

Last night's regular board meeting was relatively uneventful.

The 2012 Audit was presented. The bottom line is that things look pretty good, no unusual items like we saw in the past. We can thank Joseph Herrera for those efforts.

April 25, 2013 Regular Board Meeting

Attempts to sabotage the annual meeting and member rights continue as well as the several lawsuits brought on by poor governance. Three lawyers were in attendance updating selected trustees in a private executive session. There are actually 4 cases in litigation at the moment, and possibly another in the near future. One, the mandamus case, was settled last month with the co-op losing again. It is only a matter of time before the co-op insurance agency (covering only 2 of the cases) will realize the board's poor governance is causing excessive exposure to litigation and drop coverage. Then the SEC will have to go to the open market for coverage at a much higher rate, if they can get it.

Trustee Wolberg continues his efforts to insult members by implying that the membership name and address data release will result in scams and points to a scam that has hit members of the Columbus Co-op. (Click here to go to the Columbus website) That scam has nothing to do with a membership data release, but most likely the scammers just picked up a phone book and start making cold calls which is the easiest and least risky method of obtaining customer names and addresses. After all, when giving over a database of the names and addresses of members it will be obvious who got the list. No doubt most of you reading this commentary have received the same kind of scam warning from your bank or other institution. In those cases, there was usually a breach of the agency computers. The general manager also tried to scare members with a warning the member names and addresses will be given out per court order and could be used for illegal purpose. See comments on that below. The efforts to maintain secrecy and destroy the democratic process continue unabashed.