

## Susan Caljean

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**From:** Alex Torpey  
**Sent:** Sunday, April 20, 2014 2:07 PM  
**To:** Howard Levison  
**Cc:** Board of Trustees  
**Subject:** Re: Proclamation

Apologies for the unnecessarily long email.

Howard, let's make sure to touch base soon so we can discuss personally, I'll make sure to follow up with you.

Happy Easter

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On Fri, Apr 18, 2014 at 4:43 PM, Alex Torpey <[atorpey@southorange.org](mailto:atorpey@southorange.org)> wrote:

Yes I should've sent it before I went out, I forgot to do that in the mad rush that ensued in trying to get something together before I left. I've issued many proclamations that don't get distributed to the board, for all sorts of little things, but this is a good one, I definitely meant to send it around, that was my mistake.

But:

1. Next time you have an issue don't submit some insane jot form that doesn't even state the thing you were concerned about, but rather some ridiculous comment about "representation," which clearly has no business in closed session, and really no business in a board meeting at all since you had not taken any steps to even talk to me about it prior to wanting a "board discussion" and especially considering it's not what you were concerned about

2. Just reach out directly and say "hey alex, why didn't you send us the proclamation, i hated reading about it online, instead of hearing it from you, can you please send it and be more careful to do so in the future, we should see this before you send them out' and i would've responded and said 'you're right, that was my mistake, will make sure to do' Issue over. Literally, over.

You are turning into goldberg (not a good thing), I'd really suggest staying off of maplewood online, it's beginning to rot an otherwise formidable brain. This is same kind of shit he would do, make a HUGE stink about something really small, instead of just picking up the phone or sending a simple email voicing a concern that is quite easily resolvable.

You had a legitimate concern and feedback to me, and for some reason, you didn't reach out to me directly, you submitted the jot form, and made it into a bigger issue than it is. You think I'm unreasonable because all you do is read maplewood online, all day, all the time, you've become obsessed with it, and you haven't even answered my requests to meet with me and talk, and so your brain has fallen into the patterns of insanity that pervades that place, which is complete 100% bullshit, almost nothing of any veracity is discussed there, and you should really know that. There's a reason websites have been removing anonymous comment sections, and I could send you 100 studies about the complete non-value of anonymous unstructured online conversation.

It's sad to see happen, but everyone on this board sees it, and sees you fall more and more into it, and it's sad, because you're making things worse by believing the crap they put on there, instead of doing any outreach on your own. Literally, you had a concern that I did something you didn't appreciate, and instead of reaching out to me, - IM RIGHT HERE - you submitted something to the full board, extremely aggressive and incendiary and insulting (not the first time you've done that instead of approaching me first), when an email or phone would have completely, 100% resolved it.

I heard you talking shit about me in the Finance and IT meeting, the same bullshit that greenstone/goldberg/etc say, when I was in my office, and that's why I got up and went in there, and you are damaging what would be an otherwise fruitful relationship based on your misunderstandings from being far too steeped in the negative vitriol on those message boards. You're letting your reality get shaped by INSANE people who contribute nothing positive to their community or society, and honestly Howard, I wish you'd spend 1% of the time talking to me, that you spend reading the insane ramblings and gossiping of crazy people. Would probably avoid any of this ever even happening again in the future. But the ball is in your court. I've put all my thoughts out there, and hopefully you'll respond in a way that brings us closer together as colleagues, instead of driving further apart (for literally no reason).

Anyway, it's supposed to be in laser fiche, but I don't see it, the text from what i think was the final version, is attached.

PS, we all know I would've gotten equal shit from the crazy people on MOL had I not include a sentence that the board also supports this "oh what is torpey doing, leaving the board out, doing things on his own, that's so disrespectful, he'a always taking all the credit, etc, etc." There's no winning with these people, EVER. Not worth the time even thinking about. I wish no one did. We'd get a lot more done, talk about wasting time.

Anyway, Howard, I hope you'll do the right thing moving forward here, there's no reason not to.

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On Fri, Apr 18, 2014 at 4:06 PM, Howard Levison <[hlevison@southorange.org](mailto:hlevison@southorange.org)> wrote:



For a number of reasons I am requesting the Village Clerk to distribute a copy of the Proclamation Alex gave to the Lord Mayor of Belfast that include:

- The Board had no prior knowledge of the Proclamation that included a statement "on behalf of the Board of Trustees"
- That the Proclamation became known only through a posting on a public blog.
- That without my knowledge my Jot request for discussion on this issue which had been published on the agenda was removed.
- That this removal was again found by seeing a posting on a public blog.
- As I now understand that Steve forgot to call me but rather than a removal should it have been moved from closed to open session.

I do not object to the Proclamation but I do object to the fact we were not informed - it would seem reasonable if in the excitement of Alex's moment its creation was an afterthought but it would have also been appropriate to send us an e:mail stating the same.

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