

While watching the tape of the City of Socorro's Tuesday night (1/20/15), Mayor Bhasker mentioned that the report of the Smith and Christensen law firm was scheduled to be presented to the SEC Board of Trustees next week. Check the SEC website, click on News and Events which will take you to Board of Trustees Regular Meeting notice. The notice States:

Board of Trustees Regular Meeting
January 28th, 2015, 10:30 am to 5:00pm
and
January 29th 2015, 9:00 am to 5:00pm
New Mexico Tech Macey Center, Socorro, NM
Agenda will be available 24 hrs. in advance.

City of Socorro officials received a message from Mr. Aaron Christensen (dated Jan.20th, 1:48pm) informing them of the meeting. Mr. John Larson, reporter with the "Chieftain" newspaper also received a note from Mr. Christensen. As of this writing, (noon, January 21st) Trustee Charlie Wagner has not been notified of the meeting from either the Board of Trustees, SEC management or Mr. Christensen. Neither has this website.

There are several problems with notices to the SEC membership:

Mr. Christensen's firm's contract with the SEC clearly states under "A. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED, Section 4. Under completion of its review, Firm will submit Socorro's General Counsel and its Board a written analysis and set of recommendations ("Report") addressing the issues listed above as well as any other issues or concerns that Firm develops during its review. Mr. Christensen will personally deliver the Report to the Board during the course of a special meeting of the Board."

Any meeting of the SEC Board of Trustees must conform to the Open Meeting Act in regard to public attendance and notice. And a special meeting as called for in the Consulting Agreement between the law firm and SEC calls for special handling. SEC Bylaws, Article III. Meeting of the Members, Section 5. Notice of Member's Meeting. "Written or printed notice stating the place, day and hour of the meeting and, in the case of a special meeting or annual meeting at which business requiring special notice is to be transacted, the purpose or purposes for which the meeting is called shall be delivered not less than ten or more than thirty days...before the date of the meeting, either personally or by mail, by or at the direction of the Secretary, or upon a default in duty by the Secretary, by the persons calling the meeting, to each member..." Obviously, the notice posted on the SEC website only refers to a "Regular meeting" and does not list the presentation of Mr. Christensen's Report which is of great interest to SEC members. Getting the word out to the members will be difficult with less than a week to arrange attendance at the special meeting.

Many questions arise in regard to this entire matter. Is a special meeting required by contract without proper notice as required by SEC bylaw even legal. Keeping this report hidden from the members and Trustee Charlie Wagner is another issue that Mr. Christensen needs to investigate.