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Subject: independance of accountant RFI

As a member of a local union I have been deeply concerned about our accountant's ability to be objective and subjective with particular concern to our pension plan. I have recently talked to him in regards to problems I saw in our locals 5500 filing. He was evasive and defensive to my questions.

He also is our accountant for our general fund's LMRDA reporting requirements, and possibly for our building corporation and other funds.

There are substantial sums of money being paid to his firm, and I for one would expect the term independent to mean that there is absolutely no business relationship at all with an independent accountant. This accountant seems to have a cozy relationship with my business manager and is probably advising him how to embezzle funds from our membership.