

AGENDA DOCUMENT NO. 03-18

APPROVED APRIL 3, 2003

MINUTES OF AN OPEN MEETING
OF THE
FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003

PRESENT: Ellen L. Weintraub, Chair, presiding
Bradley A. Smith, Vice Chairman
David M. Mason, Commissioner
Danny L. McDonald, Commissioner
Scott E. Thomas, Commissioner
Michael E. Toner, Commissioner
James A. Pehrkon, Staff Director
Lawrence H. Norton, General Counsel
Mary W. Dove, Secretary

Chair Ellen L. Weintraub called the Federal Election Commission to order in an open meeting at 10:20 A.M. on Thursday, March 6, 2003, with a quorum present.

I. CORRECTION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes for February 13, 2003
Agenda Document No. 03-15

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Smith, who

MOVED to approve the minutes
for the open meeting of
February 13, 2003, as submitted
in Agenda Document No. 03-15.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0 with
Commissioners Mason, McDonald, Smith, Thomas, Toner,
and Weintraub voting affirmatively.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2003-01
(ALTERNATIVE DRAFTS)

NORPAC by Mitchell J. Eichen, Treasurer

Agenda Documents No. 03-17 and
No. 03-17-A

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman

Smith, who

MOVED to suspend the rules on
the timely submission of agenda
documents in order to consider
Agenda Document No. 03-17-A.

The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

The Chair recognized Mr. Albert Kiss of the
General Counsel's Office who presented alternative
Drafts A and B of Advisory Opinion 2003-01 concerning
the application of the Federal Election Campaign Act of
1971, as amended ("the Act") and Commission regulations
to NORPAC's annual mission to Washington.

A discussion followed.

II. DRAFT ADVISORY OPINION 2003-01
(ALTERNATIVE DRAFTS)

(continued)

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman
Smith, who

MOVED to approve Draft A of
Advisory Opinion 2003-01, as
set forth in Agenda Document
No. 03-17, as amended by
Agenda Document No. 03-17-A,
and further amended by the
deletion of Footnotes 1 and 2
on Page 4.

The motion carried on the vote of 5-1 with
Commissioners McDonald, Smith, Thomas, Toner, and
Weintraub voting affirmatively. Commissioner Mason
dissented.

III. FINAL RULES AND EXPLANATION AND JUSTIFICATION
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINES

Agenda Document No. 03-16

Chair Weintraub recognized Ms. Dawn Odrowski of the General Counsel's Office who reviewed the subject document. During her presentation, she presented the following amendments:

1. Page 18, Lines 5 and 9, delete the word "prior" and substitute the word "current" in lieu thereof.
2. Modify the recommendation to include the approval of the Explanation and Justification.

A discussion followed.

Chair Weintraub recognized Vice Chairman Smith,
who

MOVED to approve the Final Rules and the Explanation and Justification on Administrative Fines, as submitted in Agenda Document No. 03-16, as amended above, for publication in the *Federal Register* and transmittal to Congress.

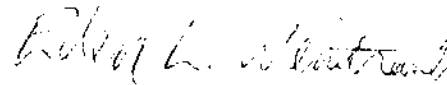
The motion carried on the vote of 6-0.

IV. ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

There were no routine administrative matters
to come before the Commission.


The meeting adjourned at 10:55 A.M.

Signed:



Ellen L. Weintraub
Chair

Attest:



Mary W. Dove
Secretary of the
Commission