

Re: Mr. Smithson's motion in regards to the SNU Charter.

June 15.2016

IBT Member,

Please ask Mr. Smithson to provide proper support for the allegations he makes in his motion to revoke the WBCCI Charter with the SNU. I have been unable to find anything in the SNU communications archive to support what he alleges. Please also ask for his rationale in avoiding due process and for his improper meddling in internal SNU affairs. Both of these concepts are addressed in the WBCCI Constitution Article XI but he chose to circumvent that Article. I think he needs to explain why.

The SNU bylaws committee scoured the WBCCI Constitution, Bylaws, and Policies to find the fixed requirements for subordinate unit bylaws. What was found was listed and posted on the website for review and discussion. This was done to provide an example for the WBCCI of ideas to facilitate their management of subordinate units' "purpose and activities" IRS compliance and how to follow the WBCCI Code of Ethics in promoting good association management and governance. It also establishes a reference for what Ohio statutes refer to as a prudent person acting in the best interests of the WBCCI.

The reason Article XI says a unit charter is to be weighed against fixed requirements is to avoid the Whack-a-Mole problem that has been used to harass the SNU for nearly a decade. It seems each new Board has Trustees who think they know what is best for the SNU and do not consider themselves constrained by the WBCCI Constitution, Bylaws or Policy. An example is the latest round to change a few words in the SNU documents. When that was done, then came another request to change the title of the SNU document. None of these latest changes were related to actual requirements and all of them were trivial to the point of creating more work than solution.

Mr. Smithson also expressed concern about the WBCCI tax exempt status. Please see IRS publication 557 page 9 and then take a look at the unit officer lists and consider the WBCCI Bylaws VII.1 (and Form 990 VI.A.2) to see why the WBCCI does have a problem, one that the SNU addressed ten years ago with a concrete and workable example. Going after the SNU (especially outside of prescribed Constitutional procedures) isn't solving that problem. It is showing an improper recalcitrance towards suggestions for improving IRS compliance.

Your choice: Do the WBCCI Constitution and Bylaws serve as a guide and a reference and a common point of view to promote good faith dialog in solving problems or does the C&B get just lip service and suffer use as a tool to rationalize foisting questionable demands on members? May integrity and wisdom guide your decisions towards the best interests of the WBCCI.

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