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interest of BRMEMC to terminate Sorgen as BRMEMC's legal counsel, according to the suit.

Allen, who continues to serve as auditor for BRMEMC, allegedly failed to include Taylor's debt in audit reports submitted to BRMEMC, according to the suit. Allen's failure to include information of Taylor's debt in audit reports of BRMEMC's financial records indicates that it is in the best interest of BRMEMC to terminate Allen as BRMEMC's accountant and auditor, according to the suit.

Despite being made aware of the need to terminate Allen in a derivative action demand letter from the membership, the six named directors have failed to terminate Allen as BRMEMC's accountant and auditor.

In total, the plaintiffs ask the court for judgment for the benefit of the membership requiring the termination of Akins, Sorgen and Allen and for damages in an amount to be proven at trial to account for the six named directors' official misconduct, according to the suit.

For continued coverage



Barbara Heimanson, an EMC member, explains why new leadership is necessary at the Annual EMC Meeting in September. Photo/Lowell Nicholson

of the suit and its outcome, follow the upcoming editions of the *North Georgia News* and *Towns County Herald*.

Newly elected Board of Directors member Steven Phillips said last September that change is necessary.

The fact that the Board is self-perpetuating, meaning it nominates its own members for director posts must change, Phillips said.

"That nominating committee must go," he said. "We (petitioning candidates) had

to work our rear ends off to get enough signatures to be in this election. If you're a member of the EMC and you want to run for the Board of Directors, you should be able to do that.

"People shouldn't have to go through an act of Congress to be able to run for the Board of Directors," Phillips said. "The nominating committee wouldn't nominate us to run for these seats. And that's a bunch of bull."

Phillips added that the

monthly and annual meetings of the Board of Directors should have large crowds on hand.

"People need to be involved in the monthly meetings," he said. "Anderson Music Hall seats 2,900 people. Next year's annual meeting, I'd love to see 2,900 people here."

Phillips said he hopes the clean sweep of directors' seats sends a message to the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

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development of hunting regulations for the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 hunting seasons, according to DNR.

The meetings, sponsored by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources' Wildlife Resources Division, are specifically designed to give the public a chance to provide input in the development process.

"Public input is important and valuable," said John Bowers, chief of the Game Management Section. "While we currently have no proposed regulation changes, we are considering establishing a single statewide deer season and adjusting the timing of buck-only days. As always, we want to maintain simple, easy-to-follow hunting regulations that encourage hunting participation, maximize opportunity, and are biologically appropriate."

Previous survey data, public input and other details have clearly demonstrated to the department that most hunters desire a single statewide deer season.

That is, one statewide deer season with a consistent closing date, which would end separate season dates for the northern and southern zones.

However, there has

been no consensus among hunters for what closing date makes the most sense.

Current information indicates that most hunters prefer a date other than Jan. 15.

The most popular options are: the first Sunday in January, the second Sunday in January and Jan. 15. The department is specifically interested in public input on this important issue.

Additionally, the department has received good feedback on the recent regulatory changes providing for buck-only days during the deer season.

For the past two years, these days have been Dec. 1-25 for most counties in Georgia.

However, public input suggests that most hunters prefer some other timing during the deer season for buck-only days and the current dates may not meet harvest reduction goals.

Again, there is no consensus on this issue. Potential options include: the first nine days of firearms deer season, the first 16 days of firearms deer season, Nov. 1 through the third Sunday, or a combination of days that achieve desired biological objectives.

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cifically seeking public input on this important issue.

Other issues of interest include deer bag limits, charging an application fee to apply for the department's quota hunts, migratory bird seasons, hunting regulations and season for Wildlife Management Areas, and any other hunting issues.

All of the following public meetings will begin at 7 p.m.:

Jan. 5, Southern Crescent Technical College, Room B132, 1533 Hwy. 19, S, Thomaston;

Jan. 6, Coastal Electric Co-Op Auditorium, 1265 S. Coastal Highway, Midway, and Blue Ridge EMC Headquarters, 875 Main Street East, Young Harris;

Jan. 7 at Nathan Dean Center, 604 Goodyear Avenue, Rockmart; Pope Center, 48 Lexington Road, Washington; Southwest Georgia Technical College, 15689 U.S. Highway 19, Thomasville;

Jan. 8 at the Gwinnett County Justice and Administration Center, 75 Langley Drive, Lawrenceville; Dodge County Public Fishing Area - Group Building, 325 Dodge Lake Road, Eastman.

Anyone participating at a meeting may present data,

make a statement or comment, or offer a viewpoint or argument, either orally or in writing.

Statements should be concise to permit everyone an opportunity to speak. Participants must register upon arrival and notify the registering official of their intent to give a statement. Those unable to attend a meeting may submit input either electronically or in written statement form. Input must be received by Jan. 14.

Written statements should be mailed to: GA DNR/Wildlife Resources Division/Game Management Section; Attn: Tina Brunjes; 2070 U.S. Highway 278, S.E.; Social Circle, Georgia 30025.

Statements may be electronically submitted at: www.georgiawildlife.com/Hunting/Regulations/SubmitComments

These meeting sites are accessible to people with physical disabilities.

Hunting regulation proposals will be available in early-April and will be considered by the Board of Natural Resources in May 2015.

For more details, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/regulations/SubmitComments or contact Hunter Services at (770) 761-3045.

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mer colleagues and civic leaders Langley has come to know over the years.

Superior Court Judge Stan Gunter, whom Langley served under as chief assistant DA when Judge Gunter was DA of the circuit in the past, was in attendance, as well as Union County Tax Commissioner Lee Knight and Union County Sheriff Mack Mason.

The acting chairmen of both the Towns and Union Republican Parties were present, and many of Langley's staff were also on hand to witness the event.

Just before being sworn into office, Langley delivered an overview of the work he and his staff have undertaken over the years.

"I ran the numbers at the end of the workday last week that we had worked on, in the last four years, 10,353 cases in my office in a four-year period," said Langley. "That gives you some idea of the workload we have and what we do. And my prayer, then, those won't just be numbers. That on every single individual case, we try to do the right thing. Do we always get the exact right thing done? Of course not.

"Our goal is substantial justice. That in most cases, most of the time, we get the best result that we can possibly accomplish. And that's what we work for every day. We can never reach perfection on that, but my staff works really hard every day to do the right thing, day after day."

Langley asked for those present to pray for his office and his staff over the next four years.

"So, if you would, I'd ask you to specifically pray that they not fall into some of the errors that prosecutors can easily fall into, and I lump them into three categories," said Langley. "We fall into the trap sometimes with personalizing our cases. And you can do recrimination and favoritism back and forth in an endless cycle. And our job as prosecutor is to never make our cases personal."