

Article 3 - Applicants for Membership

RULE 65. An applicant for membership in a Branch must be sponsored by a member of the Branch.

RULE 66. It shall be the responsibility of the sponsoring member to ensure that the applicant is fully qualified.

RULE 67. ~~To be accepted, provided that he is otherwise eligible, an applicant must have attended at least one luncheon meeting as a guest and been introduced to the members in attendance. (Revised 6/10/08) (Deleted 6/12/2018)~~

RULE 68. Applications shall be submitted on the proper form and filed with the chairman of the Membership Committee. The application shall bear the signature of the sponsoring member.

RULE 69. All applications for membership shall be screened, processed and approved by the Membership Committee as to the applicants' qualifications and eligibility. Applicants may be interviewed if necessary.

RULE 70. If a member objects to the acceptance of an applicant, he shall advise the Membership Chairman the reason for his objection. The application and any objection thereto shall be reviewed by the Branch Executive Committee.

RULE 71. When an applicant has been accepted by the Branch Executive Committee, the Membership Chairman shall notify the applicant of his acceptance and the identification number assigned to him. He shall be introduced in a ceremony prescribed by the Branch Executive Committee.

RULE 72. Applications shall be processed through the Branch Executive Committee without delay and approved applicants shall be inducted within 90 days of application submittal.
(New 11/11/08)

Article 7 - Inactive Members

RULE 90. A member who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to prolonged illness, acting as a caregiver to a spouse or companion, or an extended absence from the Branch locale, may be moved from active to inactive status at his request with approval of the Branch Executive Committee. A review of the member's status should be completed after 6 months. (Revised 6/10/08) (Revised 6/12/2018)

RULE 90.1 (Deleted 11/16/04)

RULE 91. An inactive member may be a one-time guest at a regular monthly luncheon meeting or an in lieu function such as a special luncheon, dinner or picnic, but cannot be a guest in any other SIR activity. When he does attend such a function, he should be pressed to become reinstated to active membership. He shall have no other rights or privileges of membership except to receive the Branch bulletin. (Revised 6/10/08)

RULE 92. Upon his request, an inactive member may be reinstated to active status by the Branch Executive Committee. (Revised 6/10/08)

RULE 93. (Deleted 6/10/08)

RULE 94. An inactive member may be requested to make a voluntary contribution to assist in defraying the cost of the Branch bulletin.