

***Have our Member forum (old Member Comments) before or after our Board meeting instead of DURING our Board meeting.***

Surely the Directors did not purposely establish this criteria and probably relied on our attorney to see that the impact on the Membership was considered in this Motion. This dichotomy, having Member comments either before or after the meeting, was brought to their attention at the meeting and was ignored.

If the formal publication of these rules does not exactly match what is printed in this newsletter, someone will have modified these rules without a Board amendment and it would be an illegal action.

It appears that the Board is so intent on restricting the rights of the membership to speak, that they will overlook any oversight on what they are voting on.

In addition, the rules hopefully were intended to have a Members forum either at the beginning or the end of the Member or open Board meetings. It is only at this Forum that members can speak and they would no longer be able to speak at the time the agenda item is being discussed by the Board.

A member will only have one opportunity to speak on any and all subjects that they are trying to provide input to. This limits any one member to one 3 minute maximum comment either before (at the beginning) or after (at the end of) a Board meeting. Should the Board decide, at their discretion, to hold the Member forum after (at the end of) the meeting, the members comments would be superfluous since the Board will already have taken action on the agenda item.

It appears obvious that the Board is intent on limiting members comments and shortening the Board

meeting duration. And it is possible that 30 minutes could potentially be saved by eliminating any comments when the agenda item is under Board discussion. The President commented, that as a result of her copious note taking, a members reference to an agenda item that might be made at the beginning of the meeting Members forum would be remembered and considered at the agenda discussion period.

There is no assurance that this can happen when the Board did not even remember the comment that was made about the wording in the referenced paragraph, and was completely ignored a couple of minutes later when the motion was voted on without any clarifying amendment.

The following Roll Call vote was taken on passing this agenda item;

Ayes; McNulty, Allen, Miller, Gerson, Turner, Brians

Nays; Beldner, Chybha, Marks, Copley, Dallis

## **Common Sense vs. Policy, Rules, Conduct**

This special non-recorded United Board meeting on Nov 15,2010 also included passage of the following Motions;

1. Approve Board Member Code of Conduct Policy.
2. Approve Board Member Pledge Agreement.
3. Approve Legal Opinion Protocol

There certainly is need for having commonly agreed upon procedures that are open for everyone's review. It is just a shame that minimal common sense, courtesy and Roberts Rules of Order are not sufficient to meet the needs of a Mutual Board.