

Monday was an important day for the SEC. Two meetings took place – one in District V (Quemado) and another at the Board of Trustees meeting room in Socorro. The District V meeting was requested by members wanting to discuss SEC issues and events with their trustee, Anne Dorough. Negotiation on the date with Ms. Dorough began in late January and on February 7, the date was set for March 24, 2014. The meeting was advertised and articles about it submitted to the local newspaper when Pres. Dorough rescheduled the regular March meeting of the trustees for the same date and time as the prior scheduled meeting with District V members. A handout detailing the timeline of these events was handed out at the March 24 meeting in Quemado which went on without Ms. Dorough's presence. This attached handout which also lists members concerns is posted below.

The Quemado meeting was well attended filling the Senior Center with interested, courteous members most from District V but with several members from other SEC districts. Ben Hall, who represents the area on the Public Regulation Commission attended with his assistant and was very helpful in addressing issues raised by members. Questions from the floor were recorded on cards to be sent on to Ms. Dorough for her answers. A copy of these questions is also posted below as they are of interest to all members concerning as they do: The doubling of the amount for several past bills, the lack of proper response to member problems, the lawyer's actions in regard to member sponsored amendments to the bylaws, the misuse of quorum, improper rulings, questions about capital credits, etc. Where is the 19 million dollars of capital credits that belongs to the membership? The members were particularly troubled by the Colette Foard Trails End case wherein the SEC attorneys and trustee three majority are ignoring a ruling from the New Mexico Attorney General's office ruling in favor of Ms. Foard. The proposed takeover of part of the co-op by the City of Socorro led to many questions about what would happen to the rest of the co-op. Mr. Hall was particularly helpful on this issue. It was obvious that the behavior of SEC management, legal advisors and some trustees has eroded confidence among SEC members. Firing and recall were mentioned by several members. This will be an ongoing story. The SEC Board of Trustee meeting is another but related story.

The first two video clips of the SEC Board of Trustee meeting are named "Bylaw Committee Meeting" but they move rapidly from that trustee committee to the District V propositions passed at the district meeting in 2012 but not voted upon at the 2013 Annual Meeting because of a really, really questionable action by the SEC attorney backed by management and board majority. On the tape, Pres. Anne Dorough explains that those propositions have "fallen to the ground." This phrase means that they are dead. But it should be obvious to the members that they didn't fall; they were tripped and kicked. The same has happened to all member propositions raised from the floor at the 2013 Annual Meeting and the District II meeting. Pres. Dorough informed the board that they would not appear on the 2014 ballot for a vote. This is contrary to the SEC bylaws. You have to see the tapes to believe what is happening within the co-op. Please be sure to watch the last tape entitled "Encore" for a display of bad behavior from one of the trustee majority.

Melissa Amaro was unable to attend this board meeting due to the requirements of her job. The new time for the meetings is enforcing a hardship for members who cannot attend due to their work and to a trustee who has the same problem. What awful behavior from trustees who are supposed to be working for the members instead of against them.