



SUMMARY OF RULES CHANGES OF NOV. 13, 2007

1. Rule 15, which permits the State Executive Committee to adopt temporary changes in the Standing Rules, was amended to clarify that it may do so to implement an immediate change in the best interest of SIR as specified in the Corp. Bylaws. An “emergency situation” is not needed.
2. New Rule 17 was adopted to specify the timeframe and clarify how proposals to amend the Branch or Corp. Bylaws are to be processed.
3. Rule 34 was amended to eliminate the requirement to have a proxy voter at the Annual Meeting to present the proxy in writing.
4. Rule 37 was amended to specify that the establishment of bank accounts for State Committees need prior approval from the State Treasurer or State Asst. Treasurer.
5. New Rule 124 was adopted to specify that attending the annual Branch Officer Training is mandatory, it is not an option.
6. New Rule 215.1 was adopted to specify requirements for opening Branch bank accounts, including accounts for Branch Committees. **Note:** Branch Big Sirs and Treasurers need to read this new rule to insure that the Branches and its Committees are in compliance.
7. Rule 385 of the SIR Travel Code was amended to delete the Branch Secretary and Treasurer as being prohibited from being the Chairman or a Member of the Branch Travel Committee. However, members of a Branch Executive Committee who are on the Branch Travel Committee cannot vote on travel matters before the BEC.
8. Rule 421 of the SIR Travel Code was amended to include examples of the proper use of add-on fees.
9. Rule 454 of the SIR Travel Code as amended to require use of new Form 53B – Request for Approval of State Event Involving Travel, by the State Travel Committee requesting said approval.
10. Rule 505 and 557 was amended to require the State Bowling and Golf Committees to use the new Form 53B – Request for Approval of State Event Involving Travel, and to delete the requirement that those Committees obtain two or more bids from SIR Qualified Travel Agencies for travel events.
11. Rules 558, 559 and 560, which govern the State Bowling Committee, were deleted, since the appropriate provisions are now contained in Rule 557.
12. Rules 615 thru 619 were adopted to establish the creation of the State Insurance Committee as a Standing Committee of SIR, and to specify composition of the Committee and its charges.
13. Rule 649 was deleted as unnecessary and it eliminates the position of State Historian.
14. Rule 780 was amended to correct two typos, in that it reflected Area 3 was in Region 2 and that Area 3 was also in Region 4. Actually, Area 3 is in Region 3 and Area “31” is in Region 2 and Area “32” is in Region 4.
15. Rule 816.1, which is under “Duties of the President”, was deleted and the appropriate provisions were incorporated in Rules 868 and 870, “Duties of the State Treasurer”.

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16. As indicated in item 15 above, Rules 868 and 870, Duties of the State Treasurer, were amended to clarify the authority of the State Treasurer and to include the appropriate provisions of deleted Rule 816.1.
17. New Rule 898 was adopted to specify that the Annual Area Governor Training Session is mandatory, it is not an option.
18. Lastly, a proposal that originated from Branch 101 – Livermore, to permit kayaking and canoeing by amending Rule 650 b. resulted in a very lively discussion. The end result was it died for the lack of a motion to accept it. The State Rules Committee had reviewed this proposal and recommended the State Board reject it. In essence, that is basically what occurred.

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