



**STATE BOARD MEETING  
Knights of Columbus Building  
535 Florida Street, Vallejo, CA 94590**

**Tuesday, June 5, 2007**

**TO: State Board Members, State Advisor, Past Presidents, and Chairmen of the following State Committees: Growth & Management, Information Systems, Rules and Travel**

**AGENDA**

- 9:30 am – Call to Order-----President Ross
- 9:32 am – Invocation & Flag Salute ----- Chaplain Short
- 9:34 am – Verification of Quorum----- Secretary Short
- 9:35 am - Approval of Minutes of January 23, 2007 ----- Board
- 9:38 am – President’s Announcements and Comments -----Ross
- 9:50 am – Vice President’s Comments-----Pufford
- 10:00 am - Board Action Items
1. Rules Proposals -----Rules Chairman Senegal
2. Additional Rules Matters -----Ross
3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise Issues -----Travel Chairman Perry
4. Realignment Proposal ----- Special Chairman Donovan
- 11:30 am – Recess for Lunch at Local Restaurants of Choice
- 1:15 pm – Scheduled Reports to the State Board
1. Treasurer’s Report -----Mannell
2. Growth & Management Committee----- Chairman Donovan
3. State Nominating Committee -----Chairman Curley
4. SIR Day Sporting Events-----Status Report

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AGENDA

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1:45 pm – Discussion Items

1. SIR Day at the Whatever-----Ross

2. Posthumous Presentations of Certificates -----Ross

3. Other Items----- Board

2:15 pm - New Business----- Board

2:30 pm – Meeting is Adjourned

**DIRECTIONS TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLDG.  
535 Florida Street, Vallejo, CA 94590**

- 1) From Eastbound Interstate 80
  - a) Take the first off-ramp from the Carquinez Bridge Toll Plaza, which is SR 29 (Sonoma Blvd) and make a left turn off of Sonoma Blvd onto Florida Street. The Knights Bldg has no signs and it is a house on the left side of the street with a fair sized parking lot to the West.
  - b) Exist I-80 at Tennessee Street and go West to SR 29 (Sonoma Street) and turn left (South). At Florida Street turn right (West) and the Knights Building is about 1 to 1 and ½ blocks on the left side of the street. (see above).
- 2) From Westbound Interstate 80 exit at Tennessee Street and follow the above (1.b) Directions.

**DIRECTIONS TO RESTAURANTS FROM KNIGHT’S BLDG.**

Go East on Florida Street to Sonoma Blvd and turn right (South). At Georgia Street turn right (West) and a few blocks down the street you will find the China Café at 414 Georgia Street. A block or so West of there is the Georgia Street Grill. Continue West on Georgia Street to Mare Island Way and you will find the Front Room (295 Mare Island Way) right at the water.

**BACKGROUND DATA**  
**JUNE 5 STATE BOARD MEETING**

**Scheduled Reports**

- 2) Growth & Management Committee.
  - a) Chairman Jim Donovan will present the current membership statistics that are available. He will also advise that the G&M Committee wants to begin focusing efforts on opening New Branches.
  - b) Proposed target cities are:
    - i) Hayward – Visalia – Antioch – Clovis – San Leandro – Union City – Merced – Pleasanton – Milpitas – Manteca – Davis – Tracy – Pittsburg – Woodland – Madera – Tulare – Hanford – Porterville – Delano – Martinez – Morgan Hill – Los Banos – Atwater – Eureka – Galt – Lemoore and Truckee
  - c) Questions to be answered:
    - i) How will this be accomplished and by whom?
    - ii) What is the cost of this proposal and how is it to be funded?
- 3) State Nominating Committee.
  - a) Candidates recommended for Offices in 2008 are:
    - i) President – Art Pufford; VP – David Reiser; Secretary – Bill Short; Asst Secretary – Hal Stephens, Treasurer – Bob Mannell; Asst Treasurer – Mike Berry
- 4) SIR Day Sporting Events.
  - a) Oakland A's vs. Cincinnati Reds – Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:35 pm Contact – Nat Lord Telephone: 210-797-1704
  - b) SF Giants vs. Washington Nationals – Thurs, Aug 9<sup>th</sup> at 12:35 pm Giants Group Sales Dept. Check the SIR Website under activities to download the tickets order form.
  - c) Status on SIR Day at the Oakland Raiders??

