

LIFE AFTER I-134 TASK FORCE MEETING

May 21, 1993

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Life After I-134 Task Force was called to order by Co-Chair C.T. Purdom at 3:00 pm, Friday, May 21, 1993 at the Federal Way Executel.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: C.T. Purdom, Co-Chair
Bill Hanson, Federal Way
Darlene Hensley, Marysville
Gloria Gibbs, North Thurston
Bill Miller, Lake Washington
Maureen Ramos, Spokane
Bob Fisher, Ex-Officio
Jim Seibert, Ex-Officio
John Chase, Advisor
Bob Maier, Staff Consultant
Don Maekawa, WEA Staff
Rod Regan, WEA Staff
Steve Kink, WEA Staff
Sondra Williams, NEA Staff
Shirley Kurrus, WEA Staff

OVERVIEW

RECOMMENDATIONS RESULTING FROM PAC STAFF/PAC CHAIR MEETING

LEAF Allocations:

Overall the councils and staff felt a loss of control. Why should WEA have control of the hard money and do the accounting? Central processing takes away local control. Under the new restrictions of I-134 the fine for exceeding the limit for contributions would be significant. Who would pay the fine in councils where legislative districts overlap?

Need to have the LEAF percentage split flexible. Some councils did not like the 20/20 split. Staff did not like the fact that they had to ask for the hard money. They felt there would be too much delay and made a big issue out of the lag time between requesting and actually getting the check. If we adopt the recommendation we will have to deliver the funds quickly. The issue of an electronic transfer was discussed, but it was felt if was faster to cut the check through PULSE.

Concern was also expressed that with the checks for contributions being issued by PULSE, how would the recipients know that the money was from their local PAC? They would not like the fact that the State PAC was putting money into local races.

Add (c) providing flexibility to choose percentage of soft and hard money. Not confined to 20/20 split. To avoid confusion, change 20/20 to 50/50. Soft money will go into council line item/checking account and if the councils choose all hard money, there will be no council line item and all checks will be written by PULSE.

2. Reword the phrase "UniServ PAC's will cease to exist as entities." (UniServ PAC Chairs and staff reacted very strongly to it.)

Give the UniServ Council the option of keeping the LEAF money left by the November 15th deadline and adding it to their Council as soft money. Then they could close out their PAC account and show disbursement of remaining funds to the Council. Or, return the money to PULSE and credit it to the Council's hard money account.

Since the PULSE Board and the PDC are meeting on the same day, it was suggested the PDC be contacted to see if they could make their ruling on the question of one PAC or separate PAC's first thing in the morning. The PULSE Board would delay their meeting until the afternoon of June 21st.

When all the changes are incorporated into the LEAF rebate recommendations, a copy will be mailed to the task force. The task force will meet prior to the PULSE meeting on June 21st and review and finalize the recommendations for the PULSE Board's approval. The task force requested a copy of the local option paper prepared by the legal department.

Written clarification was requested on how local races would be impacted as a result of I-134.

The recommendations for LEAF rebates will not affect the 1993 elections.

* I-134 impacts payroll deductions only. Cash dues can be collected at any time.

The task force thanked Bob Maier for his hard work and endurance during the PAC Staff/PAC Chair meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the I-134 Task Force will be held Monday, June 21, 1993 at the WEA Headquarters Building.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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in the aggregate, would exceed the limits placed on contributions by Part III, Section 4 of I-134." In other words, candidates for legislative or statewide office can no longer receive money from PULSE and from UPAC's if the TOTAL exceeds the contribution limits set forth in the Initiative. (Remember how Mike Lowry operated in his gubernatorial campaign?). The same likely holds true for PAC contributions to parties and to caucuses.

As such, we recommend that councils close their existing PAC checking accounts and EITHER add it to their council budget as a soft money line item described earlier OR return the money to PULSE and have it credited to the council's hard money account for 1994. WEA-PULSE will, henceforth, do all the reporting and there will no longer be any need for LEAF APPLICATION FORMS.

3. We recommend, further, that all contributions to incumbent legislators and to incumbent statewide officeholders be suspended. The penalties for failing to comply with the initiative are severe. Exceeding the aggregate contribution amount could easily occur without careful monitoring: We think it is easier to suspend contributions until all "hard money" is in one spot. NOTE: Special elections in the 29th and 33rd Legislative Districts are exempt from this suspension. It is our intention to be active in these races, but we do have to observe the campaign contribution limits set forth in Initiative 134.

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* THE TASK FORCE WILL CONTINUE TO WORK ON RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1995 AND BEYOND. WE WILL HAVE TO FIND A NEW WAY TO COLLECT POLITICAL ACTION/EDUCATION MONEY BY SEPTEMBER OF 1994. IT IS ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT COLLECTION OF NEA-PAC CONTRIBUTIONS IS NOT ALTERED BY INITIATIVE 134.

LIFE AFTER I-134 TASK FORCE MEETING

WEA Federal Way Headquarters

June 21, 1993

CALL TO
ORDER

The meeting of the Life After I-134 Task Force was called to order by Co-Chair C.T. Purdom at 11:10 am, Monday, June 21, 1993 at the Federal Way WEA Headquarters.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: C.T. Purdom, Co-Chair
Bill Hanson, Federal Way
Darlene Hensley, Marysville
Gloria Gibbs, North Thurston
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DOCUMENT
REVIEW

The I-134 Task Force reviewed the following documents:

- Fund-Raisers/Contributions for 1993
- PULSE Dues Collections 1993-94
- Attorney's opinion based on the language of I-134 prohibiting any contributions from PULSE and UPAC's, which, in the aggregate, would exceed the limits placed on contributions.
- PDC's response stating I-134 does not apply to the 1992 elections or requests to retire campaign debts.
- Revised Recommendations: Council PACS and LEAF Rebate

It was MOVED by Ms. Hensley, SECONDED and CARRIED that the I-134 Task Force approve the revised "Recommendations: Council PACS and LEAF Rebate" and present them to the PULSE Board of Trustees for their approval. These recommendations would be for the 1994 PULSE year only.

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The I-134 Task Force reviewed the impact of I-134 on local races and ballot propositions and approved the following written clarification: