

The October session of the SEC Board of Trustees was as unpleasant as usual with trustees competing with each other for the most outrageous statement, lack of knowledge of bylaws, state laws, and proper procedure. Much of the actions were just petty and do not bear reporting.

There were some issues regarding District V that should be mentioned as the District meeting is scheduled for this coming Saturday. Article III, Section 3 of the SEC Bylaws states that “The District Meeting shall be called to order by a trustee representing such, or by another designated representative of the Board of Trustees, or....by a member residing within the district.”

Trustee Wagner was elected as the Trustee for District 5 in 2009 and despite the redistricting which now places his home in District 2, he serves as such until replaced by election of a new Dist. 5 trustee. Although the present board members retain their position despite the redistricting (think 5 members from District 3 with 5 votes), the trustees decided that no, Trustee Wagner could not open the meeting. They then elected Attorney Lorna Wiggins to open the meeting! The Board also rejected a motion by Trustee Wagner to seat the winner of the Dist. 5 election immediately upon election as that District has been without a vote on the board for almost a year. Both petty actions will not be well received by the members of District 5.

One of the funniest moments came when Trustee Wagner asked about the differences in the number of members in District IV. The redistricting plan that the members voted on in 2012 gave the number as 1,993 but the number certified by Survey and Ballot Systems on 10/12/12 is 1,650. The difference is 343 well above the 10% error allowed. Don Wolberg stumbled and stuttered (see tape) before announcing that the difference was the member's fault for setting the board's membership at 5!

One bit of good news. For the second time in its existence, the SEC has produced a budget. It is an excellent document which owes much to Mr. Romero, the new CFO.

Those of you who read the agenda probably noticed the placement of XXI. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF GENERAL COUNSEL CONTRACT EXTENSION. This item is placed after the Executive Session. Both deserve a report. The Executive Session from which Trustee Wagner was excluded concerned litigation and lasted for 30 to 45 minutes. During this time, the members were forced to stand in the parking lot because no one considered it important to open the chaired room next to the meeting room. This locked room has access to a restroom. The resulting discomfit caused most members of the audience to leave and not return for the remainder of the meeting. Therefore, when we returned to take up that last little item, there were few witnesses and as Trustee Wagner went directly to the meeting room rest room, even not all of the trustees. This board which has been known to wait 30 minutes for a trustee to arrive before starting a board meeting quickly asked for a motion to renew Wiggins, Williams, and Wiggins' contract. Trustee Wolberg moved to extend the contract for the next two years and the vote was unanimous. When informed that Trustee Wagner was not at the table, the chair, Mr. Wade had some vulgar bathroom remarks. As a point of information, the attorney contract began last January and is not due for renewal until January 2013.