

Formal appeal of CRO's rulings in the matter of Patrick Meehan's Disqualification

On the date of April 28th, 2005, the CRO, Ron Correll, determined that my candidacy in the election was no longer valid as I had not submitted an expense report. I am appealing this decision based on my belief that I submitted an expense report. In following regulations, without any formal announcement of its being due, I submitted my expense report in writing to the desk of Ron Correll. Placing it on his desk on the morning of the Monday immediately following the close of the election, I assumed that it would be read and accepted.

With no word from the CRO following this, and in fact, no word for multiple weeks, I simply assumed that my expense report had been accepted by the CRO. I am appealing the disqualification, wishing for my candidacy to be fully reinstated.

With no written or verbal message communicating that I had not submitted an expense report, I had no way of knowing that he had not received my expense report, if in fact, he did not receive it as he alleges. Had I received any word in this matter, I would have most assuredly resubmitted my expense report, however, as I received no such word, I was led to believe that my qualifications were simply not in any jeopardy, and continued as such.

There exists a breach of communication in this instance, on the fault primarily of the CRO, which has led to my wrongful disqualification. I include a copy of the expense report which I had placed on the desk of Ron Correll within the allotted time to submit the report. Unfortunately, receipts are no longer available for my expenses, as they were included in the original expense report.

Furthermore, there is no clear wording in the regulations or by-laws stating that failure to present an expense report will lead to disqualification. It merely states that a candidate must submit the expense report within 72 hours, and though it may be argued that it is inferred that disqualification follows suit, inferences do not matter in law, the letter of the law is what matters. I have enclosed the pertinent sections of the regulations at the end of this letter.

The only formal punishment for not submitting the expense report within the 72 hour period is the loss of the ability to receive reimbursement for campaign expenditures.

“X.5.7.i. To demonstrate compliance with the spending limits established pursuant to paragraph 6 above, every candidate must submit to the Elections Committee a statement of expenses incurred during the Official Campaign Period. The statement must be submitted to the Elections Committee no later than seventy-two (72) hours after the Official Campaign Period, and must be signed by the candidate and supported by itemized receipts. The submitted material may be audited at the discretion of the Elections Committee.”

Expense report for Superman/Patrick Meehan:

- 100 8x10 photocopies @ 5 cents each: \$5.00 (in accordance with market value, as stated by the CRO at the beginning of the campaign)
- 8 11x17 black and white photocopies @ 14 cents each: \$1.12 (Staples price)
- 1 Blue Superman t-shirt @ 17.89