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A few ideas you should consider:

1. Quit wasting your time calling for a "forensic audit" – that strategy will take forever to get approved (never?) since the Board has to agree to it. **And they technically never have to agree to it!** Instead, gather homeowners and pay an attorney \$200 for an initial consultation on **Getting a Pickens County Judge To Issue A TEMPORARY INJUNCTION OR RESTRAINING ORDER** against the Board from spending ANY money except for essential daily operating funds UNTIL a forensic audit is completed. Make sure that Patricia C. brings her facts and figures to that attorney meeting. If the judge agrees, the POA will be forced to respond and defend itself, the homeowners get instant \$\$ relief, Big Canoe Renew is stopped dead in its tracks and the Board MUST do a forensic audit. The shot across the bow of the POA will be heard for miles and miles!
2. The idea of a new "HOA" is a great one but once again you are positioning it in a way that implies that the POA will have to "agree" to it's formation. INSTEAD, take a better approach. Call it The **"Homeowners Action Council"** or The **"Owners Accountability Council"** – something that ignores using the BC (trademarked) name since the POA will immediately use that legal maneuver against you. The new group needs NO ONE's approval to form. **It's strength come in numbers of new members.** And the primary purpose is to offset the very closed and controlled POA's use of "Ask The POA" and its intense Marketing Machine (that ironically, our dues pay for. Renew Big Canoe passed for one reason: **There was no organized, daily and consistent information stream to tell the other side of the story that could shout down the POA's very concerted efforts.** Think about 4-500 united residents who all posted a simple message: **"The Homeowners Action Council hereby officially is against the (latest POA initiative) based on the following facts..."** The Board and the POA ignore us for this simple reason. They CAN because they are well organized, well-funded, and we are not.
3. Get three to four people to be the "face" of the new organization right away. You are too much of a lightning rod and anyway, its way better to be the King-Maker than it is to be the King!

Best of luck!