



Hello, you Glorious 300 - aka State Central Delegates and Alternates,

The past year has added a few more chapters to my story with fascinating characters and experiences! Tolkien must have been in a Political party because what an adventure trying to defeat Walz was similar to bringing a ring to Mordor.

Well, we failed – maybe next time we have Giant Eagles fly us to Mt. Doom's volcano and drop the ring. Yes, we need an easy button and some giant eagles, unfortunately nothing worth having comes that easy.

Now I will say the highlight of this job is the people – wonderful great people and the worst part is the people.

I think some of you forget we are all on the same side!

So yeah, I hope to lift some of you up, call out some others, and talk about the Treasurer Functions. Yes I am seeking appointment for Treasurer and want to set the record straight.

Now first of all - Can we do better?
Yes, a once-a-decade reorganization was complex.

Let me add this was a once in a 20 plus year reorganization!

If anyone wants to discuss the confidential side of the financials offline, reach out, and I will make you sign an NDA and indemnification agreement.

Why? Sign the Agreement, and I will tell you.

Trust and open conversation are necessary for us, or we are no better than a Spartan with a dull sword.

Now anyone of you has access to the financials and every dollar received and spend it online so not sure what is not so not really sure how much more transparent we can get...

But we all should approach everything with a curiosity of a child.

Pay close attention and read further you might just find a nugget or two for you answers to the question of WHY....

By-Laws Section 7 – and other sections, I need to give you a report on the financial condition and condition of tangible property.

Here is the background on what I have been working on for the past year – and yeah, the Chair has gotten much of the backlash.

Fourth Wall Break -

I know some of you will not read this further because you either don't like to read or don't care - so I will work on putting it up as a video and send it to you who want it.

Snowflake warning: There are lots of secrets spilled, so you should read further. I suggest I might add a 10% coupon off your coffee if you read to the end, so the frugal ones continue reading.

Thus - 300 I give you the first point of Treasures' Report called the "APPOINTMENT ANNOUNCEMENT." No I am not going to get left out the the email on slaughter.

Background

- What does the Treasurer do?

The Treasurer is the official bean counter and report filer but is the one who will go to jail if things are not according to election laws.

Fourth Wall -

I am way too young and pretty to go to jail! I also don't look good in orange unless you give me the woods a rifle, and I get to shoot Bambi.

So as Treasurer, we will follow the rules, whether Federal, State, By-Laws, Constitution, and Adopted Policies. The Chair, AKA Senator Hann, was in ABSOLUTE AGREEMENT with this when he asked me to Serve!

Since it is a full-time position and nobody wants to do this full-time, we hire a proxy – Ron does most of the bookkeeping, compliance reports, and I review the items line by line.

I have full access to the accounting software and check, fix, and ask a ton of questions of everyone. I am an inquisitive person who loves to learn and spent nearly 30 years figuring out things, first as a Private Investigator and then as a CPA. Yeah I qualified to be in this position.

We all need to follow the rules, especially the BPOUS - it made many people uncomfortable – dropping down the rules - especially the ones, whether Candidates, BPOUS, or allies who only use the powers that benefit them!

The Treasurer must also drop an Internal Control Report annually, which I will give to the Executive Committee at our December Meeting.

If you follow this letter to the end, just about all the items from the internal control report will be in here – but with pictures.

So to level set, there is no perfect Internal Controls (IC) – it is cost prohibitive. As soon as two humans cheat, you can circumvent IC, or if there is a power imbalance through intimidation, abuse, or threats, people can make people do whatever they want to violate the rules. Wait – legal disclaimer - Not that I am saying that ever happened! No, not saying that at all - just saying what can happen if you use intimidation tactics to get what you want by threatening people.

As I said, I don't violate the rules; I am a CPA; there is a grey area in all rules - but when I make policies and agreements, I make them black and white, with no ambiguity. We need that in all agreements!

How I work with Internal Controls Structure - I use humor and have many people involved in finance to ensure checks and balances, and no one has absolute power. However, I am curious and only make a conclusion with evidence and documents.

Feel free to ask anyone openly about my leadership and skills, and they are free to comment about me without any retribution or retaliation. Yeah, your face might be on a toilet seat as a joke if you cross me, but that is about it... Ok, in my defense, the Wardlow Toilet seat was hilarious! He started it ... all bets are off when you lie and do not follow the endorsement process and harm the Party. Imagine if Jim did not have to fight off a primary election.

Also, in full transparency, I did push Andy during this redistricting!
– I was unaware his mother was sick, so I apologized to him publicly.

I was more focused on the mission than he personally. His style was to get the job done, and he held the shield on our front line of getting us organized while the Chair begged for money.

So back to the Internal Control Report- Securing our Assets - Per the By-laws and Policies - I can say the new internal controls to protect the assets are solid.

