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Believe it or not, we had a quorum yesterday and did continue the meeting. Strange things continued to happen such as another abrupt turnabout by the lawyers concerning the mail in ballots. At the first Annual Mtg., Mrs. Wiggins declared that mail-ins did not count toward a quorum and declared a non-quorum which resulted in the reconvened Annual Meeting and its expense. Yesterday at the announcement of the quorum count, the mail-ins from the lst Annual Meeting Counted toward the quorum! At this point, Leroy Anaya, former SEC trustee, jumped to the microphone yelling "There is no quorum." No one paid too much attention to him.

Only folks who attended the lst session of the Annual Meeting were allowed to register, receive their pink armbands and vote. Many others, including members who had voted by mail and were not "eligible" to receive armbands, remained to attend the meeting and express their opinion. This meeting really was fun as President Aguilar continued to bumble his way and repeat what was whispered to him by the parliamentarian who often had to take over the podium and Attorney Bruce Wiggins tried to defend indefensible rulings. Example: Mr. Wiggins stated that the unanimously passed motion to censure the Board of Trustees for not putting the District 5 Resolutions on the printed ballot for the Annual Meeting as called for by the SEC Bylaws was an illegal motion. The rest of the "stage" sat silent leaving everything to Mr. Aguilar, Mr. Wiggins and Parliamentarian Hardaway. Every so often, Mr. Aguilar would ask for a motion to adjourn, an action which became a comic punch line.

On the "New Business" end, the members first voted to consider the District 5 Resolutions as a block and then voted to approve them as a block. This still was not enough to get the resolutions passed. No, that must wait for the next annual meeting or special meeting called for that purpose. This because they were not placed on the 2013 Annual Meeting ballot. The board, lawyers and management kept them off the ballot but still either we wait until next spring and the 2014 Annual Meeting, or hold a special meeting. A petition to call such a special meeting on July 27, 2013 has been circulating in the service area. We need approximately 1000 signatures to call this meeting. A link to download this petition will follow. It is also available for download on www.informedcynic.com

A call was raised for President Aguilar to call this special meeting. He declined to do so without consulting the board. A long discussion began over how special meetings can be

called with Mr. Wiggins claiming that Mr. Aguilar did not have the power to call such a meeting. Mr. Wiggins was handily refuted by a member's reading of Art. III. Section 2. Special Meetings. complete with commas. "Special meetings of the members may be called by resolution of the

Board of Trustees, or upon a written request signed by any three trustees, by the President, or by ten per centum or more of the members....."

A motion was raised from the floor that would require member checking of the voter rolls before any election to insure that voters are really eligible to vote. (The exact wording is not available at this time) This is desperately needed as corrupted voter rolls are being cited in the October 2012 District 4 trustee election. It passed. Video of the meeting will be posted in a few days. Sign the petition! We need to hold special meeting and pass District 5 Resolutions into Bylaw.