**Discussion Items**

- 1) SIR Day at Whatever.

We are starting to get many requests to have SIR Day at horse races and other sporting events at various minor status sporting teams. Suggest we handle them similar to the way we did Golden Gate Fields in which we notify the Branches of the availability and contact person.

- 2) Posthumous Presentations of Certificates.

Many Branches receive certificates well in advance of the planned presentation dates. However, if the proposed recipient dies before the presentation date, this presents some special problems that perhaps needs to be addressed in the appropriate Rules. How can one be awarded an HLM Certificate if the recipient has passed away? How can one be awarded a Senior, Super Senior, or Century SIR Certificate if the recipient has passed away? Perhaps this should be handled solely at the Branch level if that is their choice??

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**  
**Submitted for the President's Consideration**  
**and Submission to the State Board for Approval**

Rules changes recommended by the State Rules Committee 4/10/07  
Warren Senegal, Chairman

Note: Deleted text is ~~strikeout~~, new text is **bold**, and comments are in *italics*.

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*Routing of Senior Certificates*

- RULE 26. Presidential Awards.
- a. Senior, Super Senior and Century SIR Certificates. SIR active members upon attaining the age of 90 are entitled to be awarded the Senior Sir Certificate; upon attaining the age of 95 are entitled to be awarded the Super Senior Sir Certificate; and upon attaining the age ~~of~~ 100 are entitled to be awarded the Century Sir Certificate. The Big Sir of the Branch must submit a Form 6 - Senior Certificate Order Form - directly to the Regional Director requesting he be issued the appropriate Certificate. Upon approval, he will forward the Form 6 to the Chairman of the State Certificates Subcommittee for processing. The Certificate will be sent back to the ~~Regional Director~~ **Big Sir** for framing. ~~and it shall be presented to the member by the Regional Director and/or Area Governor at a suitable SIR function or regular monthly luncheon.~~ **The Big Sir shall contact the Area Governor for presentation of the Senior Certificate, Regional Director for presentation of the Super Senior Certificate and the President for presentation of the Century Certificate. The awards shall be presented** at a suitable SIR function or regular monthly luncheon. **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**
  - b. President's Appreciation Certificate. Past State Officers, Past State Committee Chairmen and Past Big Sirs are each presented with the President's Appreciation Certificate for their service to SIR. The presentations to the State Officers and Chairmen are done by the State President or his designee, and the presentations to the Past Big Sirs are done by the Area Governors. This Certificate is prepared by the Chairman of the State Certificates Subcommittee at the request of the President. The President may also contact the Chairman of State Certificates to obtain any special certificate that he deems appropriate. (Revised 11/14/06)

*The intent of the rule changes is to establish a clear chain of communications for presentation of the certificates, and to have the Big Sir provide the framing.*

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*Duties of the Big Sir, concerning the Annual Meeting*

RULE 165. The Big Sir shall represent his Branch at the Annual Meeting of the ~~State Members~~ **of the** Corporation and vote on propositions to amend the ~~State and Branch~~ **and Corporate** Bylaws and in the election of the prescribed ~~State~~ **Corporate** Officers. **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

RULE 166. In the event that a Big Sir cannot attend the Annual Meeting, the Branch Executive Committee shall appoint an alternate from the ~~membership~~ **other elected Officers** of the Branch. Also refer to Rule 34. (Revised ~~9/13/05~~ **xx/xx/xx**)

*Rule 165 is amended to replace the term "State" with "Corporate" to be consistent with the Corporate Bylaws. Rule 166 is amended to be consistent with Section 185 of the Corporate Bylaws that requires that an alternate to the Big Sir must come from the elected officers of the Branch, not from the general membership.*