First, we created a policy to approve all expenses last January. But, you know, if I don't have a policy saying you need approval, we could write checks without oversight and transparency.

All expenses were approved! The Chair, Vice Chair, and RNC Committee People expenses are reviewed and approved by the FOC committee. And no, the Chair cannot make an employee pay for anything to "run it through the party ."That is addressed in the policy. I locked up that tight – like a mini bar liquor cabinet when I let people into my hotel suite.

The expenses are all in the budget approved by Executive Committee, and the only variance to it is an outreach to the Somali community, which was approved unanimously by the FOC committee and Executive. The Chair and Randy Sutter did a great job building a lifelong generational bridge to that community. Of course, several more people are involved, but you know who you are...

The Computers and IP are a ton more secure. Moreover, all but one computer belongs to the Party – no more people stealing our data!

Yes, our most valuable asset, THE DATA, was being exploited over and over again – heck — I would not have been surprised if the entire MNGOP donor and financial history was on Hunter Biden's Laptop.

Once again, Chair took a hit on this one, but our data is available to those playing by the rules!

You know the Black and White Agreement that says you cannot take; you must also give! Oh, some Elephants with small ears went on fine without access to the data – like more of a press story than reality. Yeah, follow the Rules!

The last part of the Internal Controls is specific controls in the By-Laws, which are in my report.

Any contract that is likely to obligate the Party to an amount greater than \$5,000.00 during any calendar year (including multiple contracts with a single entity or person that, in the aggregate, could meet the \$5,000.00 annual threshold) and that does not fall within the applicable annual budget passed by the State Executive Committee must be approved in advance by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee.

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Any contract with a term longer than one year must be approved by a majority vote of the State Executive Committee.

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No Officer of the Party has the authority to guarantee a debt on behalf of the Party in any amount without the prior approval of a majority of the State Executive Committee.

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ARTICLE III -- State Executive Committee

Section 9. State Executive Committee members must abstain from voting on any item that may be financially beneficial to themselves or their immediate family.

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Now for the fun part!

The other part of the Treasurer's position is giving reports, and I am looking forward to reporting to State Central.

I don't do spreadsheets but pictures, so if you want a spreadsheet, ask – I have thousands of them; just remember to sign the agreements especially if it is confidential.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Saturday!

Also note, I am an extroverted accountant, so that I will be looking at your shoes, not mine. So next time you see Representative Roger Skraba look at his feet -very cool shoes... great job, CD 8th shout out. I have known Roger for decades as well.

The last Duty of the Treasurer - which got a bunch of you all riled up this year.

The Treasurer is not only the MNGOP Treasurer but the one prominent party Treasurer, and I am also responsible for all the PBOUS Treasurers as they are under our charter. The States and the By-Laws give me that right —

"Upon request by the Treasurer, the financial officer of any organization recognized under this constitution, including but not limited to each Congressional District, each BPOU/Legislative District organization and affiliate shall prepare biennial budgets or submit financial data about the organization for review and shall submit financial data to the Treasurer."

As I was told 30 years ago – Inspect what you Expect! So I was Inspecting – yeah, once again pissing people off thinking it was the Chair or Andy.

Thus, I started meeting, auditing, and learning from many of them for the following goals:

1. ensure someone overseeing the filing of all our BPOUS – with a carrot and stick approach
2. Build relationships and empower treasurers throughout the BPOUS to always do the right thing and know I have their back!
3. Building knowledge base and technology tools to assist new people joining the Party and eventually being Treasurer.

So why am I doing this - oversight?

Backstory: At the start of the year, the State reached out; apparently, a Treasurer died, and his family took the money. They reached out and found out the Chair on their listing retired three years before.

The Treasurer is responsible for certifying each BPOU each year and giving that list to the State for PCR and other items. However, the State considers it a parent-child relationship, and they don't have the resources and want to focus on candidates, lobbyists, and PACS.

Results – I looked like the 3rd worst significant party treasurer out of five in Minnesota – and you know, 2 of them smoke dope! So I beat the drug users!

This was an embarrassment to our Party and clearly shows that the previous administrations (only picking on the Treasurers) did not do their due diligence in building relationships with BPOUS and building the database to make sure we know who is who at each BPOU...

So let me S P E L L this out for some of you – the prior administrations (once again only calling out Treasurers, not anyone else) going back ten years did not do any due diligence on their BPOUS and let many things slide!

THIS IS a SYSTEMIC PROBLEM we are fixing! Some snowflakes are complaining, but we need to be the Accountable Party.

Yes! I opened a can of worms! I had treasurers quit, had them fix errors, and one got fired like Celebrity Apprentice for not paying bills!

