

## Case # 40780 - SCDCC

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Mx. Fox Blackhorn:

I am the Snohomish County Democratic Central Committee's treasurer, Richard Morales making an official first response to Case 40870.

I took the PDC's ORCA class several years ago when ORCA first developed. Current online incomes like square or Act Blue reporting has become more complicated when reporting C-3's and expenses in C-4's. I learned this the hard way. I became the treasurer in February 2018 when there were no other volunteers and our treasurer and Chair resigned. The organization was in debt with not enough assets to cover them. Having stepped into a position that no one wanted I clearly lost focus on the PDC filing dates and once again it is my fault because I kept thinking this position was temporary. I failed my county but as you can see by my recent filings, I'm working to correct that. I'm enlisting other members to review all our financial records and hope at our Oct 14th General meeting that a new volunteer treasurer will step forward that has more time to dedicate to this job so it is done properly.

The SCDCC is a wholly volunteer organization with many of us working full time jobs and I will recommend to the E-Board we enlist a professional to review our books and be responsible for all PDC filings going forward.

I take full responsibility that my reporting fell behind. Please understand this was not intentional. I had a computer that kept crashing and having to input everything repeatedly. Use of a crashing computer system only added to the problem. I thank all the people that have been helping me to correct this matter and a new oversight finance committee will be selected to keep the SCDCC in compliance going forward.

Since receiving notification of the complaint, I have been working with three filing assistants with the PDC to review my available filing records. During the time period stated in the complaints, I had experienced software issues and hardware computer issues as well. I also spent some time out of state for family and work-related activities. Upon return, I tried to file C3s and C4s but my reporting system was not working and I had to spend time to reboot and download fixes to continue. My work requires 50 - 60 hours per week plus commute of 1 hour each way.

Given those circumstances, I neglected to devote the time necessary to file the reports as pointed out in the complaint. I was in a word, incompetent in my duties. Once I was able to upload the reports recently, and sent a backup of my current work to Jenny Polek and Chip. I was told to not upload any more reports in a teleconference on September 24 until I made some changes. I did that but there was still some issues with my reports and I was scheduled in another teleconference with Kim Bradford on September 26. She advised me to engage with another committee member who is more adept at using ORCA. I also watched the new training video to bring me up on ORCA that was updated since my initial training in 2011. I have reached out to three members and we will be reviewing reports and amendments.

On Monday, October 1, Jenny advised me to file reports again and I complied. I am scheduling a work session as soon as the other committee members can commit. I

anticipate this will be during the week of 10/7 through 10/12. In the meantime, I will be filing timely reports until a new treasurer is selected.

As for the 2nd complaint, I inherited this position as the SCDCC was in debt and that debt was listed as forwarded. The debt was paid off in February 2018 and the C4s were not accurate in being removed and as such showed the debt still on the books. Another example of my being out of my element. Those reports will be amended as soon as the other reports will be made and/or amended.

I accept the fact that I should have reached out sooner to the PDC for help, and to other members for oversight in completing my duties. As I stated earlier, I am getting help now and will be resigning as the treasurer shortly.

Thank you and your team for the recent assistance.