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*Branch Nominating Committee membership and consolidation of the rules*

RULE 131. Members appointed to the Nominating Committee shall have served at least one year as a member of the Branch Executive Committee or as chairman of any other committee. **The Nominating Committee, by May 31, shall inform the Big Sir of the proposed slate of Branch Officers. The names of all nominees shall be published in the July Branch bulletin or, if none, by written notice to each member.** (Revised **xx/xx/xx**)

RULE 132. ~~No member shall be appointed to serve on the Branch Nominating Committee more than three consecutive years.~~ (Revised ~~6/3/03~~) (~~Deleted xx/xx/xx~~)

RULE 133. ~~The Nominating Committee, by June 1, shall inform the Big Sir of the proposed slate of Branch Officers. The names of all nominees shall be published in the July Branch bulletin or, if none, by written notice to each member.~~ (Revised ~~9/25/01~~) (~~Deleted xx/xx/xx, and text moved to Rule 131.~~)

RULE 134. Election of the officers shall be held at the August luncheon meeting. Additional ~~nominating~~ **nominations** may be made from the floor. A nominee from the floor must signify his agreement to accept the office if elected. **Voting for Branch Officers shall be by secret ballot. However, for any office for which there is but one nominee, voting may be by voice or by a show of hands.** (Revised ~~4/9/01~~ **xx/xx/xx**)

RULE 135. ~~Voting for Branch Officers shall be by secret ballot. However, for any office for which there is but one nominee, voting may be by voice or by a show of hands.~~ (~~Deleted xx/xx/xx, and text moved to Rule 134~~)

*The Rules Committee recommends that term limits in Rule 132 be deleted, to give the Big Sir the flexibility to appoint an individual to the Nominating Committee regardless of how many times he may have already served on the committee. And, to improve readability, the text in Rule 133 is moved to Rule 131 and the text of Rule 135 is moved into Rule 134.*

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*Submission of Branch Rosters to the State Secretary*

RULE 178. In order to comply with our IRS agreement, the Branch Secretary shall arrange for the production of a Branch roster each year and a **printed hard** copy ~~to~~ **shall** be furnished to the State Secretary **via US Mail** ~~prior to~~ **by** March 1 of each year. A copy of this roster shall also be mailed to the Branch's Area Governor, Regional Director and each Big Sir in the Branch's Area. The roster is to contain **at least** the member's name, spouse's name, telephone number (including the telephone area code), **mailing** address and email address.

(Revised ~~7/15/02~~ **xx/xx/xx**)

Paid advertising in the roster is prohibited. Acknowledgement of a gratuitous printing shall be confined to the back cover and shall contain only the name, address, telephone number, and email address of the entity and a concise description of the entity, such as: “a gambling casino, bar and restaurant”; “a full-service bank”; “a supermarket-pharmacy-deli”; along with their logo is permissible. Acknowledging more than three entities is prohibited.

(Revised 11/15/05)

*Rosters sent to the State Secretary in digital format do not satisfy the IRS agreement. Hence, this rule is amended to require printed hard copy.*

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#### *Retention of Branch records*

RULE 182. The Branch Secretary shall maintain the following active records for the duration shown. (Revised 4/13/04)

- a. (Deleted 4/13/04)
- b. Minutes of Executive Committee meetings, **permanently for at least five years.** (Revised 4/13/04 ~~xx/xx/xx~~)
- c. Bulletins, for at least five years. (Revised 4/13/04)
- d. (Deleted 11/16/04)
- e. A copy of each current regulation of the Branch and the date of its adoption together with a record of each regulation repealed and the date thereof, permanently. (New 4/13/04)
- f. Branch Rosters, permanently. (New 4/13/04)

*The “permanent” retention period for meeting minutes is reduced, because some Branches have storage space concerns, and doubts about the value of very old meeting minutes.*

