

Proposed Amendment to Article III (Board of Directors)
of the Sevananda Cooperative Bylaws
(concerning defining Member-Owner power to decide election issues)

PROPOSAL DEFINING MEMBER-OWNERS' POWER TO DECIDE ELECTION ISSUES

Article III (to be added as “Section G”)

Proposal:

The board of directors shall not interfere with or halt the elections process, the counting of ballots or the prompt seating of elected board members.

Member-Owners may bring election controversies to the membership using the meeting and decision making procedures defined herein. Member-Owners have the sole authority to decide election issues.

Why propose this amendment?

The Board of Directors has interfered with the election process in direct violation of the board governing policy to avoid “conflict of interest”. The incumbent board members must not interfere or control the electing of new board members. The board has halted two elections against the member-owner’s right to annual elections in the bylaws. The board has illegally extended expired terms of board members. The member-owner’s right to democratic control must be insured.

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