

Info (Tue, 5 Nov 2019 at 3:38 PM)

Dear PDC,

My former treasurer Jared was a volunteer with little experience in filing reports. I'm also a first time candidate myself. This volunteer was under the impression he was filling timely reports via ORCA and told me that our files were being reported as well. It came as a surprise to me, and my treasurer Jared, when we were told in August that we were missing months worth of reporting.

Jared was in direct communication with the PDC trying to fix the issue. The issue from Jared's report to me was the software ORCA was not accepting the reports on his Chromebook computer. He told me we could not submit our reports via postmail. He also told me I had no other option besides: 1) getting a third party software to submit them, 2) submit via a different kind of computer (he had no access to), or 3) have a different treasurer submit our files entirely.

There was an unexpected turn during the process of waiting for Jared to investigate third party option costs and the options available to him. He stopped communicating in a timely manner and made things very difficult for us to fix our reporting. We were not able to understand the extent of the issue, had no idea of the location of months worth of our files because he had all the original files on his computer. As such, because he failed to communicate with us for so long our team and I did not want to lose that much existing work so we tried to keep working with him. We were determined to find the files he allegedly had been reporting throughout this process.

Eventually, I admitted that as a first-time candidate, the situation had escalated beyond what my meager experience in campaign finance could solve. I gave up, hired a professional, started our own reporting from scratch, and have been in compliance since.

It took an extensive process from us given our limited amount of resources.

It was never my intention to violate RCW 42.17A.235.

Sincerely,

Rebeca Muñiz