

Today's Chieftain has a letter to the editor that raises a number of points about the upcoming election to the two new trustee seats from the City of Socorro. There are several additional points that should be addressed. The new bylaws went into effect after the April 25, 2015 meeting and the board set August 22, 2015 as the date of the reconvening of 2015 Annual Members Meeting and Election of the two trustees who qualified as candidates by (self) Declaration of Candidacy - Section 5.05 of Bylaws. As all of this is very new, one would expect a effort by management and board to make members aware of and familiar with the new procedures especially as they had just spent almost \$100,000 on getting the new bylaws passed. No! The only place that the how of declaring, running and the dates of of the filing was available to members wishing to run was on the SEC Website. There were no notices in the Chieftain, the Enchantment, the utility bills or special mailings. No wonder only two old pros filed. The above letter states the case very well. Rather than have the two retake these seats from which they were just removed less that two years ago, boycott the meeting and do not vote by mail or in person. No quorum means no meeting and no election. It is the only way to stop this stealth election which is no election at all. We need real candidates for these two seats.

The Chieftain also also addresses the upcoming election [here](#) and raises the matter of the "Credentials and Elections Committee." This is also a new creation of the new bylaws . Section 4.12. There seems to be a bit on confusion on how to form this committee as the bylaw states that the Board shall appoint the committee while in actuality, board members were asked to nominate members and someone unknown selected who would serve from those nominated. The list of nominees is not available although it is known that Charlene West, head of the Reform Group, was nominated but not selected to serve. Among the eight members of the Committee and by the way, the bylaws specifies that the number be uneven, are three ex-trustees, Milton Ulibarri, Prescilla Mauldin and Manny Marquez. The per diem for each member is \$200.

The only thing that is going to make a difference and perhaps save the entire cooperative from destruction is a new board majority independent of management and law firm that will act for the member's benefit.

A slogan is needed, such as HELL NO, WE WON'T GO or BOYCOTT THE GOOD OLD BOYS. Can someone come up with a better one?