



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

**Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

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

**Special Invited Guests:**

- 1. Rock Sorgman – AG 3 and 2008 Region 3 Director
- Gary Pelton – AG 5 and 2008 Region 7 Director
- Jim Petruk – AG 33 and 2008 Region 9 Director

Note: You may attend the entire meeting as an observer or depart after being installed in your 2008 Office

- 2. The Chairmen of the State Bowling, Golf and Insurance Committees are invited to attend that portion of the Board meeting pertaining to their Committees.

**AGENDA**

- 9:30 am - Call to Order ..... President Ross
- 9:31 am - Invocation and Flag Salute ..... Chaplain Short
- 9:34 am - Verification of Quorum ..... Secretary Short
- 9:35 am - Approval of Minutes of June 5 Board Meeting..... Secretary Short
- 9:40 am - Approval of Minutes of Aug 6 Annual Meeting ..... Secretary Short
- 9:45 am - President’s Announcements and Comments ..... President Ross  
(Also: Brainstorming Items for Jan. 22, 2008 Meeting)
- 9:50 am - Board Action Items
  - 1. Swearing In of 2008 Board Members and Regional Directors ..... PP Sale
  - 2. Approval of State Bowling Schedule for 2008 ..... Board  
**Issue:** Lady Bowlers in SIR and Permanent Guests
  - 3. Approval of State Golfing Schedule for 2008..... Board
  - 4. Approval of Reno State Travel Event in 2008..... Board
  - 5. Approval of Rules Proposals..... Board  
**Issues:** See Rules Issues Memo
- 10:45 am - Recess
- 11:00 am - Reports to State Board
  - State Treasurer’s Report..... Treasurer Mannell
  - State Growth and Membership Report..... Chairman Edwards
- 11:30 am - Lunch ( **On Your Own** )
- 1:00 pm - State Travel Report..... Chairman Perry  
Area Governor Training Report..... Chairman Lewis
- 1:20 pm - New Business and Discussion Items ..... State Board
- 2:00 pm - Meeting Adjourned

**DIRECTIONS TO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS BLDG.**

**535 Florida Street, Vallejo, CA 94590**

**From Interstate 80 in either Direction, Exit @ Tennessee Street and go West  
at SR 29 (Sonoma Blvd) turn Left (South)  
at Florida Street turn Right (West)**

**The Knights building has no sign, but it is on the left side**

**about 1 and ½ blocks from Sonoma Blvd**

**and it has a small parking lot to the**

**West side of the Bldg.**

**If you are unable to find it, call Ross on his cell phone  
at 530-632-4434 or dial 1-800-dial-a-prayer**

**DIRECTIONS TO RESTAURANTS FROM THE KNIGHT'S BLDG.**

**Go East on Florida Street to Sonoma Blvd (SR 29) and make a right on Sonoma Blvd.  
At Georgia Street make a right (West) and no more than couple of blocks are:**

**The Georgia Street Grill (for which I don't have their street address)**

**The China Café at 414 Georgia Street**

**If you continue going West on Georgia Street it dead-ends at Mare Island Way  
and you will find:**

**The Front Room at the Wharf, 295 Mare Island Way**

**All three of these restaurants are highly recommended, but there  
are many others in the vicinity**

## **SIR ISSUE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 13, 2007

**TO:** State Board Members

**FROM:** 2007 SIR State President

**SUBJECT:** 2008 State Bowling Schedule

Attached to this memo is a copy of the proposed State Bowling Schedule for 2008 that has been submitted for your review and action. Please note that **Code 4**, meaning 2 SIR or mixed doubles – Singles (“**Mixed**” includes legitimate spouse (any age) of a SIR or bona fide senior lady guest (50 or over) of a SIR Member). Code 4 is indicated for 18 of the 25 bowling events submitted to the Board.

This presents an issue that needs to be resolved by the State Board. We are an organization of retired men. We clearly allow wives and female guests to attend specified activities of the organization, such as ladies day functions, holiday parties, picnics and travel events.

Rule 40 states that only active members of SIR and their guests shall be entitled to participate in the 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 (inactive members) and Travel Rule 367 for exceptions to this rule. With the exception of the ladies day functions, holiday parties, picnics and travel events, “**guests**” should normally be a “prospective member for SIR” and he should not be an ongoing “guest” at any SIR activity.

Bill Cooper, Chairman of the State Bowling Committee, in responding to my inquiry regarding “lady bowlers” states: The ladies bowling in certain tournaments was discussed some time ago and the Bowling Committee determined that the tournament director could decide if they wanted to let ladies bowl in individual matches.....There are a number of SIRs who will not bowl in the tournaments if their wives/girlfriends could not bowl. Even though I feel that it’s for SIR members only we would be creating a problem by excluding the ladies. Also, what effect will this have on golf?

The newly revised State Bowling Committee Manual and SIR Bowling Tournament Guidelines contains the following under the Tournament Guidelines, **ELIGIBLE BOWLERS:** Guests may be invited to bowl in SIR tournaments if the TD allows them.....All guests, male or female, must abide by the entering average guidelines with no exceptions. Female guests should have some reasonable relationship to a SIR. Remember this is a retired men’s organization. But many members have wives or significant others and they should be invited if the rules for the particular tournament allow them. Some TD’s want only men and that is OK. Some TD’s want to invite women and that also is OK.