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#### *Distribution of the Branch Form 28 Monthly Cash Report*

RULE 216. By the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month, the Branch Treasurer shall submit ~~to the SIR State Treasurer~~ a completed Form 28 - Monthly Cash Report - including the membership and luncheon data covering the previous month, **in accordance with the distribution instructions on the form.** This ~~form report~~ **report** does not need to be approved by the Branch Executive Committee prior to distribution. ~~in accordance with instructions on the form.~~ **The December Form 28 for any given calendar year is to be submitted to the Officers for that same calendar year that are on the distribution list of the Form 28. For example, the December 2006 Form 28 is to be submitted to the 2006 Officers listed on the form, by January 10, 2007.** (Revised 4/12/05 ~~xx/xx/xx~~)

*Clarifies the distribution of the Form 28 Cash Report, especially the yearend report.*

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*Mandatory use of Form 59 for Branch travel events*

**RULE 383.** The BEC is responsible in every respect for the travel program of the Branch **and, as part of this responsibility, shall require the BTC to use SIR Form 59 - Travel Event Checklist. This form shall be completed and used by both the BTC and the Big sir on behalf of the BEC at every step of the Branch Travel Event process. Upon final completion of the form, it shall be submitted to the Branch Secretary for filing with the approval Form 53. (Revised xx/xx/xx)**

**RULE 384.** A BTC may be appointed by the Big Sir. The BTC, under the direction and supervision of the BEC, is responsible for the planning, promotion and conduct of duly authorized Branch travel events. **The BTC shall use the SIR Form 59 - Travel Event Checklist - for all Branch Travel Events as specified in Rule 383. (Revised xx/xx/xx)**

*Currently the use of Form 59 is optional. Mandatory use of the form is recommended, to help ensure compliance with the SIR Travel Code.*

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*Regional Director Quarterly Report, yearend distribution*

**RULE 786.** Each Regional Director shall submit to the President by April 25, July 25, October 25 and January 25 of the following year a report on the status of Areas within his Region. The Director who submitted the previous three reports shall prepare and submit the January 25 report **and submit a copy to the President of both the current and previous year.** ~~In the case of the January 25 report, one copy is to be submitted to the immediately retired President and one copy to the incoming President. (Revised 7/7/04 xx/xx/xx)~~

*The Rules Committee believes that both the new President as well as the outgoing President should receive this year end report. We offer this wording.*

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*Voting on matters before the State Board*

**RULE 924.** Any action of the State Board to approve, adopt or authorize any changes to those fiscal matters that directly impact the Branches, such as pro rata assessments, must be done by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote. **(New xx/xx/xx)**

*Sections 59 and 290 of the Bylaws specify that in order to amend any bylaw, it requires a two-thirds affirmative vote of the Members of the Corporation present and entitled to vote. The Rules Committee believes that, for most matters before the Board, a simple majority per Robert's Rules is sufficient. However, regarding fiscal matters that directly impact the Branches, a two-thirds affirmative vote is recommended by way of this new rule.*

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**THE FOLLOWING RULE CHANGES ARE GENERAL HOUSEKEEPING**

RULE 2. Unless the provisions of the context otherwise require, the general provisions and definitions set forth in this Division shall govern the construction of the provisions of the Standing Rules and Guidelines:

m. "~~Legal Advisor~~" means "~~State Advisor~~". (~~Deleted xx/xx/xx~~)

*There are no longer any references in the Manual to "Legal Advisor", only "State Advisor".*

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RULE 4. The provisions of the ~~State Corporate~~ and Branch Bylaws and Standing Rules are mandatory. (~~Revised xx/xx/xx~~)

*We have Corporate Bylaws, not State Bylaws.*

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RULE 11. There shall be included in the SIR MANUAL only the following:

- a. A frontispiece, Preface, Acknowledgment, Table of Contents, Index and such titles and headings as may be appropriate. (Revised 7/7/04)
- b. Corporate and Branch Articles of Incorporation, **and the IRS Exemption Certificate.**  
(~~Revised xx/xx/xx~~)
- c. Corporate and Branch Bylaws.
- d. Standing Rules.
- e. Guidelines, providing that no guidelines heretofore or hereafter promulgated shall take effect until 30 days after it has been submitted to the members of the State Board, and provided further that if any member of the State Board objects to a proposed guideline, in writing to the President within the 30-day period, the guideline shall not take effect unless and until it is approved by the State Board.
- f. Such other material as may be specifically authorized by the State Board.

