

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

**CONCILIATION**

**AGREEMENT**

In the matter of the Carolyn Laine for State Representative Committee (#16374);

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

1. The Carolyn Laine for State Representative Committee ("the Committee") is the principal campaign committee of Carolyn Laine for House District 50A. During 2008, the Committee accepted \$6,350 in contributions from special sources. These sources include from registered lobbyists from whom the Committee accepted \$325, and from political committees or political funds from which the Committee accepted \$6,025. The total amount of these contributions exceeded by \$50 the applicable limit on aggregate contributions from special sources, which for a state representative candidate was \$6,300. The amount of \$50 in excess contributions was not returned within 60 days as permitted by Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

2. In correspondence dated February 28, 2009, Deanne Allen, treasurer, stated "You advised us that the candidate campaign committee...exceeded the aggregate limit... This is true, and came to our attention when we updated our 2008 campaign reporting to use the software. The software informed us that a \$50 donation we thought was an individual donation was actually from someone registered as a lobbyist."

3. Board records show that this is the first calendar year in which the Committee reported acceptance of contributions that exceeded the applicable aggregate contribution limit. The Committee registered with the Board on January 4, 2006.

4. 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 calendar year 2008.

5. The Candidate hereby agrees to return \$50 to contributors described in paragraph 1. A copy of the check and the accompanying letter returning the excess amount must be forwarded to the Board within 30 days after the date this Conciliation Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

6. The Board imposes a civil penalty of \$50, one times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the applicable limit, to be paid to the Board for deposit in the general fund of the state.

7. The Candidate hereby agrees to forward to the Board \$50 by check or money order payable to the STATE OF MINNESOTA within 30 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 \$50, a copy of the check and letter returning the contribution, and this Conciliation Agreement will be a bar to any civil proceeding under Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.28, subdivisions 3 and 4.

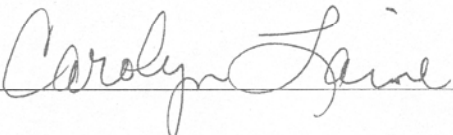
8. It is further understood and agreed, however, that if the civil penalty of \$50 is not paid within the time specified in paragraph 7 above, then the Candidate will be personally liable to pay a civil penalty, under Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.28 and 10A.34, subdivision 1, in an amount calculated as follows:

(a) \$100 which is 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) \$150 which is 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) \$200, four times the amount by which the contributions exceeded the statutory limit, if payment is received more than 90 days after the date this Agreement is signed by the Board Chair.

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.



Dated: 4-19-09

Representative Carolyn Laine

Approved by the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board

By 

Dated: 5-8-09

A. Hilda Bettermann, Chair

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board