

SUMMARY OF RULES CHANGES APPROVED BY THE STATE BOARD NOVEMBER 10, 2009

1. Rules 40, 360.o, 367 and 368 were all involved in the State Board's efforts to bring consistency to the definition of "guests" in SIR activities. The following phrase is now used consistently in the Manual -

"Guest" means a SIR non-member other than participating wives, companions and relatives of participating active members, and widows of deceased members. A "relative" is defined as a parent, sibling, child or grandchild of a participating member or companion.

- 2. Rule 335 Changing the Name of a Branch was revised to enable the Branch to deal more directly with the State of California and eliminate much of the back and forth with SIRinc. To further streamline the process, the responsibility has been moved from the Assistant State Secretary to the State Secretary and the rule was reformatted for readability.
- 3. Rule 841 was deleted, eliminating the need for the Assistant State Secretary to keep a registry of State personnel because the State Secretary is already providing such a registry in the form of the State Roster. Rule 838 was also approved to move the responsibility to the State Secretary.

Rule 842 was deleted, eliminating the need for the Assistant State Secretary to keep a record concerning items pertaining to the Branches and reporting same periodically to the State Board. The State Secretary is already maintaining a file on each Branch containing important documents that come into his possession. Rule 839 was also approved to reflect this responsibility under the State Secretary.

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