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The biggest question to come from the Writ of Mandamus hearing is, "Why is the SEC Board of Trustees and Management spending so much money to block SEC members access to SEC information that they are entitled to by law and ethical consideration." The member's only recourse in this climate is to go to court with their personal money and the willingness of some lawyers to charge much less than the fees to which they are entitled. The SEC pays their lawyers with the members' money. When on the rare occasions the co-op releases information, the "reasonable charge" for copies is \$1.00 per page for either hard or electronic copies. Someone did the math and discovered that copies actually cost 1.5 cents per page.

It is fair to say that the board and management have declared war on its own members and will fight them to the last cent of the member's money.

Another declaration of war was declared against Trustee Charlie Wagner who had the courage to make public the activities of the SEC Board and Management concerning unequal districts, lack of capital credit payments, trustee expenditures, etc. back in 2007. This information led the members to pass an assortment of bylaws giving the members better control of its co-op. The trustees promptly sued all of the members. The members won and counter-sued. That suit is still in Judge Mitchell's court. In the meantime, the board and members of management began to attack Trustee Wagner on a personal level. The accusations were presented without proof and with malice. Consider these sentences in the following article, "The electric co-op claims Wagner secretly recorded confidential executive session discussion by the other trustees and released it to members of the SEC Reform. The co-op maintains that action was against the trustees' code of ethics (?) and thus the censure against Wagner's participation in executive sessions and board committees. (Also denial of trustee funds for travel, educational seminars, etc.) In the state of New Mexico, it is NOT ILLEGAL to tape meetings and the tapes were never made public. See www.informedcynic.com for copies of a series of letters on this matter. Note that the first letter from Pres. of the Board of Trustees Paul Bustamante is dated 4-25-12, two weeks after the members defeated all but one of the trustees' by-law proposals at Macey Hall on April 14, 2012.

The members are the only force that can defeat the actions of the co-op and every time that they win a battle, Trustee Wagner is accused without proof of idiotic charges and the SEC lawyers are getting rich on the backs of the SEC members.

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[042512- Bustamante to Wagner re: recordings](#) 

- Board Chair Bustamante points out Wagner's recordings. He outlines punishment and prevents Wagner from performing duties as district representative.

[052112-Wiggins to Deschamps re: recordings](#) 

- The board's attorney, Wiggins, jumps into the fray making demands..

[052912-Deschamps to Wiggins re: recordings](#) 

- Deschamps, defending the members and Wagner replies to Wiggins demands.