

# **Reading In Motion Whistleblower Policy**

#### General:

The Reading In Motion (RIM) Personal Policy along with the RIM Board member charter requires directors, other volunteers, and employees to observe high standards of business and personal ethics in the conduct of their duties and responsibilities. Employees and representatives of the organization must practice honesty and integrity in fulfilling their responsibilities and comply with all applicable laws, regulations and internal controls established by the organization.

The objectives of the RIM Whistleblower Policy are to establish policies and procedures for:

- The submission of concerns regarding questionable accounting or audit matters by employees, directors, officers, and other stakeholders of the organization, on a confidential and anonymous basis.
- The receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints received by the organization regarding accounting, internal controls, or auditing matters.
- The protection of directors, volunteers and employees reporting concerns from retaliatory actions.

# Reporting Responsibility

Each director, volunteer, and employee of RIM has an obligation to report in accordance with this Whistleblower Policy (a) questionable or improper accounting or auditing matters, and (b) violations and suspected violations of RIM's Personal Policy and/or Board Member Charter (hereinafter collectively referred to as Concerns).

#### **Authority of Finance Committee**

All reported Concerns will be forwarded to the Finance Committee in accordance with the procedures set forth herein. The Finance Committee Vice Chair shall be responsible for investigating and making appropriate recommendations to the Executive Director and/or Chief Operating Officer with respect to all reported Concerns (unless the Finance Committee Vice Chair is the subject of the concern). If the Finance Committee Vice Chair is the subject of the Concerns the Chief Operating Officer shall be responsible for working with the Finance Committee (excluding the Vice Chair) in investigating and making appropriate recommendations to the Executive Director and/or the Board of Directors with respect to all reported Concerns.

### No Retaliation

This Whistleblower Policy is intended to encourage and enable directors, volunteers, and employees to raise Concerns within the Organization for investigation and appropriate action. With this goal in mind, no director, volunteer, or employee who, in good faith, reports a Concern shall be subject to retaliation or, in the case of an employee, adverse employment consequences. Moreover, a volunteer or employee who retaliates against someone who has reported a Concern in good faith is subject to discipline up to and including dismissal from the volunteer position or termination of employment.

### **Reporting Concerns:**

### **Employees**

Employees should first discuss their Concern with their immediate supervisor. If, after speaking with his or her supervisor, the individual continues to have reasonable grounds to believe the Concern is valid, the individual should report the Concern to the HR Manager. In addition, if the individual is uncomfortable speaking with his or her supervisor, or the supervisor is a subject of the Concern, the individual should

report his or her Concern directly to the HR Manager who will then report all Concerns to the Chief Operating Officer.

The Concern should be reduced to writing and forwarded at the earliest opportunity to the HR Manager. Contact information for the HR Manager may be obtained from the Personnel Handbook or the Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer. If the Executive Director and/or Chief Operating Officer are the subject of the concern, then contact information should be obtained directly from another member of the Senior management team. Concerns may also be submitted anonymously. Such anonymous Concerns should be in writing and sent directly to the HR Manager.

## **Directors and Other Volunteers**

Directors and other volunteers should submit Concerns in writing directly to the HR Manager. Contact information for the HR Manager may be obtained from the Executive Director/Chief Operating Officer.

### **Handling of Reported Violations**

The HR Manager shall address all reported Concerns. The HR Manager shall immediately notify the Finance Committee, the Executive Director and/or Chief Operating Officer, unless one of them is the subject of the concern. The HR Manager will notify the sender and acknowledge receipt of the Concern within five business days, if possible. It will not be possible to acknowledge receipt of anonymously submitted Concerns.

All reports will be promptly investigated by the Finance Committee, and appropriate corrective action will be recommended to the Board of Directors, if warranted by the investigation. In addition, action taken must include a conclusion and/or follow-up with the complainant for complete closure of the Concern.

The Finance Committee has the authority to ask the Executive Director to retain outside legal counsel, accountants, private investigators, or any other resource deemed necessary by the committee to conduct a full and complete investigation of the allegations.

#### **Acting in Good Faith**

Anyone reporting a Concern must act in good faith and have reasonable grounds for believing the information disclosed indicates an improper accounting or auditing practice, or a violation of the Codes. The act of making allegations that prove to be unsubstantiated, and that prove to have been made maliciously, recklessly, or with the foreknowledge that the allegations are false, will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense and may result in discipline, up to and including dismissal from the volunteer position or termination of employment. Such conduct may also give rise to other actions, including civil lawsuits.

### Confidentiality

Reports of Concerns, and investigations pertaining thereto, shall be kept confidential to the extent possible, consistent with the need to conduct an adequate investigation.

Disclosure of reports of Concerns to individuals not involved in the investigation will be viewed as a serious disciplinary offense and may result in discipline, up to and including termination of employment. Such conduct may also give rise to other actions, including civil lawsuits.