

Lipstick on a pig is a term used to denote an attempt to spin something into looking like something is not or better than it really is . A good example happened Saturday at the District 5 meeting. The agenda listed the “Member By-Law Committee,” a report by Trustee Prescilla Mauldin under ‘Item 7. Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, trustees and committees.’ Trustee Maudlin gave the names of the committee members. They are Gene Cole, Dist. 1; Eileen Latasa, District 2; Michael Hanauer, District 3; Richard Tafayo, District 4. District 5 did not have a representative. The members were selected by the Trustee in the district of the member’s residence with the exception of District 2 which was handed Mrs. Latasa, a highly placed SEC staff member, without consulting Trustee Wagner. Prescilla Mauldin is chairperson of the committee and the Co-op’s attorney was present. We do not know who else attended the meetings of the committee. The four members on the committee are the lipstick in an attempt to claim that the membership is behind these amendments.

The attachment is the product of this committee and sets forth the agenda of board, management and attorney. If you are short of time and patience, go directly to page 5. Section 12 Action by Members at District which mandates that resolutions passed at a MEMBERS district meeting be approved by the Board of Trustees and the Attorney. If they do not, it will not be send to the members for a vote. This is what they did with the 2012 District 5 resolutions now they want to codify that action. And to make sure that the message that the members don’t matter, page 11. ARTICLE XIII repeats this wording that strips the members of their power of Alter, Amend or Repeal. Page 3. ARTICLE III. Meeting of the Members would do away with Voting by Mail by stripping “Mail-in-ballots will count as part of the quorum.” Should any Trustee dissent from the actions of the Board, the Board can remove him according to page 7. Section 5. Removal of Trustees overriding the votes of the members who elected him. Call this one the “Get Charlie Wagner” illegal resolution.

These resolutions will probably show up at every district meeting for a vote and the board will attempt to title them “member resolutions.” Do they think the members are dumb? If you wish to preserve the rights of members, attend your district meeting. Everything proposed by the Board has been soundly defeated by the members. Wipe off the lipstick and it is still a pig.

P.S.: Go to <http://www.informedcynic.com/2013-district-elections.html> and scroll down to District 5 for the video of Prescilla Mauldin’s presentation at the District 5 meeting and the reaction from the members in attendance. It’s a must see.