

Agenda

Item #9



STATE OF MAINE
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135 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
04333-0135

To: Commission Members
From: Jonathan Wayne, Executive Director
Date: March 19, 2009
Re: Update on Audits of 2008 Legislative Candidates

In mid-November 2008, the Commission's auditor, Sumner Field, randomly selected 46 House candidates and 12 Senate candidates for audits, for a total of 58 candidates. On December 5, 2008, we mailed letters to the candidates requesting that they submit copies of bank statements for their entire campaigns no later than January 15, 2009. (In addition, we have selected some candidates for cause to audit specific issues that may indicate non-compliance.)

Departure of Staff Auditor

Unfortunately, Sumner Field applied for and accepted another job in his home community. His employment terminated in December 2008. I requested an exception to the state's hiring freeze, which was granted by the State's finance commissioner, Ryan Low, about two weeks ago. The Commission is now hiring a new auditor, and we expect him or her to begin work in early May.

Progress on Audits of 2008 Candidates

Based on the staff's experience in auditing candidates two years ago, we expect that the compliance rate of most 2008 Maine Clean Election Act candidates to be very high. As we have waited this winter for the hiring freeze to be granted, we became increasingly apprehensive about putting a hold on all audits until the new auditor joins us in early May (a delay of almost four months).

Therefore, in early March the Commission staff began auditing candidates using procedures that I believe were consistent with Sumner Field's audits before his resignation. Our goal in the last three weeks has been to identify those candidates whose bank statements indicate that their reporting was 100% accurate. We have considered those audits completed, and have mailed them "no exception" reports. The rationales for undertaking the audits in March are:

- To allow the new auditor – once he or she begins work in May - to focus on the more complicated or high-risk issues that require audit discretion and training.
- To allow candidates (including Legislators) with full reporting compliance the opportunity to close the books on their 2008 campaigns.

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I have attached the no-exception audit reports for the 31 candidates whose audits were completed in March. Along with the five candidates whose audits were performed by Mr. Field in December, we have completed 36 of the 58 randomly selected candidates.

Please let me know about any questions you have. Thank you.



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Audit Report

Candidate: Debra Deane
Senate District 31

Background

Debra Deane was a candidate for Senate District 31, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

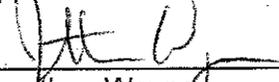
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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Audit Report

Candidate: Nicholas S. McGee
Senate District 9

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Nicholas S. McGee was a candidate for the Maine Senate, District 9, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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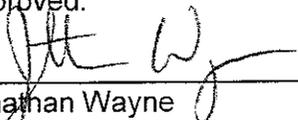
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Senate District 22

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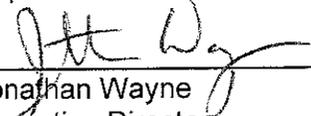
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Senate District 28**

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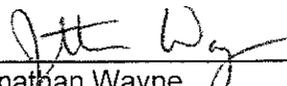
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Senate District 26

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Audit Report

**Candidate: Michael G. Beaulieu
House District 68**

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Rep. Michael G. Beaulieu was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 68, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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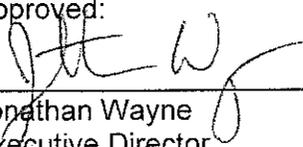
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House District 115**

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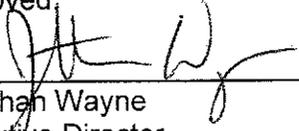
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House District 93

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Rep. Sheryl J. Briggs was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 93, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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House District 110

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Audit Scope

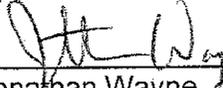
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House District 92

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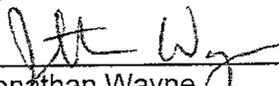
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**Candidate: James J. Campbell, Sr.
House District 138**

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Rep. James J. Campbell, Sr. was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 138, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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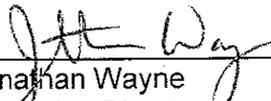
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House District 75

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Stacy T. Dostie was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 75, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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Recommendations None

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**Candidate: Peter W. Drum
House District 51**

Background

Peter Drum was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 51, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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**Candidate: Leslie T. Fossel
House District 53**

Background

Rep. Leslie Fossel was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 53, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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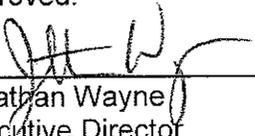
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Candidate: Jayne Crosby Giles
House District 43

