

GOP chairer postpones resignation

PORTLAND (AP) — The embattled chairman of the Oregon Republican Party, Walter Huss, said Tuesday he will postpone his resignation until audits of the party's books are completed.

Huss said an internal audit committee he appointed after his election as GOP party chairman last August has uncovered "a number of irregularities and facts that must be brought to the surface."

Huss, an ultra-conservative fundamentalist minister, announced March 16 he would resign the state party post he took last Aug. 5, following his election at the party's convention near Bend.

Many elected Republicans had opposed Huss' leadership, but they applauded his decision to resign.

Huss declined to discuss specific allegations at a news conference Tuesday. Instead he handed reporters 15 pages from the internal audit committee on its investigation of bookkeeping practices between the GOP convention of 1976 and the convention of 1978.

Secretary of State Norma Paulus, one of those who opposed Huss, expressed disappointment that he has decided to postpone his resignation.

She added she had seen the material released by Huss and she doesn't think it makes any sense. She said the money in

Huss awaiting completed audit

question all went for outstanding bills.

Dewey Newman of Dallas, one of the announced candidates for Huss' job, also criticized him for backing off on his resignation promise.

"His contention that only he can resolve this problem is an affront to the integrity of those of us who have indicated a willingness to serve as party chairman upon his resignation," Newman said.

The papers released by Huss included a letter from the internal audit committee detailing concern over several expenditures made in the final days of the term of office of former GOP chairman Stephen Young.

Young, now a Portland stockbroker, said he finds Huss' action "laughable" and said the current Republican chief has blown the financial problems far out of proportion.

"I don't see over two or three hours worth of clarifying work that needs to be done," Young said.

Prominently mentioned in the internal audit committee report is \$19,000 paid to a Hawaii-based organization called Voter Contact Services. The audit com-

mittee said it couldn't find out exactly what the company did for the Oregon GOP.

But Young said that for three years Voter Contact Services provided computer services to handle the state party's mailing labels, mailing lists and precinct lists. He said it is a reputable company that does business in six or eight western states.

The audit committee says the party should demand the company give an adequate accounting of what services it completed for the \$19,000.

Huss said the audit committee has found several former party workers who have not been cooperative with the audit work.

Young responded, however, that he has offered repeatedly to meet with Huss, and he said former staff members would be willing to meet with the Huss staff to clarify the audit problems. But Young said Huss wanted nothing to do with the ousted officials following his election.

The documents given to reporters also question a \$1,062 check written by Stan Baumhofer, who was then executive director of the Oregon GOP, to him-

self. The audit committee said it could find little documentation for the check.

Baumhofer is now executive director of the Council of Elected Republicans, which was founded by liberal Republican officeholders to counter Huss' conservative leadership.

Baumhofer said Tuesday the check was for his expenses during four months as executive director. He said he was over-paid and has returned \$490 to the committee.

Finally, the audit committee documents question checks written after Aug. 5 by the old officers, despite the fact they no longer held their positions.

Young said Huss told him to go ahead and pay expenses on the state convention and any carryover bills. Young said Huss was concerned at the time that the old leadership would leave him with many unpaid bills.

Young said he thinks that if Huss doesn't follow through with his promise to resign, the central committee will call a meeting of its own and remove him from office.

Huss maintained he is not using the audit controversy as an excuse to remain in office. He said he hopes the issues are cleared up within a month, but he admitted it could take much longer.

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