The biggest problem is the jerks - one spent all the money out of the bank account and gave a big FU to the new leadership...

Another Treasurer did not give me the reports or any filing explaining where their cash went and had the Chair creating a Closed FaceBook Page to complain!

Hey, you know who you are – I want you to open the books and tell me where the money went. I know you got \$500 from January 2018; if you want to make it a public battle – then fine – by Statue, if you are a real BPOU, you have to show me the books, where is the money?

Now in their defense and the rub of the oversight and failure of past administrations - - for the last decade, you have not been in the Party.... Yep, Shocking Revelation Kittson County is not part of the Republican Party...of course, they vote like it, but they are not – check my statement and call the State. They have not been put on the BPOU list for a decade.

IF WE ARE THE PARTY OF ELECTION INTEGRITY – THEY HAVE NOT BEEN REGISTERED TO VOTE FOR TEN YEARS! WHY ARE THEY VOTING?

I have no idea why but I surmise this same attitude you showed to me is why the past GOP treasurer dumped you out in 2011. He probably pulled the MN Nice thing and dumped you thinking you would just leave.

So don't advertise for PCR money since you are not registered to receive it... oh, by the way, how did that campaign work did you get the Trump Flag, or where did the money go?

And now you are complaining to the 300...I am complaining to you - I wrote a nice confidential letter asking me to show me the books...

To quote Jordan Peterson – "what the hell is going on?" call Craig in CD 7, and he will work with you. Shout out to Craig – we haven't met, but we sent many emails.

Back to the rest of you, 300!

Many of our By-Laws and Constitutions rules were created to put more of a foundation around our organization – it is fascinating lore.

Do you know that the Treasurer Is Appointed – yeah -I was curious why would you allow the Chair to Appoint someone vs. being Elected? Well, it looks like you guys used to elect an extroverted Treasurer with no accounting skills vs. a great beancounter with a curious nature who speaks his mind and follows the rules.

So that is why – I take my position as equal to the Chair and have the final say on all expenditures – do I agree with everything – no. He needs to take risks and grow the Party. I rather have money sitting in the bank earning 2.3% interest. So the executive committee is our arbitrator.

So yeah – I get appointed by the Chair, but I have never answered the Chair. I respect the chair - did so years before when we discussed issues like hunting at the Capitol.

So you should all know who I am; this letter reflects my personality and thought process. My passion is numbers and following the rules - if you don't like them change them; otherwise, follow them, and we will get along great.

So in Closing - and my next question!

Did we always have these problems of trust?

Clearly, we have yet to raise the money as we did in the past. Like millions short!

The fiscal mismanagement seems to date back almost 20 years – started by Tony Sutton – yeah, remember when I did that shout-out to my CD 8 – I am taking that back he was Hibbing Guy.

Yes, we, the Republicans, have over 20 years of incompetence and losing elections– (legal disclaimer - of course, this is not pointing out any person, past Chair, past employee, or anyone living or dead except one past deputy chair who endorsed Walz – clearly you help put the fun in the dysfunction.)

Here is the little-known secret – the more money we have, the more things we can fix. The Chair has brought in more money for a very long time. You will see that graph at State Central and doubt anyone else can touch his numbers.

He is building their trust, you will definitely set back their much-needed contributions.

We need that money to build an infrastructure and organization that makes us at least ½ more competent than we were last year.

So I am asking for your Appointment – but I am asking why for the past 20 years, you chased away everyone with intelligence and organizational skills? When those who threaten, steal, and support election integrity are left to stand in this party!

So I ask to choose to have the young mind of a child and be curious – the 8th moved to the Republicans, and if we can get organized, the 3rd and 2nd will move. Have faith and stay the course.

We need to ask others to play with us; maybe we might learn something. Perhaps we can teach them what a Republican is!

Oh, 4th Wall again - the Secretary is retiring; he did a lot of work redistricting, so someone should buy him a beer – make it a light beer – none of that expensive stuff! Also, Christina Pierson– thanks for helping out. I appreciate you, Christina. Who knew that our lives would cross again at the Party but when we needed help - you showed up. I am your biggest fan!

Oh, in case you wonder why I used 300 - In the battle of Thermopylae- 300 Spartans held off the Armies of Xerxes. They made a movie about it for those who didn't study ancient history. The 300 lost –but their bravery is still told.

Now is the time for us to regroup and plan the defeat of the new Xerxes – aka Biden and whoever is behind that curtain.

By the way, there is no 10% coupon – that was just clickbait to get you here – some of you Republicans are so cheap - wait, I would have read this for a 10% coupon.

And yes Nobody Approved this message or even seen it before I sent it out. Yeah confident Andy will give me a disclaimer message and slap me up.. but paid for this myself.

There were a few things and people missed but confident I got a lot of it in this email.

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