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Sent: Wednesday, October 26, 2011 9:57 AM
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Subject: Revised Kieffer e-mail

Hey, Matt,

I looked at the ballot yesterday and found another discrepancy. They used my legal name in order to confuse the electorate. I did not submit my nomination using my legal name, I used "Golly," the name by which I am commonly known to the electorate. I added mention of that in the second-to-last paragraph which revises the Kieffer e-mail I am asking you to review prior to sending. I also noted that in the Executive Committee Conference Call on 10/08, they planned to send the ballots 2 to 3 days prior to Nov 1, a fact which is also addressed in the revised e-mail. So now we know they want to get rid of me, too.

Just spoke with an attorney I know. After explaining the situation, he asked to see the bylaws and articles of incorporation, which are on file with the state. I'll send them over to him for review. Maybe he can help. I'm looking for all the help I can get with this.

~Golly

Hello, John,

Inasmuch as you are communicating with the board in a civil manner, I am writing to clear up some of the issues you have addressed.

I'll begin with the first issue of the vote on the bylaws interpretation interrupted by Rob's point of order. It is, as it turns out, irrelevant. While discussing this with another board member, it was pointed out to me that in the second sentence, which reads, "Ballots for the Board's voting by mail or e-mail shall be tallied by the Chairman, and verified by the secretary.", the word "Board" refers to a vote taken by the board excluding the membership and voted on by ballot. That could mean mailed ballots, which we have never done, or ballot voting at a board meeting, which we did at our previous board meeting. Since it is contained in a paragraph that otherwise addresses voting by the membership, I interpreted it to be in reference to membership voting. But now I realize that the bylaws are clumsily written, therefore misleading, and realize my interpretation was incorrect. So was Christos', even though he wrote the bylaws. Only one board member figured it out.

With that, I will concede that the Chairman is not a part of the Elections Committee. We can nullify any votes on Issue 2 concerning the bylaws interpretation.

But as Rob has clarified, his point of order does not involve Issue 1, approval or rejection of your appointments to the Elections Committee. Here are the results of that vote to date:

<u>BOARD MEMBER</u>	<u>ACCEPT</u>	<u>REJECT</u>	<u>ABSTAIN / NO VOTE RECEIVED</u>
ORAVEC			NO VOTE
GOLLY		X	

JULIUS		X	
REINHARDT		X	
BROWN		X	
WACHS			NO VOTE
CURRY	X		
COOPER		X	
WESTERFIELD	X		
MILES		X	
TZANETAKOS			NO VOTE
KIEFFER			NO VOTE
PETERSON		X	
THOMAS		X	
OWENS			ABSTAIN
TOTAL	2	8	5

Even if you throw out Cooper, whose vote I presume you will consider invalid, and all remaining members who have not voted accept, the count would be six accepting, 7 rejecting. You need to inform your Elections Committee that is has been disapproved by the membership, to stand down, and cease and desist any further activity regarding the elections.

John, you were negligent in 1.) providing your selections for the Elections Committee in a timely manner, and 2.) providing the board adequate time to accept or reject your appointments. I am convinced this was done intentionally on your part in order to deny the board adequate time to reject, if they so desired, your selections, which you probably anticipated they would do. Then your committee could ramrod the elections before any reaction could take place. When the board was finally offered an opportunity to approve or disapprove your selections, the ballots could have been held back from mailing...they are not due to be received for another week. In fact, referring to your notes from 10/08/2011 A of F Executive Committee Conference Call, referring to:

I. Board Elections

E. Voting

2. Plan: Include ballots with newsletter mailing 2-3 days prior to Nov 1.

That clearly means they would be mailed this coming Saturday, Oct 28. Why the rush?

I consider this a serious breach of your responsibilities as president. Your explanation for your tardiness in submitting your appointments was that you were *soooo* busy that it required over a week to get it done. Let's see. Here's all you needed to do:

To: Atheists of Florida Board of Directors

From: John Kieffer, President

Subject: Appointments to Elections Committee

Dear Board Member:

Following are my selections to serve on the Elections Committee:

EllenBethWachs

Rob Curry

Nan Owens

Please respond to this e-mail with your decision to ACCEPT or REJCET my appointments.

Sincerely,
John Kieffer, President, Atheists of Florida.

That took me two minutes and 15 seconds to compose. If you are a slower typist, it may have required three minutes. You could have done it after the meeting on Sunday, October 9, before shutting down your computer.

Two days later, I reminded you to make the appointments, and you stated it would be done by the end of the week

On Friday of that week, when you called me in Candler on other issues, I again reminded you to make the appointments, and you declared you would send them that afternoon, or at latest by the following morning. By Sunday morning, still no appointments had been made, and on Monday, you changed your story to claim that you had always intended to make the appointments on Sunday. So why didn't you tell me that on Friday afternoon? Clearly, your decision to make the appointments on Sunday was derived on Monday, the day following, after I had taken action to move the elections forward absent your declaration of appointments. That's called a lie.

Naturally, you will never address my question concerning your selection of EllenBeth to be on the Committee in the first place, when there was blatant conflict of interest, and I know you never will. Your irresponsibility in selecting her has resulted in the board's rejection of your selections, with the election already in progress. Great job, John.

On Thursday, October 20, I was preparing to close up my shack in Candler for the winter. Computers were packed up and we were preoccupied with the closing process. On Friday, I spent much of the day a mile and a half above the ground, returning to Tampa. That evening, I spent all my free time preparing for the Festival of Reading, which no one else would help me with, and on Saturday, Oct 22, I was up before 6:00 so I could get to the site, set up, and spend the entire day manning the booth. You remember, I had asked you to help with the operation a few weeks earlier, but you maintained you would be too busy with family matters and preparation for court to offer any time. So what did you do that day? Somehow found time to spend the entire day working on the election. And why wasn't I there? Clearly, I couldn't be in two places at the same time. What a remarkable coincidence that that specific day was selected, announced at the eleventh hour, to be the time to prepare the elections. I found the invitation Sunday when I finally turned on my computer to inspect e-mail, too late to bother to respond.

But there was another elections meeting scheduled for Monday evening at 7:00. At 6:00 last night I checked the Doodle site to find the meeting was still scheduled--EllenBeth would be there. I arrived at the office at 6:55, waited until 7:20. Nobody else showed up. I left.

Now I have reviewed the ballot you sent to the board. I submitted my nomination and bio as "Ed Golly" and curiously, it appears on the ballot as Ed Gollobith (Golly). Should I have been consulted regarding how I wanted my name to appear on the ballot? We once worked with a volunteer camera operator on the Public Access TV show. It was over a year before he realized I use two names, even though I wore an ID badge at all times in the building sporting the name Gollobith. I'm sure no confusion on the part of voters is intended, is it? **So now I see you're trying to get rid of me, too. Careful, John. These things can backfire.**

John, your actions are shameful and insulting. I am very disappointed in everything you are doing. You are scheming, lying, and not fooling anyone except Rob.

Best regards,

~Ed Golly
Chairman, Atheists of Florida, Inc.