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Rep. Jayne Crosby Giles was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 43, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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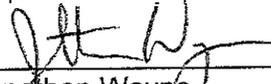
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**Candidate: Dr. Grace G. Giroux
House District 132**

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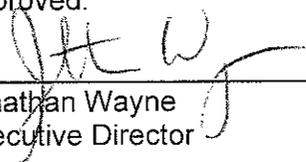
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Candidate: Carrie E. Jones
House District 38

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Carrie Jones was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 38, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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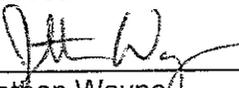
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**Candidate: Norman E. Justice, Jr.
House District 130**

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Norman Justice was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 130, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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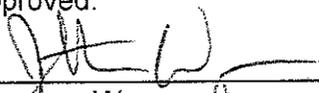
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Candidate: Trevis Knapp
House District 93

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Trevis Knapp was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 93, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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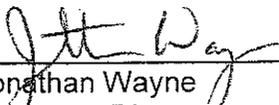
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**Candidate: Bradford A. Knowles
House District 68**

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Bradford A. Knowles was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 68, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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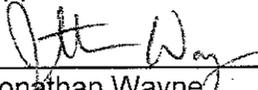
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**Candidate: Tammy L. Lockhart
House District 24**

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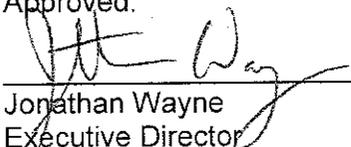
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**Candidate: John F. McDonough
House District 127**

Background

Rep. John McDonough was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 127, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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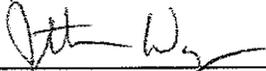
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Audit Report

**Candidate: Wade McLaughlin
House District 3**

Background

Wade McLaughlin was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 3, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

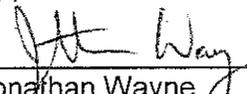
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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**Candidate: Everett W. McLeod, Sr.
House District 11**

Background

Rep. Everett W. McLeod, Sr. was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 11, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

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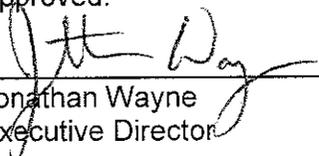
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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**Candidate: Janet Mills
House District 89**

Background

Rep. Janet Mills was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 89, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

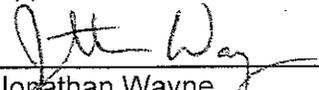
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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Candidate: Tim Nason
House District 53

Background

Tim Nason was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 53, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

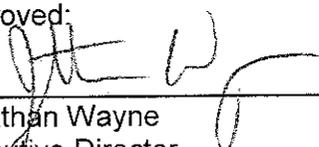
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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**Candidate: Mary P. Nelson
House District 112**

Background

Mary P. Nelson was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 112, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

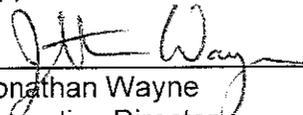
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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**Candidate: Wright H. Pinkham, Sr.
House District 88**

Background

Rep. Wright Pinkham was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 88, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

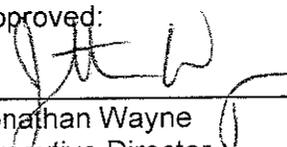
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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**Candidate: Dr. Lacey Sloan
House District 138**

Background

Dr. Lacey Sloan was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 138, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

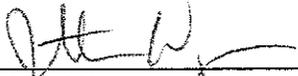
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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**Candidate: Richard V. Wagner
House District 73**

Background

Rep. Richard V. Wagner was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 73, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

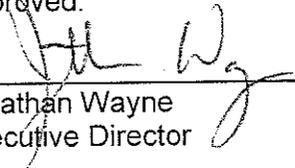
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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Candidate: Thomas R. Watson
House District 62

Background

Rep. Thomas Watson was a candidate for the Maine House of Representatives, District 62, in the 2008 general election. MCEA candidates are required under the Act to submit reports of their receipts, expenditures, outstanding campaign debt, and equipment purchases and dispositions for specified periods during the election cycle.

Audit Scope

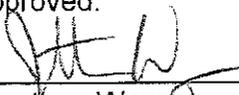
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Audit Findings No exceptions noted

Recommendations None

Candidate's Comments None required

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