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The December 27, 2012 meeting of the SEC Board of Trustees could be subtitled : “You are not going to believe this.” The lame duck board passed two motions that are beyond belief and beyond reason.

Below are the minutes of the second meeting of the Bylaw Committee consisting of Leroy Anaya, Chairman; Trustees Wolberg and Cordova. Also in attendance were Trustee Luis Aguilar, Eileen Latasa, Admn.Asst/HR Manager, Lorna Wiggins , Attorney and Patty Williams, Attorney. The earlier meeting on November 29, 2012 reviewed the proposed resolutions passed at the District V meeting on October 27, 2012 and had the same attendees except for Trustee Aguilar and the attorneys who were absent.

The committee and management obviously did not like the resolutions passed in District V (review the video of that meeting below) and decided to confuse the voting at the 2013 Annual Members’ Meeting. They recommended to the full SEC Board of Trustees that the trustee sponsored resolutions that were voted down by huge margins at the 2012 Annual Members’ Meeting be sent back to memberships in 2013 for a revote and added a new resolution on Article III, Section 6 Quorum at all Meeting increasing the quorum requirement to five per centum. The reason for this quorum increase was explained by Trustee Wolberg (see video). He does not see “how democracy is served by such a small quorum percentage” as “groups who don’t represent anything can manipulate the meeting.”

Two huge turnouts of the members in 2010 and 2012 where member resolutions were passed and trustee resolutions defeated represented a great deal! And the lawsuit against the members to overturn their passed bylaw amendments also displayed the anti-member attitude of trustees and management. The members do not have access to their co-op funds to pay lawyers to defend their rights against trustee and management paid lawyers but they continue to move forward.

The district V resolutions will be posted soon so that members can become familiar with them before the 2013 Annual Meeting. The District V meeting is available on video courtesy of the “informed cynic.” The reheated trustee resolutions will be posted also. The members must again send a strong message that the SEC is a non-profit cooperative owned by the members.