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### *A Word From the Executive Director*

Happy New Year everyone! After a very busy elections season, it will be nice to settle into a new year that will be filled with its own challenges and rewards. Last year APOC worked to bring as much training to as many people as possible. As busy as the election season was there was the same number of complaints in 2012 as there was in 2011 and only one more advisory opinion as in 2011. That appears to speak well of the training efforts expended last year and a good reason to continue those efforts in 2013. Education is always more effective than correction. Elsewhere in this newsletter you should find a schedule of training sessions and activities that will hopefully enable everyone to participate in some educational activity.

I believe that I speak for the entire APOC staff when I say that we look forward to working with you during the upcoming year. We hope that you had a restful and joyous holiday season and look forward to a productive new year.

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Anchorage Staff



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## RECENT GROUP COMPLAINTS

12-02-CD Vote No On 2 v. Alaska Sea Party: Restoring Coastal Management:

On July 16, 2012, Vote No On 2 filed a complaint against the Alaska Sea Party: Restoring Coastal Management alleging that Alaska Sea Party's registered group name is in violation of AS 15.13.050(c) for not having the title or common name of the ballot initiative as part of its name. This case came before the Commission for a hearing on November 1, 2012. The Commission adopted the Staff's report in full including its recommendation to dismiss the complaint.

12-04-CD Alaska Sea Party: Restoring Coastal Management v. Vote No On 2:

On August 6, 2012, Alaska Sea Party: Restoring Coastal Management filed a complaint against Vote No On 2 alleging that the Vote No On 2 registered group name is in violation of AS 15.13.050(c) for not having the title or common name of the ballot initiative as part of its name. This case came before the Commission for a hearing on November 1, 2012. The Commission adopted the Staff's report in full including its recommendation to dismiss the complaint.

12-06-CD Alaska Sea Party: Restoring Coastal Management v. Vote No On 2:

On August 17, 2012, Alaska Sea Party: Restoring Coastal Management filed a complaint against Vote No On 2 alleging that the Vote No On 2 is in violation of AS 15.13.090(d) and 50.306 (a)(2) for failing to audibly read their communication identifier. Vote No On 2 and APOC staff signed a consent agreement that was approved by the Commission on November 1, 2012.

12-07-CD Vote No On 2 v. Alaska Sea Party: Restoring Coastal Management:

On August 17, 2012, Vote No On 2 ("No On 2") filed a complaint against Alaska Sea Party: Restoring Coastal Management ("Sea Party") alleging that the Sea Party violated AS 15.13.090(d) and 2AAC 50.306 (a)(2) for failing to audibly read their communication identifier. The Sea Party and APOC staff signed a consent agreement that was approved by the Commission on November 1, 2012.

12-09-CD Joel Natwick v. George Jacko:

On August 31, 2012, Joel Natwick (Complainant) filed a complaint against George Jacko (Respondent) alleging that the Respondent is in violation of campaign finance laws and Public Official Financial Disclosure laws. The Complainant alleges that the Respondent submitted an inaccurate financial disclosure report. The case was heard by the Commission at a hearing on November 2, 2012. The Commission found the Respondent was in violation for 30 days and assessed a penalty of \$300.



## RECENT CANDIDATE/CAMPAIGN COMPLAINTS

12-03 CD Reinbold v. Skipper:

On November 13, 2012 the Commission approved a consent agreement reached between staff and the respondent. It was determined that Ms. Skipper had failed to timely disclose a debt to a vendor on her campaign disclosure report. Ms. Skipper amended her report to disclose the debt and was assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$50.

12-10 CD Slepecki v. Wielechowski:

On November 13, 2012 the Commission issued a final order, adopting staff's report and dismissing the complaint in its entirety. Staff's investigation found no evidence in support of Complainant's allegations of misuse of legislative resources for campaign purposes.

12-11 CD Schantz v. Valdez School District:

The complaint was filed on September 25, 2012. Awaiting Commission action.

