

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

**FINDINGS AND ORDER IN THE MATTER OF
A CONTRIBUTION DURING THE REGULAR 2006 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
BY IBEW 110 PAC**

Summary of Allegations and Responses

On June 22, 2006, the Neighbors for Scott Kranz (Committee) notified the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board ("the Board") that the Committee accepted a \$300 contribution from the IBEW 110 PAC during the 2006 regular legislative session. The contribution was received on March 7, 2006. The 2006 regular legislative session was held from March 1, 2006, to May 21, 2006.

Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.273, subdivision 1(b), prohibits political funds from making a contribution to a principal campaign committee during a regular legislative session. A political fund that violates this section is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board of up to \$1,000.

By letter dated June 27, 2006, the Board notified IBEW 110 PAC of the correspondence received from the Committee and the statutory provision that appeared to be violated. Brian Winkelaar, treasurer for the IBEW 110 PAC, responded by letter dated June 29, 2006, stating "Our Committee on Political Education (COPE) met on February 28, 2006, and approved the donation. The check was not written and signed until March 7, 2006. At that point, we should not have sent the check. This was an inadvertent mistake made by our PAC Fund. We will make every effort to make sure this mistake does not happen again in the future."

This matter was considered by the Board in executive session on August 15, 2006. The Findings are based on the correspondence from the Neighbors for Scott Kranz Committee, the IBEW 110 PAC, and Board records.

Relevant Statutes

1. Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.273, subdivision 1(b). **Contributions during legislative session.** A registered lobbyist, political committee, political fund, or dissolving principal campaign committee, or a party unit established by the party organization within a house of the legislature, must not make a contribution to a candidate for the legislature or for constitutional office, the candidate's principal campaign committee, or a political committee or party unit established by all or a part of the party organization within a house of the legislature during a regular session of the legislature.

Based on the above Summary of Allegations and Responses and Relevant Statutes, the Board makes the following:

Findings of Probable Cause


1. There is evidence that the IBEW 110 PAC, a registered political fund, contributed \$300 to the Neighbors for Scott Kranz Committee during the 2006 regular legislative session. The Board finds that the IBEW 110 PAC inadvertently violated Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.273, subdivision 1(b).

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

Order

1. The Board imposes a \$300 civil fine on the IBEW 110 PAC for violating Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.273, subdivision 1(b). The penalty is equal to one times the amount of the contribution.
2. The IBEW 110 PAC is directed to forward payment of the civil penalty to the Board within 30 days after receipt of this order.
3. If the IBEW 110 PAC does not comply with the provisions of this order, the Board's Executive Director shall refer this matter to the Ramsey County Attorney for civil enforcement pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.273.
4. The Board investigation of this matter is entered into the public record in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.02, subdivision 11, and upon payment by the IBEW 110 PAC of the civil penalties imposed herein, the matter is concluded.

Dated: August 15, 2006



Bob Milbert, Chair
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board