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July 12, 2013

WA Library Media Association
4122 58th Place SW – No. 3
Seattle WA 98116

Subject: PDC Case No. 13-087

Dear WA Library Media Association representative:

Enclosed is a copy of the Public Disclosure Commission's Order Imposing Fine that was entered in the above-referenced case.

The Presiding Officer assessed a civil penalty of \$200 against the WA Library Media Association in accordance with the L-3 penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-175, of which \$150 is suspended on the following conditions:

- (1) WA Library Media Association is not found to have committed any further violations of RCW 42.17A within two years of the date of this order; and
- (2) The \$50 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date of this order.

The \$50 penalty payment is due by August 10, 2013, and payable to the **WA State Treasurer**. Please mail the penalty payment to the Public Disclosure Commission. If you fail to comply with any of these conditions, the suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further action by the Commission.

Thanks to Ms. Glass and Ms. Logue for their participation and cooperation in the brief enforcement hearing process, and their attention to this matter.

If you have questions, please contact me at (360) 664-8854; toll free at (877) 601-2828 or by email at kurt.young@pdc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,


Kurt Young
Compliance Officer

Enclosure



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BEFORE THE PUBLIC DISCLOSURE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

WA Library Media Association
4122 58th Place SW – No. 3
Seattle WA 98116

In Re Compliance with RCW 42.17A

WA Library Media Association

Respondent.

PDC Case No. 13-087

Findings of Fact,
Conclusions of Law, and
Order Imposing Fine

A brief enforcement hearing (brief adjudicative proceeding) was held June 27, 2013, in Room 206, Evergreen Plaza Building, 711 Capitol Way, Olympia, Washington to consider whether the Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.630 by failing to timely file the annual Lobbyist Employer Reports (L-3 report) disclosing lobbying activities undertaken during calendar years 2011 and 2012.

The hearing was held in accordance with Chapters 34.05 and 42.17A RCW and Chapter 390-37 WAC. A brief enforcement hearing notice was sent to the WA Library Media Association on May 29, 2013. Commission Chair Amit Ranade was the Presiding Officer. The Commission staff was represented by Kurt Young, Compliance Officer. Sara Glass, Advocacy Chair for the Respondent, and Carolyn Logue, contract lobbyist for the Respondent, both appeared in person and provided testimony to the Presiding Officer.

Having considered the evidence, the Presiding Officer finds as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Respondent is a Lobbyist Employer who hired a registered lobbyist to lobby in Washington State during the 2011 and 2012 Legislative sessions.
2. The Respondent contracted with Carolyn Logue to lobby during the 2011 and 2012 Legislative sessions. Ms. Logue filed a Lobbyist Registration (L-1 report) on January 10, 2011, and disclosed lobbyist compensation received from the Respondent on her Monthly Lobbyist Expense reports (L-2 reports) for 2011 and 2012.
3. As a Lobbyist Employer in 2011, the Respondent was required to file an L-3 report no later than February 29, 2012.

4. As a Lobbyist Employer in 2012, the Respondent was required to file an L-3 report no later than February 28, 2013.
5. The Respondent filed the missing L-3 reports for calendar years 2011 and 2012 on June 19, 2013, prior to the date of the hearing.
6. The Respondent has no prior violations.
7. Ms. Logue stated that the Respondent is a small, all volunteer association of teacher librarians within the schools that does not have a very large budget. She stated that the Respondent hired her as a lobbyist in order to have a voice in the legislative process, and the payments made to her to lobby are the majority of the expenditures made.
8. Ms. Logue stated there were some issues concerning the Respondent's volunteer treasurer, the missing L-3 reports, and PDC correspondence to the Respondent. She stated the PDC correspondence was sent to the treasurer's post office box in Mukilteo that was listed on the Respondent's L-1 report, and the email reminders were sent to the treasurer's private email address, also listed on the L-1 report.
9. Ms. Logue stated the Respondent's treasurer did not make anyone within the organization aware of the 2012 and 2013 enforcement correspondence from the PDC, or if the post office box or emails had been checked. She stated she became aware of the missing L-3 reports when PDC staff contacted her by telephone.
10. The Respondent presented a written Communication Plan for PDC Compliance to the Presiding Officer at the beginning of the Brief hearing that included the following (See Attachment A):
 - A. Respondent will have on file with the PDC, email contact information that will be accessible by the Respondent's officers using Google mail instead of a personal email address;
 - B. L-3 filing dates will be added to the Respondent's calendar, and will be listed as an agenda item on the Respondent's meeting agenda every January; and
 - C. Respondent has made a laptop computer available for the treasurer's use.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the above facts, as a matter of law, the Presiding Officer concludes as follows:

1. This matter was duly and properly convened and all jurisdictional, substantive and procedural requirements have been satisfied.
2. The Respondent violated RCW 42.17A.630 on two occasions by failing to file L-3 reports disclosing lobbying activities undertaken during calendar years 2011 and 2012.

ORDER

ON the basis of the foregoing Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Respondent is assessed a civil penalty of \$200 in accordance with the L-3 penalty schedule set forth in WAC 390-37-175, of which \$150 is suspended on the following conditions:

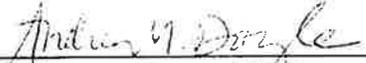
- (1) Respondent is not found to have any further violations of RCW 42.17A within two years of the date of this order; and
- (2) The \$50 non-suspended portion of the penalty is paid within 30 days of the date of this order.

If Respondent fails to comply with any of these conditions, the suspended portion of the penalty will become immediately due and payable without further action by the Commission.

This is an **Initial Order** of the Public Disclosure Commission.

Entered this 12th day of July, 2013.

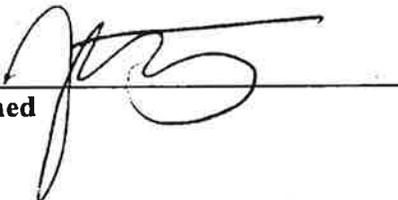
Public Disclosure Commission



Andrea McNamara Doyle
Executive Director

Enclosure: Information about Appeal Rights

I, Jane Berkow, certify that I mailed a copy of this order to the Respondent(s) at his/her/its respective address, postage pre-paid, on the date stated herein.



Signed

7/12/13
Date