

Nostalgia Series: Stan

SAIS Interim Director, former MIS Chairman, former Management and MIS Chairman, and former Director of Assessment – that is Stan Lewis. Clearly someone with such a wealth of administrative experience, plus a CPA's eye for detail, would be a huge plus in a re-accreditation effort. He was. He probably would have been more if he was not hamstrung by Harold Doty. Harold would rather trust a fossil such as Jim Crockett to over-see Accounting rather than let Stan finish the turn-around job he has accomplished in the post-Rod days. The result is known, and in a week or so should be known to all.

Dr. Lewis took this interim position knowing he is not wanted, even now, by Harold and his boys. He was told he could not apply under any circumstances for the full-time Director's job when finally advertised. Why would a man of such experience take this job? Only Lewis really knows that answer. Why does Harold not want him in the position? Is he not doing the job? Unlikely. Does he speak his mind occasionally and not kiss-up enough? Undoubtedly.

What bothers you so much about Stan, Harold? Is it he will not go along with things he should not go along with that your other toadies do go along with for you, Harold? What could these things be? Stan seems to do whatever you ask him to do. Or is that just the public things? He has handed out unwarranted punitive teaching schedules. Stan embraced the resurrection of Crockett when he was unneeded and it was a public slap at Stan. Isn't that doing it the Doty way? Was the public supervision by Stan of the old computer equipment's departure from the CoB a punishment? Surely a secretary and/or a couple of GAs could have handled that task. Just what is it Stan did, or will not do, that causes these public rebukes and lack of trust after all he has done for you, Harold? Just look at George calling you a "jerk" and admitting how much he dislikes you for the whole world to see; George gets nothing in the way of public rebuke. Is it the pots of soft ("booze") money in Accounting that you are after, Harold?

You could have placed Donna Davis in this position instead of Stan; why didn't you, Harold? You know, as you have said, that she does not deliver nearly as much as she promises. She does not have an eye for detail or much administrative skill. You have tried to cover for her, Harold, but there are limits, right? Not that you care about Farhang anymore, but don't you support his "over my dead body" approach to Donna and any real administrative position? Farhang may be marginalized, but that does not mean he is always wrong.

How goes the world-wide search for your new director? We understand you placed quite a lot of money in the line (aren't we the little fiscal cannibal, Harold). Just who would take such a position when they would first have to "fix" whatever problems exists for Accounting and CoB re-accreditation? Not only fix them, but to do so in a few short months. Isn't that asking too much of an outsider that does not know the players, problems, or processes? That is a lot for an insider. Does that mean Stan gets another year (should he decide to serve)? Can he have this one without the shackles of Crockett? Or are you thinking of moving Gwen Pate up and over to this job – without making more than you, of course – so she will sign and do all the things Stan would not do? Maybe back-fill with Laurie Babin in Gwen's current job to further up the Babin

household income while not requiring Laurie or Barry to be at work more than they are now?
This seems to be a win-win for the vile Doty cadre.

Whatever the future holds for Dr. Lewis, he probably has had enough of CoB administration. If not, be careful what you wish for. Whatever happens, you will have to live with the things you have done this year for Harold.