

The Inquisition:

The SEC Board of Trustees and Management hit a new low last night. The tapes are an embarrassing proof. Mr. Wade did his impersonation of Perry Mason from the old TV series and will never win an Emmy. In the time worn effort to discredit Trustee Charlie Wagner, a subject not listed on the agenda of the meeting suddenly was brought to the table in the form of handwritten questions on a yellow legal tablet. Example: “Did you call the vendor, Survey & Ballot Systems to ask questions. Did you make contact on behalf of the SEC Reform Committee. , etc.” Take it as a given that Charlie has the right to talk to or email anyone that he wishes and that the only reason for this witch hunt is the fact that the District 4 election will be challenged. The shortness of time for mail-in ballots in that election and the lack of a direct-mail ballot instead of request-a-ballot postcard is relevant to that challenge. Trustee Charlie has been talking to and getting information from SB&S for many years in the attempt to get mail in voting for the SEC. He and members of the SEC Reform Group spent a lot of their time and money travelling to Santa Fe to work with Rep. Don Tripp and the state legislature to change a state law that prohibited mail in voting. He has a whole file of communications from that company long before they became the “vendor” in the three recent District elections. They are the second vendor to handle mail in voting for the SEC. Charlie also spoke to the ABQ firm that handled the 2012 Annual Meeting in order to clarify issues on what members should do in regard to voting by mail. He did not and does not need permission from the Board Chairman or Manager to do so.

Charlie refused to participate in the board’s games and did not answer Mr. Wade’s question and/or accusations simply repeating that the matter was not on the agenda and therefore not proper. He did ask that he receive a written copy of the questions of the inquisition and that the those questions be placed on December’s Agenda. The request was denied. The issue became more heated when first Mr. Wolberg and then Ms. Wiggins, Attorney chimed in. Watch the second part of the tape. (Below) Mr. Wolberg demands that Charlie be punished and the lawyer promptly (really too promptly - can anyone say “setup”) makes some suggestions. The Board votes to investigate the actions both “known and unknown” by way of a special investigator. Ms Wiggins suggested a “friendly” motion for the board to vote on and approve. (That is illegal and unethical for an attorney to do.) At the December meeting, she will summit names of an independent counsel who will investigate, “any and all matters concerning Mr. Wagner.” Again, watch the tapes below, I couldn’t make this up! Remember that this board has accused Charlie of a huge number of things without a bit of proof in an effort to derail the reform of the SEC and consider that they also sued all of the members. Now members are being asked to pay for an “independent counsel” suggested by the co-op’s attorney. Do any of the members have any suggestions?

As a kicker, the board declined to certify the winner of the District 5 election although the paperwork was in trustee’s packets. They claimed it was because Charlie refused to answer their questions. By the way, there are only 1,867 members in District 5 instead of the 199? announced by the co-op.

Seating of new trustee:

At the beginning of 2012, District 5 had two trustees representing their interests. That spring Jack Bruton resigned and on April 14, the new 5 districts were approved by the members moving Charlie Wagner from District 5 to District 2. Now District 5 has no representation. Compare that fact with the five trustees from District 3. In an attempt to correct this imbalance, Charlie suggested that Anne Dorough, winner of the District 5 trustee election be seated immediately. Watch the board’s reasoning on the way to refusal. This is probably another matter that the members need to address through bylaw amendment. All members should be familiar with the bylaws so that they are not left to the mercy of the board and management.

Post Card Costs:

Let us start with some givens. The postcards were not sent in a noble attempt to inform members of their district numbers. That was rejected when several people asked that such information be included in monthly billings. They were sent in an attempt to counter and delay the Writ of Mandamus in the court of Judge Reynolds. From the RESPONDENTS’ EXPEDITED MOTION TO VACATE NOVEMBER 15, 2012

HEARING AND POINTS IN SUPPORT THEREOF. Section 3. "Pursuant to the Court's questions at the October 11, 2012 hearing in this matter regarding whether Respondent Socorro Electric Cooperative had asked its members if they objected to production of their addresses, on or about November 8, 2012, a mailer in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A will be mailed to All SEC members. That mailer asks each member to provide permission to SEC to release the member's address. The return date for the mailer is November 30, 2012. After that date, SEC will be able to assemble the address information for those members and that information can then be produced to Petitioners. SEC expects such work may be completed during the following week, which is the week of December 3, 2012. A delay of the November 15, 2012 hearing will that process to be completed." The judge granted the delay mainly because one of the attorneys had a conflict on that date. But to listen to the tape, you would think that it was to notify members of their district. To listen to Mr. Wolberg, it was to counter a risk to cyper security. Listen to Trustee Mauldin and Manager try to justify this almost \$7,000 cost. Listen to the insane rantings of Trustee Wolberg. And watch another chunk of your money go down the drain. You might also want to check the state law and Supreme Court decision, both posted on The Informed Cynic.