



SUMMARY OF RULES CHANGES OF JUNE 10, 2008

Item 4 revised 9/5/08 to provide more detail

1. Rule 9 was extended to call for the Regional Director to handle reports and correspondence for the Area Governor when the position is vacant or the AG is unavailable.
2. Rule 20 was updated to reflect the current color scheme of the SIR Logo. Thus, the Logo Guidelines were deleted.
3. Rules 23, 24.g, 26.a, 26.b, 27.b and 180 were updated to reflect the correct title for the "State Certificates Chairman". This position was previously known by various titles.
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 - a. Rule 58 was revised to allow an inactive member to retain his identification number, and it is reassigned to him when he becomes active.
 - b. Rule 67 was revised because some branches may have interpreted the rule as written to mean that a prospective member must attend two luncheons, one as a guest and one as an applicant.
 - c. Rules 75-77, under the topic of maximum membership, were identified by the Growth and Membership Committee as rules that hinder growth and retention. The elimination of these rules gives the Area Governor and Regional Director more latitude in dealing with membership problems.
 - d. Rule 87 was revised. The reference in the rule to a waiting list was deleted because waiting lists are considered to be a deterrent to increasing membership.
 - e. Rule 90 was amended to provide that a member is to be consulted with whenever possible prior to changing the member's status from active to inactive.
 - f. Rule 91 was revised to provide that an inactive member may be a one-time-only guest at a luncheon meeting or an in lieu function. He should also be pressed to become active again.
 - g. Rule 92 was changed to eliminate the need for an inactive member to complete an application in order to return to active status, and the reference to maximum membership was deleted as a deterrent to increasing membership.
 - h. Rule 93 was deleted because the references to maximum membership and waiting list are deterrents to increasing membership.
5. Rule 257, which covers the Branch Audit Report, was revised to delete the reference to Form 29A which was actually Page 2 of the report. Now, "Form 29" covers both pages.
6. Rule 884 is a new rule along the lines of Rule 9 (Item 1 above) to indicate that Regional Directors are expected to keep things moving when an Area Governor position is vacant or he is unavailable to perform his duties.
7. Rule 38.a.1, which covers the State motor vehicle mileage reimbursement policy, was amended to increase the rate from \$.35 per mile to \$.50 per mile, effective July 1, 2008. A revised Form 15 - Expense Claim Voucher - will be posted to the SIR Website.

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