*The IRS Exemption Certificate was added to the Manual some time ago.*

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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 09/24/02 xx/xx/xx~~)

*Inserting the missing word.*

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RULE 151.1 All activities on behalf of the Branch and not in conflict with Rule 13 and Rule 650 or any other rule, must be approved by the Branch Executive Committee. The approval must be effected by an affirmative vote of a majority of the Executive Committee at a regular or special meeting. The approval shall not be effective unless it is properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting. Also refer to Rule ~~407~~ **405**. (~~Revised 6/5/04 xx/xx/xx~~)

*Correcting an oversight - the rule number.*

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RULE 345. All notices, brochures, announcements, or other publications relative to group activities other than those involving travel, arranged for or by, or sponsored by Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches shall legibly display the following wording:

All activities arranged for or by, Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches, are for the convenience and pleasure of the members and their guests who desire to participate. Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches do not assume any responsibility for the well being or safety of the participants or their property, in any matters pertaining to said activities.

The statement prescribed in Rule ~~438~~ **436** shall be displayed with respect to activities involving travel. (Revised ~~3/14/96~~ **xx/xx/xx**)

*Correcting an oversight - the rule number.*

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RULE 507. All funds received by the Committee or its representative, in connection with a golfing activity, shall be ~~shall be~~ processed in accordance with Rule 37. (Revised ~~6/3/03~~ **xx/xx/xx**)

*Correcting a typographical error - duplication.*

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#### OTHER ITEMS COVERED AT THE MEETING

##### *Branch maximum membership*

RULE 75. Each Branch shall establish a maximum membership which shall not exceed the **maximum occupancy** capacity of the meeting place to comfortably accommodate the members, -subject to the safety rules as ~~established~~ **specified** by ~~local law~~ **state laws and regulations and as posted in the meeting place.**

*The Rules Committee was asked to consider deleting “to comfortably accommodate the members” but declined because some Branches like to stay at a particular size, and the Branches should be authorized to set a limit that is lower than the legal maximum if they so choose for whatever reason. The above changes are recommended for clarity and correctness. Local laws do not regulate occupancy capacity, this is done by the State.*

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*Installation of Area Governors*

RULE 805. The State Board (Elected State Officers and Regional Directors) shall be installed at the meeting of the State Board called in November. The Area Governors shall be installed at the Governor Training Sessions. All shall take office on the following January 1. The ~~President, or a Past President of his selection,~~ **President-Elect** shall be the installing Officer. Elected State Officers, Regional Directors and Area Governors that were not installed in November, and appointees to fill vacancies, shall be promptly and properly installed. The installation charge shall be the same as that prescribed for the installation of Branch Officers at Rule 141.

*The Rules Committee decided to leave the rules as is, because there are too many “what if’s” as to the availability of the President-elect to attend the installation of the Area Governors. Moreover, the President-elect may not even be a State Officer at the time of the Area Governors installation ceremony.*

**President’s Comment:** Suggest the “President, or a Past President of his selection” remain and “or the President-Elect” be added. The fact that the President-elect may not be a State Officer has no significant impact on this Rule. Some of the Area Governors being installed may also not be State Officers at this time.

