

Tabatha Blacksmith replied to mgnaylor79@gmail.com (Mon, 26 Nov 2018 at 4:02 PM)

Hi Michael,

Thank you for your voice mail messages. I apologize for the delay in responding. Last week, I was working on a time-sensitive project and our office was closed on Thursday & Friday. I will be reaching out to you by phone shortly to answer any questions you might have but, first, I think it will be helpful to send you a list of questions to help facilitate the process.

One of the criteria used to determine if an organization is acting as a “political committee” is the primary purpose test ([PDC Interpretation No 07-02](#)). We also look at an organization’s financial activities. To aid CANSS in determining if it has a registration requirement and, if so, what that requirement is, please provide the following information:

1. What are CANSS' primary purpose(s) as stated in its governing document (e.g. Articles of Association) and its by-laws? Please provide copies.
2. CANSS claims to be a 501c4 federal tax-exempt organization but we are unable to locate a record of its status on the IRS website. Please kindly provide copies of CANSS’ a) IRS Determination Letter verifying that 501(c)(4) status was granted; and b) its IRS Form 1024 application
3. What type of federal informational return (e.g. Form 990, 990-EZ or 990-N) did CANSS file with the IRS this year? If the organization filed anything *other* than a Form 990-N, please provide us with a copy.
4. How much money did CANSS collect and expend to support or oppose candidates (e.g. Sheryl Miller, Karen Hardy, Wendy Beach, Mike Bell, Randall Michaelis) and/or ballot measures (e.g. I-1631) in the 2018 election year?
5. How much money did CANSS spend to host the 7/13/18 fundraising event for Sheryl Miller in Newport?
6. Did CANSS receive any funds or donations from the attendees of the 7/13/18 event? If so, how much money was raised and how were the funds expended?
7. Please indicate the relationship between CANSS and the following individuals who posted on its Facebook page: Bri Christine, Devin Beach, Rick Hall, Sean Maesner, Sheryl Miller, and Jim Chandler. Specifically, are these individuals officers or members of the association?

Please kindly email us answers to the above questions so they are received no later than **Monday, December 3, 2018**.

Thank you,

Tabatha Blacksmith
Compliance Coordinator

360.586.8929

To respond, please reply to this email.
Washington Public Disclosure Commission

<http://www.pdc.wa.gov>

1.360.753.1111

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Washington State law established email as the PDC's official means of communication as of June 7th, 2018 (RCW 42.17A.055). Filers have a duty to amend their reports within 10 days of any material changes, such as new e-mail addresses. Please ensure your e-mail address is up to date.

[Mfrodden60](#) To "Tabatha Blacksmith" <pdcc@pdcc.wa.gov>(Fri, 30 Nov 2018 at 6:45 AM)

Subject: Re: PDC - Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter: Alleged violations of RCW 42.17A.205, .235 & .305 for failure to register as a political committee and report contributions, expenditures & electioneering communication. (EY 18 Oct 18)

Description:

Good Morning Tabatha,

My name is Mike Rodden, I am a member of the Board of CANSS and have volunteered to be your point of contact for all of his.

We met last night and came up with as accurate of a response as we could. Please see the attached files.

Should you have any further questions or need clarification, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you,

Mike Rodden

Mfrodden60@gmail.com

103 Stanley Drive

Newport, WA 99156

208-946-3100

1. The purpose of CANSS is to stop the proposed silicon smelter, provide factual information, and raise public awareness. You can visit our website at www.canss.org. Also, please see the attached document "CANSS Bylaws.pdf"

2. CANSS does not claim to be a tax-exempt organization. Our tax information is in the attached document "Tax Information.pdf"

3. We filed a 990-N, it can also be found in the attached tax information.

4. We collected and spent \$0.00 to support candidates.

5. We did not host the 7/13/18 fundraising event for Sheryl Miller, nor did we contribute to it.

6. We received and spent \$0.00 from the 7/13/18 fundraising event.

7. CANSS is not an association and all decisions are those of the board. Our Facebook page is for the public to post their ideas and opinions. The relationship of the people in question is as follows:

Brie Christine - None

Devin Beach - None

Rick Hall - None

Sean Maesner - None

Sheryl Miller - Board Secretary until May 1. Resigned to run for office. Re-instated Nov 8.

Jim Chandler - Vice Chairman of Board from May 23 to Nov 1.

