

Hello CFB Rules and Julian,

I would like to submit a comment to the board for consideration from the “practice” side of the house. Since we can give you positive feedback regarding your rule changes and how things are being managed in the field.

First, I would like to congratulate you all on a splendid job in allowing PINS, mine of course will be worn a small flag pin of the United States of America. I am a veteran and proud of it. So, while it took a while, good job.

Second, we will miss Jack Besson he was a professional and we welcomed his candor and knowledge when during campaigns so many questions come up and Jack was that rock we went to in order to ensure we were on the right page. Please pass our best onto him.

Third, commenting specifically on campaign operations as it pertains to your offices see:

Final Bank Balance: The amount of unspent public funds (i.e., final bank balance) calculated to be in a campaign’s bank account (if the campaign received public funds) will be based on the actual bank balance on January 11th in the year following the election. Additionally, if a campaign repays all funds in the campaign’s bank account on or before December 31st of the election year, the campaign will be presumed not to owe any additional unspent funds. NOTE: This will remain separate from any public funds repayment obligation due to a deficit in qualified expenditures or other more significant post-election enforcement matters. [Rule 5-03(e)(1)]

I would like to voice a little frustration here. All fundraising stops on Election Day. But reporting to CFB continues maybe for another 18 months. Bank balances need some flexibility in the times they are to be considered anything but closed. A campaign may have to argue with vendors, pay bills, hire a bookkeeper if yours bails immediately after the election. Any number of situations can arise. I would like to see language addressing this need for the board to recognize that this isn’t black or white. Things can not just be shut down, in the real world it doesn’t work that way. Verizon continued to bill us I believe for two more cycles after election day. Bookkeeping, photo copying, transportation to CFB continues for many months after election day. Campaign inquiries can go on for some time and we need the ability to keep things open so that we can accurately reply to CFB continuing inquiries. Thank you for considering my comment.

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