

To whom it may concern

Problem: Committee not being registered and reports being filed late.

I, Arthur Lee Talley, was elected committee treasurer for the Virginia 3rd District Republican Committee on December 2nd, 2010. However before that we discovered that the previous treasurer had not filed us within the 10 day period of us exceeding the \$1,000 contribution limit. This event occurred on July 31st where we supported the Chuck Smith for Virginia Congressional campaign with in-kind donations totaling \$1800. The committee chairman discovered this on Oct 20th and asked me to step up and get us registered with the FEC on that day. Upon my immediate election to the office of committee treasurer we sent the committee books out to be reviewed and audited and I awaited their return with the report from the review and audit person. I received a letter from the FEC on approximately Dec 21st, 2010 stating we may not have filed the post-election report. Upon receiving this letter I contacted the FEC and notified them that my books were being audited and I did not have the information to file at that time but would file as soon as I had the required information.

Solution:

Upon receiving the failure to file notice I then began using all available information I could get from my district chairman to determine the extent of the problem with our FEC filings. I also contacted the FEC several times to better understand the regulations. I finally received the needed information to file all the needed reports before the end of the year report deadline and filed the 2 back reports Oct Quarterly, and the 2010 Post Election Report and the current End of Year report completing the needed paper work as instructed via email from the analyst assigned to my committee, Ms. Rosa Lewis, on January 29, 2011.

Processes to prevent issues like this in the future:

1. Appoint a Deputy Treasurer to work with me in the District Committee
2. Attend a FEC Seminar on Political Committee regulations as soon as I can get the needed time away from my work.
3. Work with more experienced members of the State Party to increase my education on the FEC and its important rules over our election processes.
4. Train the next committee treasurer myself so that these mistakes will not be repeated in the future.

Respectfully,

Arthur Lee Talley

Treasurer, Virginia 3rd District Republican Committee