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**DATE:** June 5, 2007

**TO:** State Board Members

**FROM:** Tom Ross – 2007 President  
MATTERS

**SUBJECT:** ADDITIONAL RULES

The following items were submitted by me to the Chairman of the State Rules Committee for action at their April 10, 2007 Meeting. They were inadvertently not presented to the Rules Committee for their review and recommendations. I hereby submit these items directly to the State Board for approval because of time constraints on the Bylaws proposal, the minor nature of the Rule 40 proposal, the need for a rule to remove for cause a SIR-Qualified Agency from our list, and the HLM Emeritus issue that you recommended at our January 23<sup>rd</sup> Discussion Session.

### **1. Corporate Bylaws Proposal.**

Approval of the State Board is requested to place the following amendment to the Corporate Bylaws on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Members of the Corporation on August 5, 2007:

Section 225. The following are the established Standing Committees. The President shall appoint a Chairman for each committee and the actions and makeup of each committee shall be governed by terms of the applicable Standing Rule or Bylaw.

1. Sons In Retirement Amateur Radio Club (SIRARC)
2. State Golf Committee
3. State Bowling Committee
4. State Recreational Vehicle (RV) Committee
5. Information Systems Committee (INFOSYS)
6. ~~Growth and Management~~ **State Growth and Membership** Committee
7. State Travel Committee
8. Rules Committee
9. State Audit Committee
10. Nominating Committee
11. President's Advisory Committee
12. **State Insurance Committee**

### **2. Guests – Rule 40**

Approval of the State Board is requested to correct an error that occurred when the SIR Travel Code was totally revised and this Rule was not.

**RULE 40.** Only active members of SIR and their guests shall be entitled to participate in activities of the organization. The number of active members' guests allowed to participate in an activity of the organization shall not exceed the number of SIR active members participating. See Rule 91 and Travel rule ~~367.4~~ **367** for exceptions to this rule.

### 3. Removal of Travel Agencies

SIR currently has no provisions to remove a SIR-Qualified Travel Agency from our list of agencies that must be used for Branch or State travel events. This corrects that problem and a few others. This proposal has been reviewed and recommended for adoption by the State Travel Committee.

ADDITIONAL RULES MATTERS

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Item 3 (Continued) – Rule 382

**RULE 382. The following conditions provide grounds for the SIR State Board to have an otherwise SIR-Qualified Travel Agency removed from the list of agencies that must be used by SIR, Inc. or its Branches for events involving travel:**

- a. **Failed to comply with the provisions of a signed SIR and/or Travel Agency contract to the satisfaction of the SIR Designated Member signing said contract, or the Group Leader who accompanied the event, and these facts are documented and sent to the President through the corporate chain of communications with concurrence at each level.**
- b. **Refused to accept credit card payment from participants for a SIR contracted event. This provision does not apply to those events where the travel agency is only providing bus transportation to and from a specific event, such as a theater, sporting event, etc.**
- c. **Uses a SIR participant list for purposes of other than SIR approved events involving travel.**

### 4. HLM Emeritus Issue.

Inactive HLMs placed in this category by the BEC are currently assigned to Branch 0. This has offended some of these folks and during the discussions at the Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting it was recommended they be classified as HLM Emeritus and assigned to their Home Branch and not counted towards the limit.

RULE 24. g. In situations where a Branch-initiated HLM has not attended this home Branch luncheon meetings for at least 24 consecutive months, the Branch Executive Committee with two-thirds approval may request that the State President approve ~~transferring~~ **assigning** that member ~~to~~ **as HLM Emeritus** in the Corporate **HLM** records **and the State Roster**. ~~Such reassignment results in the individual being reflected in "Branch 0" in the Corporate HLM records and the State Roster, and .~~ He no longer counts toward any Branch's HLM limit. This action shall be initiated by letter to the President over the Big Sir's signature, through the Area Governor and Regional Director, outlining the circumstances that prompt the requested action including the steps taken to contact the HLM. Giving due consideration to the request, the President shall approve or disapprove the action by return correspondence with a copy to the State HLM Chairman. If approved, the individual shall ~~no longer~~ be reflected **as HLM Emeritus** in that Branch's membership.

