

101713-District 1 meeting report

District 1 meeting comments in brief -

- A meeting chair was not selected.

- Joseph Herrera explained potential rate increase coming in a year or more. The increase will be explained at all district meetings.

- Trustee Mauldin gave a stump speech on the so called, "by-law committee" results.

- Gene Cole, as a member of District 1 representative on the by-law committee, gave a more detailed report and answered questions.

Among many questions, there are two put to the committee chair and representative on several occasions that were never answered:

Fist Question - Who said there was no quorum at the District 5 meeting where all the proposals were voted on and passed?

The Real Answer - Nobody said there was no-quorum. Specifically, nobody challenged the room for a head count. That is how a quorum , or lack of it, is determined. Not someone's opinion after the meeting. Not just because the minutes say there was no quorum. The author of the minutes has the duty to write the minutes, not determine if there is a quorum or not. That issue gets a lot deeper we'll save for another time.

Second Question - Was the Trustee from District 2 asked to send a representative to the by-law committee? Or to put it another way, who asked the District 2 Trustee to send a representative? That question was asked several times, and each time deflected by challenging the person asking the question to volunteer for the committee.

The Real Answer: District 2 Trustee was never asked to send a representative and that was clearly intentional. If that were not so, then why was Eileen Latasa, SEC's Senior Administrator Aide & Human Resources Head *appointed* by someone to represent District 2. So, who appointed her? District 2 members might want to note that and ask questions.

So, the question now becomes, "why won't you answer the question?"

In anticipation of future by-law committees, it was stated that perhaps next time there would be no trustees on the committee nor SEC staff members. Clearly indicating some committee members are uneasy with the way the committee was setup. If that is so, then why would one think there is any legitimacy this time around?

And so it went. Most of the speechifying around the committee report were actually excuses of why it is a righteous pursuit and what fine hard working fellows the all were and why aren't they more appreciated. They just don't understand yet they were played. Fear not, they'll "get it" eventually, it just might take a while.