

SVDC Board of Directors Special Reorganization Meeting
January 6, 2023

Opening Statement: Shelley Glessner, SVDC Board Secretary

Before we get started, I'd just like to say that I've called this special meeting tonight to try and bring back some semblance of organization to our Board by replacing the important Officers that recently resigned - President, Vice President and Treasurer. In my opinion this is of the utmost importance and cannot wait. I understand some disagree with me, stating they do not think we should have such a meeting, that it is unnecessary. I respectfully acknowledge their opinions, but I feel it is in the best interests of the SVDC to proceed as soon as possible.

Having said that, it's been a rough couple of years as we continue to navigate our way through the lawsuit. A lawsuit that has seen us lose many good Board Directors, the most recent ones who have resigned due to us losing the D&O insurance policy, again, because of the lawsuit. Directors now have to worry that their personal assets may be at risk, or their employers demand they quit the Board, lest they too feel the brunt of a lawsuit against one of their own.

Even before the latest round of resignations, we lost good Directors to the constant pressure and arguments, most revolving around the lawsuit, but admittedly some even before that.

Look, when someone becomes a Director of the Lake Board, they know they may be criticized from time to time. I get that - it just goes with the position. But I think we can all agree that a Board Director SHOULD be free from harassment and intimidation.

It's a shame, and it's sad. And I didn't ask for this. - I didn't sign up for this. One month ago I was the Board Secretary. Now, I'm the lone remaining officer, so the responsibility, and yes, the constant pressure is on me. Anyone who is on Facebook or reads their emails know that already I'm being attacked and maligned, my reputation questioned. It's no wonder so many have quit, or otherwise been forced out. The attacks are relentless.

The attacks imply that I've done something wrong. All I did was call a special meeting, and I followed the Bylaws in doing so. Of course, as we've all seen in recent times, and with the advent of social media, disinformation travels much faster than the truth.

It is my sincere hope that we can get through tonight's meeting without the attacks, the arguments, the name calling, and instead act like responsible adults, listen and be civil to one another. I call this meeting to order.