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From: Faith Scow <faithautumnmt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2023 10:10 AM
To: Gallus, Chris J.
Cc: Pat Noonan; Cook, Scott
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: BSBDP Response to Complaint
Attachments: COPP Response.docx

Attached is our response. Thanks again for meeting with us!

On Thu, Apr 20, 2023 at 2:30 PM Gallus, Chris J. <Christopher.Gallus@mt.gov> wrote:

Faith and Pat,

This is to acknowledge you provided me an updated C-2. Your C-2 is now confirmed as filed in this office. We can have you electronically update it as we proceed.

This also confirms that I discussed your situation with respect to responding to the complaint now in your possession. As a result of that conversation, your response deadline is May 20, 2023 by 5:00 PM.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this important matter. I appreciate your willingness to diligently address them, and look forward to working with you to resolve these issues.

Truly,

Chris

Chris J. Gallus
MT COPP

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Thank you for meeting with us regarding this important matter.

In response to the complaint filed against the BSB Democrat Central Committee from March 15th 2023. In 2019 the Central Committee had a major turnover in leadership including a new Treasurer. Ashley Johnson had filed a report in 2019. After that the financial report appears to have fallen behind. In 2020 the committee had minimal activity to report and many volunteers did not return in 2021. During 2021 there was another turnover in leadership and Faith Scow was elected the Chair as well as a new treasurer who lasted until the summer of 2022. Pat Noonan was elected treasure in the Fall of 2022. During that time the central committee had lost its P.O. Box since it had not been checked for months by the previous treasurer. Additionally, no active member in the BSB central committee had access to the COPP portal to submit reports. In the fall of 2022 Pat was notified from Ashley Johnson that she had received and email from COPP that the BSB central committee was negligent on its reporting and would be dissolved as a committee. Pat contacted COPP in December of 2022 to find out if he needed to file separate reports for the previous yers and was informed that he could do one report spanning the time period that the reports had not been filed. Our committee was working on compiling the need information from years past when the complaint was filed.

To address a few other things in the complaint, the Carpenter's Union Hall provides a free community meeting space that requires reserving a time. This space has been used by the BSB democrat central committee for more than two decades. In 2023, the Union Hall asked for voluntary donations from organizations using the space starting January this year and the \$300 dollars the committee paid is reflected in the recect committee financial report.