

Sam Anderson in PDC Case: 09008

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P: Yeah, and you guys collect the premiums from your members and bundle them and send them in? Is that how that works?

A: No.

P: No? They send the premium directly to L&I?

A: Directly to L&I.

P: Got it. Okay.

A: I'm . . .uh. . .I don't know if they send them directly to L&I. I think they may send them to BIAW.

P: Okay. But not through you.

A: I'm not sure who gets the premiums.

P: And then, just to kind of follow that up, in 2007, BIAW President Damon Doyle went out to the locals when those checks were distributed, is that correct?

A: Yeah.

P: And he. . .

A: Before they were distributed.

P: Yeah. And then he was at your meeting, is that correct?

A: Sorry?

P: And can you just kind of talk a little bit about that? He came out and solicited money. . .

A: Yeah, what. . .here. . .I mean. . .BIAW had made a decision in early '07 that they were going to support Dino Rossi if he ran in the governor's campaign, and Damon came

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up with a strategy that the ROII payment that would come back to the Locals and the return to our members was going to be much higher than BIAW had anticipated. Every year, BIAW gives us a number for budgeting purposes, though in '06, they told us, for example, that the '07 number would be \$1.2 million, something like that, and that we would get, as returns, our members would get \$12 million. They determined somehow through their process that that number for us was going to be higher than \$1.2 million, and that it would be higher for every Local in the State, and for BIAW as a result of that. But Damon's request was, "We would like you to contribute to a fund for the Governor's race, the excess between what you budgeted and what you would actually receive."

Now, we were requested to do that, I think, in March. The retro-return doesn't come until June, so our Board made a decision that they did not want to do that. A, Dino hadn't said he was going to run, and B, We didn't know what the number was. We didn't have any idea how much we were talking about, and so we chose not to do that. Other Local Associations chose to do that.

P: Did he still show up and make an appeal to your members, or . . . ?

A: Yes.

P: Got it.

A: No, he came down. . .

P: And you were present?

A: I wasn't, but others were. I happened to be out of town for that Board Meeting, but believe me I got the blow-by-blow description.

P: Okay.

? One of the individuals today was present, I'm assuming.

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A: (Asked to others in the room with him) Anybody. . .was anybody here?

(Voice in the background) "No."

A: Jeff was there.

P: Thank you. We may talk to Jeff about this but Sam, are you aware, specifically, what Damon solicited the excess for? Did he say it was for BIAW, for their ROII Program through the Member Services Corporation, for Change Pac, for any particular recipient?

A: No, I think he just said to put it into a fund for Rossi. That's what I was told, I mean, so that . . .(inaudible). . .hearsay. But Jeff can tell you what he heard.

P: Okay, thank you. Um. . .

A: I don't believe we recorded anything in our notes, our minutes. I think Lowney and those guys got all our minutes, so if it's not in there, it's not in there.

P: Okay. Um, I had some kind of wrap-up questions, but Kurt, before I get to those, did you have any follow-up for Sam?

K: Just the. . .I noticed the Events Budget's been pretty high, and are any of those political events?

A: No.

K: Okay, I didn't think so, I just wanted to confirm, and then, um. . .

A: We don't sponsor any political events as the MBA. The minute we open that door we'd have a million people lined up, waiting to do one.

K: Got it, that makes sense.

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