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Thank you for the overwhelming response in regard to the attempt to steal the District 3 election - many emails, phone calls. The tapes of the District 3 meeting are being viewed by hundreds. Elva Osterreich is also reporting over 800 hits (as of Monday morning) since she filed her breaking report on Saturday evening. Answers to the many questions below.

What can we do about the lawyers? Some of these questions were couched with creative expletives.

No, lawyers don't make rulings; they have opinions that mean little or nothing except when someone else gives them undue importance. In the case of District 3, the lawyer took over the members' meeting due to the confusion of the chair who was not familiar with the SEC Bylaws or the laws governing Rural Elec. Coops and the compliance of management which is afraid of a board that would threaten management's power. The SEC lawyers also would probably lose their very lucrative position. Melissa Amaro is a threat that management is using their lawyer to try to eliminate. With Melissa on the board, three candidates elected to reform the board, would for the first time have control of the board and some hard questions would be raised instead of a board going along to get along. By denying the validity of the election, a court case might have to be filed costing money to the members and giving the lawyers many billable hours. It all comes down to money and power.

If you wish to protest, there are several actions. For the lawyers, go to www.informedcynic.com to download NM Supreme Court Complaint procedure and complaint form. For management and the board, attend Thursday's Board of Trustees meeting and let your feelings be known. Write letters. To El Defensor Chieftain, ABQ Journal, New Mexico Attorney General's office, Public Regulation Commission, local political entities, etc. (Contact information will be posted at the cynic website).

Another reason that they are fighting so hard to shut down district meetings is the threat of resolutions being passed that would go to the Annual Meeting for a vote by the full membership. Last year the lawyer and management illegally blocked the resolutions from District 5 interfering with members' rights. Forget all the reasons that they put forth. No one has the right to be an obstacle to the actions of the membership. The refusal to count mail in ballots as part of the quorum count squashes all their "No quorum, no meeting" nonsense. Ignore what Ms. Wiggins says, the voice of a single member at a district or annual meeting overrules her opinion. The lawyers have said over and over again that they do not represent the members although Ms. Wiggins seemed to want to claim differently at the District 3 meeting. The video of the meeting is very revealing. Watch it all and remember it well or we may lose the right to elect trustees among with all of the rights due members of the SEC. Other actions by interested parties are underway at this time. Thursday night's Board of Trustees meeting is shaping up to be very interesting.

Congratulation to Melissa Amaro who was elected by a landslide to the District 3 Trustee seat.