

OKLAHOMA ETHICS COMMISSION

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In the matter of:)	
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Oklahoma Podiatric Medical Association PAC,)	Ethics Commission
Respondent.)	Case No. 2018-01

SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated pursuant to contact from the Executive Director of the Oklahoma Podiatric Medical Association ("Association") who had recently assumed responsibility over the Oklahoma Podiatric Medical Association PAC ("PAC"). The Director advised she believed the PAC had been out of compliance and wanted to voluntarily come into compliance with the Ethics Rules. The Director sent bank records for the PAC dating back to 2013 for review by the Ethics Commission ("Commission").

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondent agree as follows:

- 1. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the subject matter of this proceeding.
- 2. Respondent enters voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.
- 3. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:
 - a. Respondent is a political action committee last registered in Oklahoma in 2013.
 - b. The PAC failed to register with the Commission for 2014, 2015, 2016, and 2017.
 - c. The PAC failed to report a contribution to Friends of Jim Bridenstine (\$1,000.00) on May 2, 2014.
 - d. The PAC failed to report a contribution/deposit totaling \$50.00 on June 2, 2015 and failed to report a contribution/deposit totaling \$235.00 on June 22, 2015.
 - e. The PAC failed to report a contribution/deposit totaling \$100.00 on July 11, 2016.
 - f. The PAC failed to report for 2017:
 - i. contribution/deposit totaling \$475.00 on May 18, 2017;
 - ii. contribution/deposit totaling \$550.00 on June 27, 2017;
 - iii. contribution/deposit totaling \$100.00 on July 20, 2017;
 - iv. contribution/deposit totaling \$400.00 on October 25, 2017;
 - v. expenditure for check totaling \$58.84 on November 29, 2017.

- 4. The facts set forth in paragraph three (3) herein constitute violations of Ethics Rule 2.80: When to File a Political Action Committee Statement of Organization; and Ethics Rule 2.100: Quarterly Reports for Oklahoma Committees.
- 5. In consideration of these factors, Respondent agrees to pay a civil penalty in the amount of funds remaining in the PAC's depository account, totaling \$5,174.39, to the State of Oklahoma general revenue fund by providing a certified check to the State Treasurer within thirty (30) days from the date all parties execute this agreement. A receipt of the deposit shall be provided to the Commission.
- 6. Respondent further agrees that a representative of Respondent will attend a continuing education program sponsored by the Commission within the next calendar year relating to limited political action committees.
- 7. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties have executed this agreement and the Commission has approved this agreement at an official meeting.
- 8. This agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised within, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained within this written agreement shall be enforceable.
- 9. This settlement agreement is limited to the facts of this case. This settlement agreement shall not have binding precedential effect for any other matter currently pending before the Commission or that may come before the Commission at a future date.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

Ashley Kemp

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Executive Director

FOR THE RESPONDENT:

Title: Executive Director

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