

072512-meeting commentary

There was a Socorro County Deputy at last night's meeting at the request of the SEC Board and Management. We do not know if he was on duty or off although he was in an official car. We do not know whose rights and safety he was protecting or defending. He was a very pleasant young man and just stood by the door and watched. The only person who threatened anyone was Dr. Wolberg who objected to a slight noise from a female member in the audience and told her that he would have her removed.

The first action on the agenda was to donate \$350 to a sports team in Belen. When District 5 passed the Bylaw amendment limiting donations it was not to criticize sports teams but rather to direct donations to education/scholarships. As often noted, the sentence restricting donations to scholarships was omitted. This fall at the district meetings, the members should replace that lost sentence.

The audit report for the year ending December 31, 2011 was presented to the board by one of the auditors who was closely questioned by Trustee Wagner. This questioning seemed to annoy the other trustees as did Charlie's request to meet with the auditors without the presence of management. Given the events of the past several years, standard auditing procedure, and oversight responsibility of the Board of Trustees, the angry rejection of his request by the rest of the board is incomprehensible. Trustee Wagner particularly wanted a breakout of legal fees from the "Outside Services Employed - \$151,578" entry. The report did not contain any itemization of this entry.

The Manager's Reports were accepted with little discussion.

Member Applications and Cancellations at 29 new connects, 28 reconnects, and 110 disconnects continues the trend of members being disconnected at a high rate.

The rest of the meeting before the break for the executive session contained the oral reports from the NMRECA and Tri-State delegates, written reports having been sent to the Trustees. Dr. Wolberg, NMRECA delegate did not attend last month's meeting so he regaled the room with a report of his travels with 10 graduate students around the state. The 20 minute report had no relevance to the statewide organization or the SEC. The SEC chairman did nothing to curtail the verbalization.

The most interesting thing about the meeting was what was not said. There is an Order from Judge Mitchell issued on 7/20/2012 to hold a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees, relevant management-level employees of the SEC, Parties to the suit and the Parties respective counsel and of course, the Judge. A follow-up email will have the complete order as an attachment. This is a very odd occurrence. A member at the board meeting asked about the special meeting which led to a lot of hemming and hawing before the information that the July 31st meeting would be held at 310 Abeyta at 5:30 p.m. Members will be allowed to listen to part of the meeting by an audio broadcast but not allowed into the actual room. More on this to follow.