committee registered with the Board, during the two year period. The total amount of these contributions exceeds the applicable political committee contribution limit during the 2013-2014 election cycle, which for a state representative candidate is \$1,000. The \$100 in excess contributions was not returned within 90 days, and thus, is deemed accepted under Minnesota Statutes section 10A.15, subdivision 3.
2. In an email dated October 24, 2014, the Committee's treasurer confirmed that the Committee had accepted the excess contributions. The treasurer explained that the Committee had returned the excess \$100 to the political committee and the treasurer provided a copy of the check and the letter returning the excess contribution.
3. After discussing the matter with the Committee's treasurer, the Board has confirmed that a problem with the Committee's installation of the Campaign Finance Reporter software resulted in the software not properly flagging the violation with a compliance warning as it is designed to do, which would have allowed the Committee to remedy the issue.
4. Board records show that this is the first instance in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the contribution limits. The Committee registered with the Board on November 26, 1997.
5. The parties agree that the Committee accepted excessive contributions from a political committee resulting in a violation of Minnesota Statutes section 10A.27, subdivision 1(a)(5), in the 2013-2014 election cycle.
6. To resolve this matter informally, and to avoid these violations in the future, the Candidate and the Committee agree that they will work with Board staff to remedy the software installation issue preventing the Committee from being notified of compliance issues.

/s/ Sandra Masin Dated: 2/17/2015
Representative Sandra Masin

/s/ Gary Goldsmith Dated: 2/4/2015
Gary Goldsmith, Executive Director
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

Agreement approved by Board at meeting of 2/3, 2015

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