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There was no treasurer's report at the annual state meeting on August 12. Requests from the audience for a report eventually resulted in Andrea Merida (who at that time held the office of treasurer as well as several other offices) saying there was roughly \$500 in the kitty and she would post a full report on-line later. After nothing appeared on-line, Gary Swing posted a request in the Forum asking for a treasurer's report. The newly elected treasurer, Joshua James, says a treasurer's report has not been prepared. He says he will notify Gary when it is ready, but he has given no date by when it is expected to be ready.

While this is a by-laws violation (5.5 Treasurer. The Treasurer is responsible for filings and financial reporting as required by state law, disburse funds as directed by the Council, and present a balance report at each state meeting), there is also concern about how much money has been spent and what it has been spent on.

Ms. Merida has had financial irregularities in the past, one year spending \$12,427.87 when the limit was \$5,000 in her position on the Denver School Board

(<http://www.denverpost.com/2012/01/13/board-member-arturo-jimenez-tells-denver-public-schools-he-wont-repay-expenses/>).

There were questions last year about some of the expenses incurred in relation to Green Party activities. These concerns remained points of open discussion within the council and did not become the subject of official action, as far as I know.

Given the past events, there is some concern that the delay in making a full treasurer's report may signal the existence of a financial problem.

We would like to add the by-law violation to our list of complaints.