BY-LAWS
OF
Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter
aka CANSS

ARTICLE I
Name & Purpose

The name of this Non-Profit Corporation shall be Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter aka CANSS. We are recognized by the Federal Government as 501c4 and are not Tax-Exempt therefore no tax donation receipts are issued.

The purpose of C.A.N.S.S. shall be:

1. Stop the proposed HiTest Silicon Smelter/HiTest Silicon Metal Plant from entering into our dense rural residential area;
2. Provide factual information;
3. Bring Public Awareness.

ARTICLE II
Board of Officers

The business affairs of this organization shall be managed and controlled by a Board of Officers hereinafter referred to as 'the Board'. The 'Board' shall consist of no more than seven (7) officers and will be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and three Officers.

Officers must be dedicated to the purpose and be an active participant in the organization for a term of one year beginning at the Annual Meeting of this organization held in October. The officers shall be elected by voice of the majority and may hold more than one office.

If a vacancy occurs in the office of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall be given the opportunity to decline or assume the office for the remainder of the term. Vacancies in any other office shall be filled at any General or Special meeting. Replacement officers shall serve the remainder of that term of office.

Officers or Team Leaders may be asked to step down for not following the organization's By-Laws, *breach of confidentiality, disrespecting fellow Officers and bringing disunity to the organization.* The Officer or Team Leader involved shall have the right to be heard by the 'Board' before a final decision is made. A majority of the 'Board' must vote in the affirmative to remove the Officer or Team Leader.

A quorum in any meeting is three (3).

ARTICLE III
Voting

Each Officer is entitled to one vote. All voting is done by voice.

ARTICLE IV Duties of Officers

Chairman – duties shall be:

- Preside at meetings;
- Prepare Agenda;
- Represent the organization;
- Serve as an ex-officio member of all teams;
- Perform such other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office.

Vice-Chairman – duties shall be:

- Preside in the absence of the Chairman;
- Assist Chairman as needed in various tasks.

Secretary – duties shall be:

- Record the minutes of all meetings;
- Keep a file of all minutes and accessible at all times;
- Issue notices of meetings by text, email or phone, take minutes at 'Board' meetings and conduct the general correspondence at the direction and approval of this organization;

Treasurer – duties shall be:

- Receive funds, make record of all funds, and make bank deposits. Write checks to pay for expenditures. All checks must be signed by the Treasurer plus one other signatory on the bank account whenever possible; if unable to do so, then agreement of writing the check must be discussed with Chairman, Vice-Chairman or other bank signatory.
- Transfer funds from PayPal account and Go Fund Me.
- Pick-up mail.
- Keep an itemized accounting of all receipts of funds and expenditures.
- Give a report at each regular scheduled Board Meeting.
- Duties may be shared with another bank signatory.

Officers - duties shall be:

- Be in attendance at 'Board' and Volunteer meetings;
- Assist fellow Officers of the 'Board'.

ARTICLE V Meetings

General meetings shall be held weekly or bi-weekly at such time and place as directed by the 'Board'.

Annual Meetings shall be in October of each year to conduct election of Officers and all business deemed necessary. The 'Board' will determine place and time of this meeting.

Special meetings may be called by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman at any time deemed to be in the best interest of the organization by the majority of the 'Board' at such time and place as agreed.

ARTICLE VIII
Teams

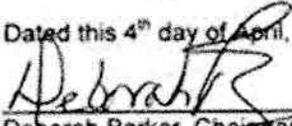
All Teams and Team Leaders shall be appointed by the Chairman or Vice-Chairman and overseen by an Officer of the 'Board'. Teams shall consist of groups of individuals with the same interest working toward the purposes of CANSS under the direction of an appointed Team Leader. Team Leaders attendance at 'Board' meetings will be by invitation when the area concerning the Team Leader is on the Agenda.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by majority voice vote of the 'Board' at any regular or special meeting.

I, Deborah Barker, Chairman of the Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter aka CANSS do hereby certify that the Board of Officers of said organization at a meeting dated March 14, 2018 have approved and amended the foregoing By-Laws.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2018.



Deborah Barker, Chairman

Attest:



Sheryl Miller, Secretary



Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service
Tax Exempt and Government Entities
P.O. Box 2508, Room 4024
Cincinnati, OH 45021

Date: February 06, 2018
Person to Contact: Customer Services
Contact telephone number: 877-829-5500

Citizens Against Newport Silicon Smelter
P.O.Box 3529
Oldtown, Idaho 83822

We received your Form 8976, *Notice of Intent to Operate Under 501(c)(4)*, you filed on January 27, 2018. This acknowledgement is not a determination by the IRS that you qualify as tax-exempt under Internal Revenue Code (Code) Section 501(a) as an organization described in Code Section 501(c)(4).

