



# **Version 2.0.7 Release Notes (8/16/2007)** for Public Users

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## **Committee Search Pages**

### Bug Fixes

- Unexpected Results when Searching for Committees by Election  
Previously, when a search was performed on the Search by Election page, only local committees were included in the search results. Now, state committees are also retrieved when searching by election.
- District, Position, County or City Drop-Down List on Search by Election Page  
Previously, the values in the District, Position, County or City drop-down list displayed in the order that they were added to ORESTAR. Now, the values display in alphabetical order, making it easier to find the desired value.

## **Statement of Organization Display Pages**

### New Features/Enhancements

- Effective/Expiration Dates for Committee Directors  
Added effective and expiration dates for committee directors to the Statement of Organization display pages, allowing a user to identify the term of a committee director.
- Accessing Transactions from a Committee's Statement of Organization  
Added a "Campaign Finance Activity" link to the bottom of the Statement of Organization display page. Clicking on the link displays all the campaign finance transactions filed by the committee, in descending order by transaction date.

### Bug Fixes

- Party Affiliation for Candidates Running for Nonpartisan Offices  
Previously, the party affiliation field on the Statement of Organization display page was blank for a candidate running for a nonpartisan office. Now, "Nonpartisan" displays in the party affiliation field.

## **Transaction Search Page**

### New Features/Enhancements

- Page Navigation  
Added Search and Reset buttons to the top of the Search Transactions page, reducing the amount of scrolling that is necessary on the page. Previously, buttons were located only at the bottom of the page.



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## → Expanded Search Capabilities

Added additional fields to the Search Transactions page, allowing a user to search for transactions by:

a range of transaction filed dates (previously, searches were limited to a single date)

contributor or payee's address (street/po box, city, state, zip, county)

contributor's occupation

contributor's employment information (employer name, city, state, not employed or self-employed)

## → Deleted Transactions

Added logic to exclude deleted transactions from search results unless the "Include Deleted Transactions" checkbox is selected as part of the search criteria.

## → Certificates of Limited Contributions and Expenditures

Added a Search Certificates page that allows a user to search for all Certificates of Limited Contributions and Expenditures filed for a calendar year. The page can be accessed by clicking on Search Transactions on the left navigation bar and then clicking on the Search Certificates tab. Tabs were added to the Search Transactions page, allowing a user to toggle between searching for transactions and searching for certificates.

## Bug Fixes

## → Searching for In-Kind/Independent Expenditures

Previously, a user did not receive any results if the search criteria selected was "Expenditures identified as in-kind to another committee" or "Independent Expenditures." Now, searching for transactions that meet either of these criteria will produce the expected results.

## Transaction Search Results Page

### New Features/Enhancements

## → Page Navigation

Added New Search, Export to Excel Format, Previous and Next buttons to the bottom of the Transaction Search Results page, reducing the amount of scrolling that is necessary on the page. Previously, buttons were located only at the top of the page.

## → Exporting Transactions to Excel

Added transaction type (original, amended, deleted) and contributor/payee calendar year aggregate to the export. Modified logic to display agent name instead of agent id number for transactions with the Expenditure Made by an Agent subtype. Changed label of "Contributor" column to "Contributor/Payee." Modified the format of the transaction amount column, allowing a user to total this column in Excel.



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## Transaction Detail Page

### New Features/Enhancements

#### → Additional Detail Available When Viewing a Transaction

Added the following data fields to the Transaction Detail page. The Transaction Detail page is accessed by performing a transaction search and clicking on the transaction id number for the desired transaction on the Transaction Search Results page.

**Filed Date:** The date and time the transaction was filed with the Secretary of State.

**Exam Letter Date:** The date an exam letter was sent to the committee, notifying the committee of any potential insufficiencies.

**Aggregate:** The total amount of contributions or expenditures for the contributor or payee during the calendar year.

**Repayment Schedule:** The schedule for repayment of a loan. This field applies to transactions with the Loan Received (Non-Exempt) or Loan Received (Exempt) subtypes or to transactions with the Cash Expenditure subtype and the Loan Extended purpose.

**Agent:** The name of the agent who made the expenditure on behalf of the committee. This field applies to transactions with the Expenditure Made by an Agent subtype.

**Purpose:** The purpose of an expenditure or in-kind transaction.

**Associations:** Identifies information about a transaction that has a relationship to the current transaction being viewed. For example, when viewing a loan payment transaction, information about the loan received transaction that the payment is applied to will display in the associations field.

**In-Kind/Independent Expenditure Information:** Identifies if an expenditure was made on behalf of another committee, resulting in an in-kind contribution to that committee, or if an expenditure supports or opposes a candidate or measure and was made independently. The names of committees and measures supported or opposed by the expenditure are displayed, along with the amount attributable to each.

**Co-signer Obligations:** Identifies a person that cosigns a loan (other than a candidate or candidate's spouse). This field applies to transactions with the Loan Received (Non-Exempt) or Loan Received (Exempt) subtypes.