12-12 CD Schulz v. Committee to Elect Peggy Wilson:

The complaint was filed on October 11, 2012. Awaiting Commission action.

12-13 CD McDaniel v. Devon:

The complaint was filed on October 15, 2012. Awaiting Commission action.

12-17 CD Giessel v. Devon:

The complaint was filed on November 2, 2012. Awaiting Commission action.



## UPCOMING TRAININGS

**POFD TRAINING SCHEDULE** - all in the ANC Conf room unless otherwise noted—call 276-4176 to sign up.

### JANUARY

10th 1:00 – 3:00 PM  
15th 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
18th 3:00 – 4:30 PM  
22th 5:00 – 6:30 PM

### FEBRUARY

5th Noon – 1:00 PM Brown bag **in Juneau**  
5th 5:00 – 6:00 PM Brown bag **in Juneau**  
6th Noon – 1:00 PM Brown bag **in Juneau**  
6th 5:00 – 6:00 PM Brown bag **in Juneau**  
11th 5:00 – 6:30 PM  
12th 3:00 -4:30 PM  
18th 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
27th 3:00 – 4:30 PM

### MARCH

4th 2:00 – 3:30 PM  
7th 10:00 – 11:30 AM  
12th 5:00 – 6:30 PM  
13th 2:00 – 3:30 PM

## LOBBYING ETHICS TRAINING

### JANUARY

8th 9 - 11:30AM Beginner (**Anchorage**)  
8th 1:30 - 4PM Advanced (**Anchorage**)  
9th 9 - 11:30AM Advanced (**Anchorage**)  
9th 1:30 - 4PM Beginner (**Anchorage**)

14th 9 - 11:30AM Beginner (**Juneau**)  
14th 1:30 - 4PM Advanced (**Juneau**)  
18th 9 - 11:30AM Advanced (**Juneau**)  
18th 1:30 - 4PM Beginner (**Juneau**)



## APOC TRIVIA QUESTION:

HOW MANY DAYS MUST PRO TEM JUDGES WORK TO BE REQUIRED TO FILE A FINACIAL DISLCOSURE?

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### January

- Tuesday, January 1: New Year, State Holiday
- Thursday, January 10: Initiative Proposal Group 4th Quarter Report Deadline
- Monday, January 14: POFD/LFD deadline for members of the Select Committee on Legislative Ethics
- Tuesday, January 15: 2012 Statewide Municipal 105-Day Reports
- Monday, January 21: State Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
- Thursday, January 31: Lobbyist and Employer of Lobbyist 4th Quarter 2012 Reports Due

### February

- Friday, February 1: Deadline for 2012 State Candidates to Disburse Leftover Campaign Funds
- Friday, February 15: 2012 State Candidates Final Reports
- Friday, February 15: Annual POET and Future Campaign Account Reports
- Friday, February 15: 2013 Statewide Municipal Elections Year Start Reports
- Friday, February 15: 2013/2014 Anchorage Municipal Election Year Start Reports
- Friday, February 15: Group Year-End Reports Due
- Monday, February 15: State Holiday, President's Day
- Thursday, February 28: Lobbyist January Report Due

### March

- Friday, March 1: Last day an Anchorage Municipal candidate can give or loan campaign >\$5,000
- Monday, March 4: Anchorage Municipal Election Candidates/Groups 30-Day Reports
- Friday, March 15: Annual POFD/LFD filing deadline
- Sunday, March 24: Anchorage Municipal Election 24-Hour Report Period Begins (ends April 1)
- Monday, March 25: State Holiday, Seward's Day
- Tuesday, March 26: Anchorage Municipal Election Candidates/Groups 7-Day Reports
- Sunday, March 31: Lobbyist February Report Due (No civil penalty will be assessed if the report is received by 4/1/13)

APOC TRIVIA ANSWER: 30 OR MORE.