

Mad, disgusted and very disappointed



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Happy new year! I hope that you and your loved ones had a wonderful holiday season.

I have not written a unit report in months because there has been nothing happening worth reporting. I see no point in going on about the board and chairman going back and forth as that is just the way of politics.

Our last meeting, there were members who wanted to address concerns with the board of directors to reconsider a previous decision of the board and the board of directors voted to not hear the membership issues. I'm ok with the previous deci-

sion that the board made but not comfortable with disallowing the membership time to speak. This is the first time I can remember not hearing membership issues.

We, as a board, should want to hear what members have to say, agree or disagree. That is the reason we are here. We don't have to agree, but nothing should stop our membership from being able to speak to us or air their grievances with us.

Our meetings tend to run long because of many things like board members being absent for the workshop discussions and then asking the staff

to review what has already been discussed, board members who interrupt others instead of allowing the conversation to flow.

The bottom line is this: the board of directors can choose to keep fighting and bickering, letting the meetings and workshops run too long but I hope that the board of directors will NEVER again stop our membership from speaking to us. When we stop listening, we are no longer leaders, at that point we have become tyrants.

As always, feel free to contact me at (906) 632-7267 or 203-6698 with any issues or concerns that you have.