

November 2, 2010 Press Release –

An article in the Albuquerque Journal, [Co-op Sued Over Lost Pay](#), is an abridged version of the front page story in last Saturday's "Chieftain." You might want to reread that article for more details, however, the basic fact that no one connected to the SEC made sure that the law pertaining to Wage and Hours was followed does stand out in the Albuquerque Journal version.

We, the members, pay the SEC lawyers and it is reprehensible that those lawyers did not follow the law and advise the Board of Trustees and/or the staff at the SEC of such law. Their lapse will cost the co-op. Mr. Pineda and Ms. Torres are both asking for awards of two months additional pay, interest, and court costs.




Oct. 27, 2010 - The "Chieftain" has an excellent [article](#) covering the audit portion of the meeting. Read it very carefully. One note in the article concerning per diem payments: The \$120 cited for out-of-state travel is actually the figure for IN-state-travel.

"The Wolberg Rants" (see video below) - Trustee Wolberg accuses Charlie of everything under the sun and takes Charlene West's name in vain. There will be a follow-up on this subject but in the meantime if any of you can figure out how Trustee Charlie Wagner could possibly use co-op money to pay for the lawyers who are defending the members against the suit against the members by the co-op lawyers, please speak up.

In addition to the regular attorney, Dennis Francish, The Board has hired or rehired [Paul Kennedy](#)'s firm to defend the co-op against its members and the multiple lawsuits filed with the EEOC by Polo Pineda and Kathy Torres.

Kennedy attended the last board meeting standing in for Francish. Meanwhile, those defending the member/owners have to raise funds through donations. (See left column) Remember the SEC and its board operate in a bizarro world. Every member should attend at least one board meeting for the experience. Come early, seating is restricted.

Related documents:

[10/25 Meeting Agenda](#) (updated during meeting) 
[Wagner letter to board](#) re: Bustamante and audit report 
[Debt Cost Adjustment](#) re: NMPRC letter to SEC 
[Doug May comments to the Board Re: OMA,](#) 