

Dear AFAN Networkers and Astrology Friends:

It has come to my attention that certain officers and members of the current AFAN Steering Committee have gathered 10 percent of AFAN Networkers to sign a petition to start the process to have me removed from the AFAN Steering Committee - after I refused to resign at their request.

I was pressured to resign with the threat that all their assertions against me will be made public. I made it plain that I wouldn't resign. My life, for better or worse, is an open book. If they chose to make their assertions public, so be it. I will make the facts public. If you have any questions about their assertions, please contact me. After sending their email early this morning Saturday, 24 September 2016, they have given me until Wednesday 28 September to compose and submit my rebuttal and have limited it to 1910 words. Others may also enter their opinions on the subject.

The crux of their case is that I disagreed with some of their actions based on AFAN's Bylaws - which may be found at the AFAN website. I was also not shy about letting my feelings known on certain subjects. I have not acted in an obstructionist manner, but have allowed votes to go forward – even when in principle I disagreed – for the sake of the Network.

Disagreement and transparency are not terms for termination. The Steering Committee serves at the pleasure of the Networkers. Other officers serve at the pleasure of the Steering Committee. We are a non-hierarchical organization, and for any cabal of Steering Committee members and officers to secretly collude against another member of the Steering Committee is against the spirit of AFAN and its Bylaws. All discussion of my possible resignation or recall was done using private back channels and phone calls that do not leave a paper or electronic trail.

This action by some current members of the Steering Committee will send AFAN into a tailspin just when it needs to focus attention on more pressing matters. There will be a divisive election pitting Networker against Networker.

There are others who also know the facts of the case who will come forward and make statements if needed.

I have served AFAN honorably for many years and always strive to place the Bylaws and the welfare of the Networkers above any petty political or personal squabbles. I had made it known to the rest of the Steering Committee that I was willing to let bygones be bygones and move forward with the important business of AFAN, but they chose to take this action.

Sincerely,

Frank Piechoski