

**OFFICE OF THE MISSISSIPPI SECRETARY OF STATE
CHARITIES DIVISION**

IN THE MATTER OF:)

STEIER GROUP, INC.)
10844 Old Mill Road)
Omaha, Nebraska 68154)

Administrative Proceeding
Number: LC- 16-1831

Respondent

CONSENT AGREEMENT

I.

The Charities Division of the Mississippi Secretary of State's Office (hereinafter "Division") having the power to administer and to provide for the enforcement of all provisions of the Mississippi Regulation of Charitable Solicitations Act (hereinafter "Act"), and Respondent Steier Group, Inc. do hereby enter into this Consent Agreement in resolution of the following allegations by the Division of violations of certain provisions of the Act.

1. Respondent is a "fund-raising counsel" as defined in Miss. Code Ann. § 79-11-501(e) of the Act.
2. Respondent's registration as a fund-raising counsel with the Division expired on June 30, 2012.
3. On April 14, 2016, Respondent file with the Division a registration renewal application and contract between Respondent and a registered charity. The contract was effective beginning February 15, 2016.
4. Miss. Code Ann. § 79-11-513 states that no person shall act as fund-raising counsel for a charitable organization before he has registered with Secretary of State or after the expiration of registration.
5. Between February 15, 2016 and April 14, 2016, the Respondent acted as fund-raising counsel while it was not registered with the Division, in violation of the Act.

II.

Respondent, under the terms of this Consent Agreement and solely for the purpose of resolving the foregoing allegations, stipulates without a hearing to the matters set forth above in Paragraph I and hereby consents to the issuance of this Consent Agreement and further consents to and agrees to the undertakings contained herein, with no formal administrative hearing and determination of wrongdoing. Furthermore, the undersigned agent for the Respondent acknowledges that he/she has been lawfully vested with the authority to enter into this Consent Agreement on behalf of the Respondent.

III.

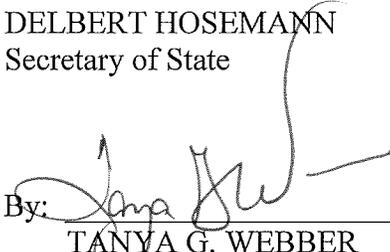
THEREFORE, in consideration of a final resolution of the matters set forth herein, the Division and Respondent hereby agree and stipulate as follows:

1. Respondent stipulates to the jurisdiction of the Division as to all matters contained herein under the authority of the Act and acknowledges that the issuance of this Consent Agreement is solely for the purpose of resolving the matters set forth herein.
2. The Division shall impose an administrative penalty upon the Respondent in the amount of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) and shall be made payable to the "Mississippi Secretary of State" upon execution of this Agreement.
3. This Consent Agreement is in resolution of the matters contained herein. As a result of this Consent Agreement, the matters contained herein cannot be used as a basis for action by the Division except in determining any penalty as may be imposed by the Division for any future violations of the Act committed by the Respondent and as set forth below.
4. Respondent agrees that it will comply with the provisions of the Mississippi Charitable Solicitations Act as currently in effect or as may be subsequently amended.

IV.

In the event Respondent fails or neglects to comply with any of the terms, stipulations or undertakings set forth in this Consent Agreement, the Division may, without notice to the Respondent, unilaterally rescind this Agreement and institute any legal or administrative proceedings it deems appropriate including, but not limited to, proceedings to address the matters set forth herein.

DELBERT HOSEMANN
Secretary of State

By: 

TANYA G. WEBBER
Assistant Secretary of State
Charities Division

Date: 6/3/2016

STEIER GROUP, INC.

Sign Name: 

Print Name: Mary Steier

Title: Sec/Treas

Date: 6/25/16