**SIR State Travel Committee Report  
To  
SIR State Board of Directors Meeting  
June 5, 2007**

This report will address the recent change in the SIR 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise to the Hawaiian Islands scheduled for the year 2008.

On Wednesday May 9, 2007 I was notified by George Walker, Co-Owner of Golden Gate Tours ( GGT ), that Norwegian Cruise Lines ( NCL ) was going to re-deploy its Hawaiian based ships. The Pride of America, the ship we were scheduled to use, would not be returning to San Francisco upon completion of the cruise.

The procedure normally used by travel agencies when dealing with cruise lines is to come to an agreement on the event and a date when a deposit is due. The contract is not signed until the deposit is paid.

Golden Gate Tours was not notified by NCL of the change in schedule until they were ready to make a cruise deposit of \$250,000. GGT did not sign the contract with NCL due to the change. All the paid participants deposits are in a Golden Gate Tours Business Client Trust Account as required by the State of California.

I notified President Ross of the problem. Since that date Golden Gate Tours has negotiated an option with NCL that would provide the same ship, departure date, cabin assignments and Pre- Cruise Program. All participants would fly back to the same California airports they departed from when flying to Hawaii. This allows an additional 1-1/2 days in the Islands.

The per- person prices for cabins will be reduced by approximately \$100 to \$280 depending on the cabin category.

There are no requirements that there must be a specific number of participants for this cruise. You can have 10 or 1000. I think the 675 SIR Members and their guests that have paid deposits should have the opportunity to decide whether they want to go or cancel out.

I notified the other members of the State Travel Committee and asked for their comments. They were unanimous in suggesting that the revised cruise be approved.

Robert W. Perry, Chairman  
State Travel Committee, SIR, Inc.



## A NOTE FROM THE PRES

**DATE:** May 12, 2007  
**TO:** State Board Members  
**SUBJECT:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Change - 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise

As of today at 4:00 pm, I have only received 8 responses from Board Members on the issues surrounding the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii as was presented to you via email on May 10<sup>th</sup>. Evidently NCL has informed Golden Gate Tours that the cruise part of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary trip will be confined to the seven-days touring the Islands. Airlines will be used to transport our participants to and from Hawaii. We had a contract with Golden Gate Tours, in fact we had one contract that had to be cancelled, and we now have a 2<sup>nd</sup> contract that will probably end up being cancelled, that provided the details of this 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise. My major concern or question is: Did Golden Gate Tours have a contract with NCL that specified the details of the event?

Notwithstanding the current circumstances, NCL is not going to deliver the cruise package that was initially offered to Golden Gate Tours for SIR. It is too late to make any significant changes regarding the cruise, such as attempting to go out to bid or changing cruise lines. I personally believe that the only thing that the State Board should do is as follows:

Approve the change in the terms and conditions of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise with the following conditions:

1. Golden Gate Tours must contact each fee paid participant and explain the latest changes in the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise.
2. Offer the fee paid participants the opportunity to accept the changes or offer them a full refund based upon the changes to the original cruise and the 2<sup>nd</sup> version of the cruise.

We (SIR) had about 875 fee paid participants for the original (Celebrity Lines )cruise and we have about 675 for the original NCL cruise. I think we should allow those 675 fee paid participants (of which I would project no more than 300 are active SIR members) to decide if they want to go on this 3<sup>rd</sup> version of a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise.

Less days at sea may be an incentive for more participants for this State travel event.

I did not receive a quorum vote to take any action on the options presented, therefore this matter will be on the Agenda for the June 5<sup>th</sup> State Board Meeting for a discussion and action.

