MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING

OF THE

FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2001

PRESENT:

David M. Mason, Vice Chairman, presiding

Karl J. Sandstrom, Commissioner

Bradley A. Smith, Commissioner

Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner

Darryl R. Wold, Commissioner

James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director

Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel

Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Vice Chairman David M. Mason called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:05 A.M. on Thursday, October 11, 2001, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. Minutes for September 20, 2001 Agenda Document No. 01-50
- B. Minutes for September 27, 2001 Agenda Document No. 01-51

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Wold, who

MOVED to approve the Minutes for the open meetings of Thursday, September 20, 2001, and Thursday, September 27, 2001, as submitted in Agenda Documents No. 01-50 and No. 01-51, respectively.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Sandstrom, Smith, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS

A. Final Draft Advisory Opinion 2001-12

Democratic Party of Wisconsin by Linda Honold, Chairperson

> Agenda Documents No. 01-47, No. 01-52, and No. 01-52-A

(Placed on the agenda pursuant to the filing of objections by Commissioners Mason and Smith following circulation of Agenda Document No. 01-52 on a 72-hour tally vote basis.)

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Smith, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on the timely submission of agenda documents in order to consider Agenda Document No. 01-52-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Sandstrom, Smith, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

II. <u>ADVISORY OPINIONS</u> (continued)

A. Final Draft Advisory Opinion 2001-12 (continued)

The Vice Chairman recognized Mr. Michael
Marinelli of the General Counsel's Office who presented
the final draft Advisory Opinion 2001-12 concerning the
application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971,
as amended ("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the
use of an office building fund, maintained by the party,
for various purposes related to the renovation or
construction of the party's office building.

Commissioner Wold was recognized, and he reviewed his memorandum, which was Agenda Document No. 01-52-A. Following discussion, Commissioner Wold, who had not voted prior to the meeting, cast a dissenting vote; therefore, the amended pre-meeting tally failed by a vote of 3-3 with Commissioners McDonald, Sandstrom, and Thomas voting affirmatively. Commissioners Mason, Smith, and Wold dissented.

II. ADVISORY OPINIONS (continued)

A. <u>Final Draft Advisory Opinion 2001-12</u> (continued)

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Thomas, who

MOVED to return draft Advisory Opinion 2001-12 to the Office of General Counsel for redrafting of alternative drafts, pursuant to the meeting discussion, and to circulate on a tally vote basis,

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Sandstrom, Smith, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

B. <u>Draft Advisory Opinion 2001-14</u>

Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee by counsel, Laurence S. Zakson

Agenda Document No. 01-53

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Mr. Jonathan
Levin of the General Counsel's Office who presented
draft Advisory Opinion 2001-14 concerning the application
of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended
("the Act"), and Commission regulations to the allocation
of an employee's salary and other expenses when the
employee engages in fundraising activity.

II. <u>ADVISORY OPINIONS</u> (continued)

B. <u>Draft Advisory Opinion 2001-14</u> (continued)

During his presentation, Mr. Levin noted the following amendment:

Page 7, Footnote 6, Line 2:

Revise the line to read:

"2002 cycle of 11 percent Federal and 89 percent non-Federal (one Federal point and eight non-Federal..."

Vice Chairman Mason recognized Commissioner Thomas, who

MOVED to approve draft Advisory Opinion 2001-14, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 01-53, subject to the revision noted above.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-0 with Commissioners Mason, Sandstrom, Smith, Thomas, and Wold voting affirmatively.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no administrative matters to come before the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

Signed:

David M. Mason

Vice Chairman of the

Commission

Attest:

Mary W. Dove

Secretary of the

Commission

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