

## April 27, 2011 Board Meeting comments

"All that is necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

And that was the message last night. The Board emboldened by the lack of a quorum at the 2011 Annual Meeting and the failure of the recall of President Paul Bustamante is moving rapidly and without any shame to get rid of the amendments passed by the members at 2010 Annual Meeting. They seem to feel that the members no longer care about reforming the SEC and that they (the board) can return to their old ways of running and ruining the co-op.

On May 18th, the hearing on the suit brought against the members to overturn 3 of the amendments will be heard. These are the amendments guaranteeing the right of attendance at SEC Board meetings by members and the press, transparency of action with open access to SEC Books, Records, and Audits, and voluntary adherence to the New Mexico Open Meetings Act

Last night Leroy Anaya led the charge against the \$10,000 annual limit on trustee expenditures claiming that the representative to NMECA (the statewide organization) should not have to pay out of his \$10,000 for the cost of attending the monthly meetings in Santa Fe. This of course was after they removed Charlie Wagner who has been paying from his own pocket monthly for the past several months to attend the statewide meetings as SEC rep and replaced him with Don Wolberg. Mr. Anaya is the Tri-State rep and receives payment from Tri-State for his attendance at the monthly Denver meetings.

The amendment stating that the board shall make adequate arrangements for and assure fair elections which include voting by mail and ELECTION ADMINISTRATION BY A THIRD PARTY ACCOUNTING FIRM was next up. The attack here was the cost of having a third party administer the election with much self-righteous references to the need to save money.

The most outrageous moves against the amendments were up next. Mr. Wolberg and the board are of the opinion that since there was not a quorum at the Annual Meeting and the board's highly flawed redistricting plan could not be acted upon that redistricting is a dead issue and if the five districts are not present, the reduction of the board from 11 to 5 is also dead. In the board's mind, the old districts remain, the board number stays the same and something else. That amendment limiting the board to a two term limit - the clock counting down the two terms started last April 17th when it was passed at the 2011 Annual Meeting. Leo Cordova bounced up to state proudly and loudly that he was going to run again and he was going to win.

So far only two amendments( the notification of Capital Credits and the limiting of contributions) are not under challenge.

We needed 53 more members to have a quorum at the Annual Meeting, we had five reform members at last night's board meeting, we had 3 timely protests to the PRC on the new rate increase. It is time for "good men" (and women) to step up again.