

Article 2 - Membership

RULE 50. Membership shall be open to men retired from full-time gainful occupation or only working part-time regardless of age, race, color or religion.

(Revised 1/11/93) (Revised 11/8/11)

RULE 51. A member shall be an active or inactive member. (Revised 9/24/02)

RULE 52. Part-time work should not detract from eligibility for membership if employment does not adversely affect one's ability to attend Branch luncheon meetings.

RULE 53. An active member is a member in good standing in a Chartered Branch or a member in good standing that has transferred from a Chartered Branch to a Provisional Branch. (Revised 6/3/03)

RULE 54. An inactive member is a member of a Chartered Branch who has been placed on the inactive list by action of its Executive Committee. (See Rule 90 and following.)

RULE 55 A Branch BEC may award Emeritus status to a member who cannot consistently attend monthly meetings. Emeritus status may be conferred to a requesting active SIR who has been a member for at least 10 years. (New 11/04/2014) (Revised 4/10/18)

Rule 55.1 Emeritus members attending branch luncheon meetings shall count toward the total number of members present, but absent Emeritus members would be exempt from individual member attendance requirements. Emeritus members are considered active, and therefore shall be eligible to participate in any SIR Branch activity. (New 11/04/2014) (Revised 04/08/15) (Revised 4/10/18)

RULE 56 Each active member shall be identified with a Chartered Branch, except one who has transferred to a Provisional Branch. (6/3/03)

RULE 57 Each member shall be assigned an identification number that shall appear on a badge furnished to him. The badge shall also contain his Branch identification name or number or both, and his name in large type. The badge may include the organization, company or vocation from which the member retired, but not the position held.

RULE 58. a. When a member is terminated, or resigns from the Branch, his identification number may be assigned to an incoming member. (Revised 6/10/08)

b. When a member is placed on the inactive list, his identification number is placed in an inactive file and will be reassigned to him when he becomes active. (New 6/10/08)

RULE 59. An active member is entitled to vote on all matters brought before the Branch membership for decision and to hold office in the Branch. (Revised 6/5/07)

RULE 60. Members are obligated to attend all regular luncheon meetings unless prevented by illness or absence from the Branch locale.

Article 8 - Required Attendance

RULE 100. A member shall be required to attend one-half of the regular Branch monthly luncheon meetings within the previous twelve consecutive month period.

A member shall be notified in writing and/or telephone by his Branch if he is in violation of the Attendance Rule 100 and is subject to the termination of his membership (Rule 107).

All legitimate alternatives to termination shall be explored. The member's response may suggest an alternative to termination such as inactive status. (Revised 6/7/18) (Revised 4/10/18)

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12-month period.

RULE 102. Attendance by a State elected or appointed officer, State Advisor or State Committeeman at a meeting of the State Board, a meeting of a State standing committee or a meeting required by the Bylaws or Standing Rules, shall be a credit to his requirements.

The attendance by any other member at such a meeting may likewise be so credited by the Branch Executive Committee.