For important information about your responsibilities, including recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements, go to www.irs.gov/charities.

If you have questions, you can call Customer Services at 1-877-829-5500.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

for Tax-Exempt Organization not Required to File Form 990 or 990-EZ

2017

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2017 Calendar year, or tax year beginning 2017-01-01 and ending 2017-12-31

B Check if available

Prepared for Business

Gross receipts are normally \$50,000 or less

C Name of Organization: CITIZENS AGAINST NEWPORT

SILICON SMELTER

P.O. Box 1347, Newport, WA

US, 99156

D Employee Identification

Number 82-3175980

E Website:
CANSS.org

F Name of Principal Officer: Citizens Against Newport Silicon

Smelter

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Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice: We ask for the information on this form to carry out the Internal Revenue laws of the United States. You are required to give us this information. We need it to ensure that you are complying with these laws.

The organization is not required to provide information requested on a form that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act unless the form displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a form or its instructions must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any Internal Revenue law. The rules governing the confidentiality of the Form 990-N is covered in code section 6104.

The time needed to complete and file this form and related schedules will vary depending on the individual circumstances. The estimated average times is 15 minutes.

Note: This message is provided for your records only. Do Not mail this page to the IRS. The IRS will not accept this filing via paper. You must file your Form 990-N (e-Postcard) electronically.

 **IRS** DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
CINCINNATI OH 45999-0023

Date of this notice: 10-23-2017

Employer Identification Number:
82-3175980

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

CITIZENS AGAINST NEWPORT SILICON
SMELTER
CANSS
PO BOX 3529
OLDTOWN, ID 83822

For assistance you may call us at:
1-800-829-4933

IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE
STUB AT THE END OF THIS NOTICE.

WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 82-3175980. This EIN will identify you, your business accounts, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

When filing tax documents, payments, and related correspondence, it is very important that you use your EIN and complete name and address exactly as shown above. Any variation may cause a delay in processing, result in incorrect information in your account, or even cause you to be assigned more than one EIN. If the information is not correct as shown above, please make the correction using the attached tear-off stub and return it to us.

When you submitted your application for an EIN, you checked the box indicating you are a non-profit organization. Assigning an EIN does not grant tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations. Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, has details on the application process, as well as information on returns you may need to file. To apply for recognition of tax-exempt status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c)(3), organizations must complete a Form 1023-series application for recognition. All other entities should file Form 1024 if they want to request recognition under Section 501(a).

Nearly all organizations claiming tax-exempt status must file a Form 990-series annual information return (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) or notice (Form 990-N) beginning with the year they legally form, even if they have not yet applied for or received recognition of tax-exempt status.

Unless a filing exception applies to you (search www.irs.gov for Annual Exempt Organization Return: Who Must File), you will lose your tax-exempt status if you fail to file a required return or notice for three consecutive years. We start calculating this three-year period from the tax year we assigned the EIN to you. If that first tax year isn't a full twelve months, you're still responsible for submitting a return for that year. If you didn't legally form in the same tax year in which you obtained your EIN, contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this letter.

For the most current information on your filing requirements and other important information, visit www.irs.gov/charities.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- * Keep a copy of this notice in your permanent records. **This notice is issued only one time and the IRS will not be able to generate a duplicate copy for you.** You may give a copy of this document to anyone asking for proof of your EIN.
- * Use this EIN and your name exactly as they appear at the top of this notice on all your federal tax forms.
- * Refer to this EIN on your tax-related correspondence and documents.
- * Provide future officers of your organization with a copy of this notice.

Your name control associated with this EIN is CITI. You will need to provide this information, along with your EIN, if you file your returns electronically.

If you have questions about your EIN, you can contact us at the phone number or address listed at the top of this notice. If you write, please tear off the stub at the bottom of this notice and include it with your letter. Thank you for your cooperation.

Keep this part for your records.

CP 575 E (Rev. 7-2007)

Return this part with any correspondence so we may identify your account. Please correct any errors in your name or address.

CP 575 E

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Your Telephone Number () - Best Time to Call

DATE OF THIS NOTICE: 10-23-2017
EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 82-3175980
FORM: SS-4 NOBOD

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
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