

FROM: PGGA Steering Committee

SUBJECT: Why Your Support of Cotton, Mauer & Scott is needed.

This past Sunday evening three sitting board members- Mike Robinius, Tom Roman and Cissy Wilson -issued a plea for help in electing Bev Hayes, Chester Howard and Bob Kent to the PPOA Board of Directors.

This is an unprecedented action. We can find no previous instance where incumbent board members publically endorsed and campaigned for board candidates.

This action moves Pecan politics into a new realm where candidates are supported by incumbents to perpetuate the incumbent's agenda.

This is why your active support for Cotton, Mauer, and Scott is vital over the next ten days to two weeks. Getting them elected is important to the best interest of Pecan.

The Steering Committee would make several comments regarding the "Three Directors Need Help" message:

1. This action represents a huge step outside ethical bounds by incumbent BOD members and clearly violates their sworn oath of office to act "...without bias or favor toward any member, so help me God".
2. The three directors signed the message as Directors and used the term "We" in every item in their list of boasts. Clearly, they were acting collectively as Directors and cannot claim to have been acting as individual members of the Association.
3. One of these three directors, Mike Robinius, sent a December email to Hayes, Howard and Kent promising "I will be doing all I can to help the three of you get elected to include financial support for you to get the message out to all of our membership." Again, a clear violation of his sworn oath of office.
4. Having done this, how can these three directors be trusted to impartially oversee the election process, the nomination of future candidates or any other PPOA Board of Directors business?
5. Is President McComas going to give these three a free pass? What is he going to do that sends a clear message that breaking your sworn oath to God and the membership is wrong and cannot be treated lightly? How can he expect any credibility if he now sits silent? Can you imagine the outcry if Tomlinson, Bailey, Crocker or Miller had made a similar endorsement of

Cotton, Mauer, and Scott?

6. Where are their achievements that talk about removing a sitting president and turning the Board of Directors into a zoo? Over several months, their inept attempts to depose were disruptive, brought the Board to a standstill for several months and left it seriously divided. Is that the kind of leadership PPOA needs?

Our conclusion is that if you think Directors Robinius, Roman and Wilson are following PPOA policy and are true to their oath of office, and then you may wish to vote for their candidate choices. However, if you think these three represent what is wrong with our Board then you may not want to perpetuate the problem.

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p.s. - please feel free to pass this along to your friends and neighbors.