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**From:** Marcia Elston [samara@wingedseed.com]  
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**To:** 'HoBernstein@aol.com'  
**Subject:** NAHA

Dear Mr. Bernstein,

It is our understanding that you are representing and/or advising the National Association for Holistic Aromatherapy with regard to a movement to compel a legal investigation into their operations.

We are the ad-hoc committee representing the petitioners at <http://www.petitiononline.com/naha3666/petition.html> and website at [www.nahaexposed.org](http://www.nahaexposed.org). This petition is now supported by over 100 people, many of whom are former members and volunteers of the organization, including a past president, advisors and current/past district and regional directors and committee chairs.

We wanted you to be aware that we attempted to move towards binding arbitration in lieu of submitting the petition to the IRS and State of Colorado. We suggested binding arbitration through Linda Hazzard (offering her services as mediator) and Laraine Kyle, both of whom corresponded for several weeks with us towards an alternative solution. At that time, we requested the following information in order to consider moving towards arbitration:

- 1) An official statement from the board of directors outlining the action they intended to take to address the issues and concerns contained within the petition and affidavits.
- 2) An official statement from the board of directors that presented the candidates standing for the upcoming election, including qualifications, experience and leadership plan or platform for future operations.

Our requests were not answered by the board, which answers could have supported an effort for alternative solution. We feel that we made a good faith effort to resolve these problems in a manner that would avoid more drastic measures by IRS or State of Colorado intervention. We can only assume that you have not advised the board in this regard, for surely binding arbitration would be preferable to a legal investigation.

We have now received copies of a letter written by Michelle Miller, Vice-President to the members of NAHA discounting the serious allegations that face the organization as, "issues revolving around personality conflicts" and accusing the petitioners of malicious intent to damage the reputation of NAHA and spreading "rumors" aimed at the destruction of NAHA. Information contained in notarized affidavits are represented as being inaccurate, in other words, she is accusing the writers of lying. This letter will be forwarded to the officials now examining our requests, along with a copy of this email.

Sincerely,

Mynou de Mey  
Marcia Elston  
Barbara Lucks  
Emily E. Ray  
Jeanne Rose