

**BEFORE THE IOWA
ETHICS AND CAMPAIGN DISCLOSURE BOARD
Pursuant to Chapter 17A and Chapter 68B**

IN THE MATTER OF:)	
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IOWA GREEN PARTY,)	
A Political Committee,)	Case No. <u>2003 IECDB 07</u>
AND)	
SARAH DAVIDSON,)	PROPOSED DECISION and ORDER
Treasurer,)	
RESPONDENTS.)	

A hearing was held on June 5, 2003. The Board's legal counsel, Charles Smithson, appeared in person, and Sarah Davidson appeared by telephone. The hearing was requested by Ms. Davidson to appeal the decision of the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board to partially deny the Iowa Green Party's civil penalty waiver request. The Board originally assessed a \$200 civil penalty for the late-filed May 2002 report and \$100 for the late July 2002 report. After reviewing the waiver request, the Board reduced the penalties to \$150.

At the hearing it was determined that the Iowa Green Party had failed to file an amended statement of organization within 30 days notifying the Board that the party had changed officers as required by Iowa Code section 56.5(5) [now 68A.5(5)]. As such, Board correspondence concerning the two late reports was not sent to the current chair.

Given the facts of this case, the Presiding Officer believes that a \$75 civil penalty is sufficient. However, the Iowa Green Party is also admonished to exercise care in the future for the failure to file the amended statement of organization.

IT IS SO ORDERED, pending approval by the Iowa Ethics and Campaign Disclosure Board, that the Iowa Green Party pays a \$75 civil penalty for the late disclosure reports and that the Iowa Green Party be admonished to exercise care in the future for failing to timely file an amended statement of organization.

By: 
James A. Albert, Presiding Officer

Dated this 7th day of October, 2003.

Pursuant to rule 351—11.26(1), within 14 days after the issuance of this proposed decision any party may serve a statement of exceptions with the proposed decision together with a brief and arguments. An exception shall be served by delivery of the original and five copies of each document to the Board office. A copy of all filings shall also be served on the opposing party. At the time of filing an exception, either party may request oral arguments. If oral arguments are not requested, the Board will rule on the arguments raised in the briefs. If exceptions are not filed concerning this matter the Board will automatically review this proposed decision. The Board's decision on review of a proposed decision is a final agency action. Pursuant to the provisions of 351—11.27, any party may apply for a rehearing from a final order of the Board.