

**BEFORE THE ACCOUNTANCY EXAMINING BOARD
OF THE STATE OF IOWA**


IN THE MATTER OF:

Thomas Paulsen
CPA #001244
3218 W. 12th Street

Cedar Falls, IA 50613

Respondent.

Case No. 11-027

~~Department of Commerce~~
~~Professional Licensing Bureau~~
FILED Oct. 19, 2011 (Date)
~~Accountancy~~
~~Board / Commission~~


**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CHARGES
AND CONSENT ORDER
IN DISCIPLINARY CASE**

A. Statement of Charges

1. The Iowa Accountancy Examining Board ("Board") has jurisdiction of this disciplinary matter pursuant to Iowa Code chapters 17A, 272C, and 542 (2009).
2. Respondent was issued Iowa CPA certificate number O01244 on the 7th day of July, 1972. Respondent reported he completed the required ethics continuing professional education for his 2011 renewal. Respondent contacted the Board office on July 5, 2011, to report his incorrectly entered his ethics so the on-line renewal would work.
3. The Board charges Respondent with failure to comply with the continuing education requirements necessary to remain qualified for continued certification in violation of Iowa Code sections 272C.2(1), 272C.10(3), 542.6(3), and 542.10(1)(a), (j), and 193A Iowa Administrative Code 5.5(7), 10.3, 10.7(4), 10.8, 14.3(5)(a) (2010).
4. The Board and Respondent have agreed to fully resolve these charges through the following Consent Order, rather than proceed to contested case hearing.

B. Settlement Agreement and Consent Order

5. Respondent has a right to a hearing on the charges, but waives his right to hearing and all attendant rights, including the right to seek judicial review, by freely and voluntarily entering into this Order. This Consent Order constitutes discipline against the Respondent, and is the final agency order in the contested case, pursuant to Iowa Code section 17A.10 and 193 Iowa Administrative Code 7.4.
6. Respondent agrees the State's counsel may present this Order to the Board and may have ex parte communications with the Board while presenting it.
7. This Order shall be part of the permanent record of Respondent and shall be considered by the Board in determining the nature and severity of any future disciplinary action to be imposed in the event of any future violations.
8. This Combined Statement of Charges and Consent Order is a public record available for inspection and copying in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code chapter

9. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order shall be grounds for further disciplinary action pursuant to Iowa Code section 272C.3(2)(a) (2009). However, no action may be taken against Respondent for violations of these provisions without a hearing, or waiver of hearing.

10. This Order is subject to approval of the Board:

(a) If the Board fails to approve this Order, it shall be of no force or effect on either party, and it shall not be admissible for any purpose in further proceedings in this matter.

(b) If the Board approves this Order, it shall fully dispose of all issues in this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- A. Respondent is reprimanded for inaccurately reporting continuing education to the Board
- B. Respondent shall complete an additional 4 hours of continuing professional education in Ethics, none of which may be used for the 2012 or future renewals. These hours must be completed by November 30, 2011 and documentation shall be sent to the Board office.

AGREED AND ACCEPTED:

The Respondent

[Redacted Signature]

Thomas Paulsen

7/28/11
Date

**The Iowa Accountancy
Examining Board**

[Redacted Signature]

By: **Felford A. Lodden, CPA, Chair**

Carol A. Schuler
10/19/11
Date