Please remember, I will be in Pismo Beach and out-of-touch from 5/13 thru 5/21. Tom



**DATE:** June 5, 2007  
**TO:** President Tom Ross  
**FROM:** Jim Donovan, Chairman  
**RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Special Realignment Committee  
**SUBJECT:** REALIGNMENT

### **Background**

As a result of the Issues and Discussion Items at the January 23, 2007 State Board Meeting by six groups consisting of Regional Directors, Area Governors, Past Presidents and invited State Committee Chairmen, a Special Realignment Committee comprised of Past Presidents Jim Donovan (Chairman), Mel Augustine, Bob Curley, Jim Musci, Dwight Sale and Jim Wyatt, and Region 1 Director Gene Parker was formed.

This document provides the recommendations formulated by the Special Committee to ascertain the feasibility of reducing the number of SIIR Regions from 10 to 8 and to reduce the number of SIR Areas from 32 to 24. Most of these recommendations are not supported by all of the Committee Members as there are issues that will probably not be resolved by the Committee.

### **Committee's Initial Recommendations**

1. Region 1 – Delete Area 23 (Paradise Branches 52-82-135 and Branch 45-Yuba City and Branch 109 Marysville. Assign the Paradise Branches to Area 12, which currently consists of 3 Chico Chico Branches, and assign Branches 45 and 109 to Region 2, no Area Specified.
2. Region 2 – Basically intact, but with the addition of Branches 45 and 109 as stated above. Jim Musci recommended that Branch 165 (48 members) in Area 30 of Region 2 be disbanded and have the members transfer to Branches 29 or 137, which are also in Placerville in Area 30. He further recommended combining Area 19 (4 Branches) with Area 30 (3 Branches).
3. Region 3 – Jim Musci recommends the deletion of Area 3 (Branches 9-Sacramento, 14-Carmichael, 33-Carmichael, 93-Sacramento, 102-Carmichael, 127-Carmichael and 156-Elk Grove. Assign Branches 9, 93 and 156 to Area 9 in Region 3 and assign Branches 14, 102 and 127 to Area 15 of Region 9. Then transfer Branches 9-Sacramento, 93-Sacramento and 156-Elk Grove to Area 9, which has Branches 3, 69, 107 and 117 meeting in Sacramento. Musci further recommends assigning Branches 23-Carmichael and 50-Carmichael from Area 9 of Region 3 to Area 15 of Region 9.

It is interesting to note that Branches 14-23-33-50-102-127 all meet at the Carmichael Elks and they are in Areas 3 and 9. Branch 67, which also meets at the Carmichael Elks, but it is in Area 15 of Region 9.

Jim Donovan recommends that the 7 Branches meeting at the Carmichael Elks be assigned to Area 9 of Region 3, and rearrange the other 7 Branches in the Sacramento – Elk Grove vicinity to Area 3 of Region 3.

4. Region 4 – No changes.

5. Region 5 – Delete Area 4 (South San Francisco Branches 4, 25 and 57) and move them to Area 1, and assign Branches 16-Redwood City and 90-San Mateo from Area 1 to Area 16.

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6. Region 6 – No changes.
7. Region 7 – No changes.
8. Region 8 – No changes
9. Region 9 – See Region 3 recommendations.
10. Region 10 – No Changes

### **Comments**

1. Region 1 – Area 23.  
President Ross, who is a former Area 23 Governor and former Region 1 Director opposes the recommendations regarding Region 1. This would leave Region 1 with only 2 Areas and assigning Branches 45 and 109 to Region 2 presents some major distance problems.
2. Region 3 and 9. Past President and Chairman of this Special Committee is opposed to the recommendations that were proposed by Past President Jim Musci. In reviewing these proposals, President Ross is also opposed to this proposal.

### **Final Committee Recommendations**

Implement the changes recommended for Region 5, which eliminates Area 4 and reassigns Branches as specified in the initial recommendations above. Further, amend Standing Rule 780 to reflect these changes.

### **Conclusions**

It appears that SIR has not lost a sufficient number of Branches or Areas to bring about improvement in our operations by making any significant alterations to the organizational structure, other than Region 5. In view of the opposition to the other initial recommendations for changes, it is felt that this matter needs to be put to rest at this time and be re-evaluated in another year or so.