

012713-comments on Jan 23, 2013 meeting

Wednesday's SEC Board of Trustees meeting highlighted the several problems that linger with holdovers from the old board in personnel, attitudes, and behavior. The link to the Chieftain article spotlights another maneuver to make the 2013 Annual Members Meeting as confusing and uncomfortable for the members as possible. At the board's December meeting, the lame duck trustees voted to reintroduce the soundly defeated trustee propositions from the 2012 Annual Members Meeting in an attempt to muddle their rejected nonsense with the member propositions from the floor of the 2012 meeting and the District 5 member propositions.

Wednesday, the remnants of the old guard, Trustees Cordova and Wade introduced a motion to hold the 2013 Annual Members Meeting on Wednesday, May 15th at 5 P.M. The day of the week and time of day was an attempt to keep members who work and members who live a long distance from Socorro, in short, most members from being able to attend. It was aimed in particular at District 5. Anne Dorough, District 5 trustee, raised this point in the discussion of the motion. The vote came down to a tie with Cordova, Wade, and Wolberg voting for the disenfranchising motion and Wagner, Dorough and Mauldin voting against. The new President of the Board, Luis Aguilar, broke the tie in favor of the no votes. Let us hope that he continues to act in the members' interest. Pres. Aguilar's keeping the board meetings shorter and less contentious by limiting Trustee Wolberg's rants and ramblings would also be appreciated.

The board did not get a chance to vote on the venue for the Annual Meeting. It was announced by management that the meeting would be held at the Finley Gym. This is not in the member's interest as it is too small to accommodate the meeting, it is uncomfortable with inadequate restrooms facilities and little parking on the neighborhood streets. The Macey Center is much more suitable especially if the lighting in the audience area was to be increased). It is larger, more comfortable with lots of parking. The members need to make their voices heard on this issue.

Other issues from this meeting will be addressed another time. In the meanwhile, read the Chieftain and go to www.informedcynic.com for the tapes of the meeting.