

## September 1<sup>st</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 2010 Press Releases

### See also

#### Sept 7, 2010 - ([Sept 7, 2010 Meeting Agenda](#) )

Those of you who attended the last Special Meeting (8/26/10 - Auditors' Report) will recall that the board majority refused to allow a vote on the subject of a forensic audit even though a vote of the majority of the board on the previous night at the regular August meeting of the board dictated such a vote, because the special meeting was limited only to the regular audit. Acting chairperson, David Wade, even tabled the motion although he had no authority to do so.


Tuesday, the bid committee met to discuss the bids from companies seeking to conduct a forensic audit. Copies of the bids and meeting agenda were mailed to the trustees on either Wednesday or Thursday of last week. The meeting agenda should contain only the item, the forensic audit, voted upon on 8/26/10.

Now many of you are aware that Charlie is often not given papers that are given to other members of the board and that mailings to him go astray and/or are lost.. It has happened too often to be coincidence and it has happened again in regard to tonight's special meeting. Charlie did not receive his packet and he won't. When he questioned the absence of the mailing he was given the explanation that an intern send it to Datil by mistake and that it was returned to the co-op this morning. I would be more inclined to believe this excuse were it not for the fact that other items have been added to tonight's agenda in violation of the Open Meetings Act; a fact that he also learned this morning. I have requested a copy of the agenda be E-mailed to me.

The items added to be discussed in executive (closed) session deal with adjustment to salaries of the interim staff members. I am not addressing whether or not it is proper to give raises to these staff members; I am questioning the method and timing of raising this question. Adding items to the agenda of a special meeting when it is not an emergency is illegal under the Open Meetings Act. And adding such a topic to a Special Meeting, leads people to think that something underhanded is taking place. A regular meeting of the board will take place on September 22th only two weeks and one day in the future. More members attend regular meeting than special meetings. The subject of raises should take place at the regular meeting in open session.

What is an emergency is advertising for a permanent General Manager and Accountant for the SEC. Until a forensic audit is completed there are too many questions surrounding the SEC and its Board for actions that further erode the confidence of SEC member/owners. Now there is a proper topic for the next regular meeting!

**September 7, 2010** - Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2010 at 5:30 P.M. at 310 Abeyta is the setting for the special meeting of the SEC Board of Trustees. The only item on the agenda is the proposed Forensic Audit. Three companies have submitted bids with timelines. The Bid Committee has examined them and will present its recommendation at this meeting.

**September 1, 2010** - There are a series of E-mails mentioned in the article, "[Was there a co-op cover-up?](#)", in the El Defensor Chieftain dated September 1, 2010 - Those E-mails, Re: cover-up between Wagner & Bustamante are [here](#) 

The only way that this mess will be cleared up and a future assured for the SEC is for all information to be available to the member-owners despite threats, smear campaign, aSnd general distasteful behavior.