

The trio of board, management, and attorney are making it hard for members to attend the Annual Members' Meeting (May 15th-voting 1-3 p.m.; business meeting at 3 p.m.), illegally refusing to put the properly passed District 5 proposed by-law amendments on the ballot, insulting the members by placing the defeated trustee proposals back on the ballot this year, confusing the items up for vote, and shortening the turn around time for vote-by-mail ballots (two weeks!). They are fighting hard and dirty which is raising eyebrows and questions. The members must oppose them by being smart.

First, attend the meeting. We need an in house quorum to remain at the meeting. If we get one and pass the members' proposals from the floor at the 2012 Annual Meeting, vote-by-mail will count as part of the quorum and this issue will be laid to rest.

Second, note that the May "Enchantment" contains the " Proposed Bylaw Amendments of Socorro Cooperative, Inc."

The three members' amendments which deserve a YES vote are:

RESOLUTION # 3 (Article III. Section 3. District meetings.) - calls for annual district meetings instead of the current every four year district meetings

RESOLUTION #5 (Article III. Section 6. Quorum at all Meetings. – 'Mail-in ballots will count as part of the quorum.'" **BE VERY CAREFUL WITH THIS ONE AS THE TRUSTEES HAVE TUCKED IN ANOTHER ARTICLE III. SECTION 6. LISTED IN "ENCHANTMENT" AS RESOLUTION #4.**

RESOLUTION # 6 (Article III. Section 7. Voting at all Meetings.) which calls for each district trustee to appoint an election official.

All other RESOLUTIONS get a NO.

It isn't clear if the proposed amendments will be listed on the ballot with the same numbers as in the "Enchantments" That will be clarified as soon as we receive a ballot.

Some members received their "Request for Mail-In Ballot" the first week of April (City of Socorro), bill payers by electronic transfer the 15th, Tierra Grande, Magdalena, Datil, Quemado between the 22th and 26th. District 4 had some in San Antonio receive on about the 22th, outlying areas had not received by yesterday.

As requested ballots will be distributed starting May 1st, members must be ready to make non-receipt an issue. The phone number to call to request a ballot is 1-800-834-8683 Extension 6534 (Ernie Marquez); e-mail: emarquez@electionpeople.com These contact phone and e-mail should also handle no show ballots. Call the SEC office to report no shows and record date and time of report to both Ernie Marquez and SEC.

Keep checking here for updates and mark your calendars for May 15, 2013.