**Problem:** The State Bowling Committee, without consultation or the approval of the State Board, has decided to allow females to bowl in SIR bowling activities. This has been going on for several years. To cease this practice would result in a loss of some male members who regularly bring their wives and girlfriends to bowl with them. To allow the State Bowling Committee to continue this practice also poses some consequences.

**Recommendation:** It is my recommendation to have the Board to give tentative approval of the schedule of bowling events for 2008 pending the outcome of the Brainstorming Session on the issue of “guests” that will be conducted on January 22, 2008, and the subsequent action of the State Board.

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## SIR STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

Version B

(#)	<u>DATES</u>	<u>DAYS</u>	<u>CENTER</u>	<u>CITY</u>	<u>CODE</u>	<u>DIRECTOR</u>	<u>PHONE</u>
(1)	JAN 24-25	Thur&Fri	Gold Country	Sutter Creek	4	Bibby	(209) 245.6811
(2)	FEB 4,6	Mon&Wed	Napa Bowl	Napa	4	Torres	(707) 252.0423
(3)	19-20	Tues&Wed	Granada Bowl	Livermore	4	Wong	(925) 447.7051
(4)	MAR 10,12	Mon&Wed	Boulevard Bowl	Petaluma	2	Cooper	(707) 762.3083
(5)	17,19-20	Mon,Wed&Thur	Diablo Lanes	Concord	4	Mitchell	(925) 798.5440
* (17)	APR 15,17	Tue&Thur	Kentwig Lanes	Vallejo	2	York	(510) 724.4612
(7)	21-23	Mon-Tues-Wed	Gold Dust West	Carson City	3	Wells	(530) 622.6379
(8)	MAY 6-8	Tues-Wed-Thur	Knotty Pine Ln	Pollock Pines	4	Hall	(530) 644.4418
* (13)	--- ELIMINATED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ---						
<b><u>SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT</u></b>							
(10)	TBD						
(11)	JUN 4-5	Wed&Thur	Pinole Valley	Pinole	4	Brown/Locke	(510) 724.4436
(12)	17-19	Tues-Thur	Tall Pines	Paradise	4	Miley/Struve	(530) 876.1782
* (9)	29-1	Sun&Tues	Homestead Ln	San Jose	4	Birley	(408) 738.8869
(14)	JUL 14-15	Mon&Tues	Nu Generation	Yuba City	4	Buttacavoli	(530) 671.5599
(15)	28-29	Mon&Tues	Napa Bowl	Napa	4	Vasquez	(707) 252.2538
(16)	AUG 18-20	Mon-Tues-Wed	Reno Bowl Std	Reno	3	Wells	(530) 622.6379
* (6)	26-27	Tues&Wed	Pacific Bowl	Stockton	4	Quinones/ Parsons	(209) 956.6763
(18)	SEP 15,18	Mon&Thurs	Earl Anthony's	Dublin	4	Wong	(925) 447.7830
(19)	28-29	Sun&Mon	Mowry Lanes	Fremont	4	Cordova	(510) 792.7974
(20)	OCT 6,8	Mon&Wed	Fireside Lanes	Citrus Heights	4	Spisak/ Cullen	(916) 366.6699 (916) 363.5563
(21)	21,23	Tues&Thu	Harvest Park	Brentwood	4	Rhiner	(925) 513.3538
(22)	NOV 5,7	Wed&Fri	McHenry Bowl	Modesto	4	Guerrero/ Pastorelli	(209) 572.1372 (209) 492.3777
(23)	18,20	Tues&Thur	Clayton Bowl	Concord	4	Everett	(925) 672.1553
(24)	DEC 2,4	Tues&Thur	Country Club	San Rafael	4	Pederson	(415) 883.3739

CODE:            1 – SIR ONLY – 4 MAN TEAM – DOUBLES – ALL EVENTS  
                      2 – SIR ONLY – DOUBLES & SINGLES  
                      3 – SIR or MIXED TEAM – DOUBLES – SINGLES  
                      4 – 2 SIR or MIXED DOUBLES – SINGLES

("MIXED" includes legitimate spouse (any age) of a SIR or bona fide senior lady guest (50 or over) of a SIR member.)

\* Tournaments 6 and 17 have switched months. Tournament 9 has taken 13's dates.

# **SIR STATE GOLF TOURNAMENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2008 (PROPOSED)**

**LAS VEGAS – PALACE STATION HOTEL AND CASINO**  
**ONE WEEK – March 31<sup>ST</sup> thru April 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Golfing at Angel Park Mountain Course, Angel Park Palm Course and  
The Legacy Golf Course

## **RENO – CIRCUS-CIRCUS HOTEL AND CASINO**

**1<sup>ST</sup> WEEK – June 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Golfing at Red Hawk on Tuesday  
Golfing at D'Andrea on Wednesday  
Golfing at Lakeridge on Thursday  
**2<sup>nd</sup> WEEK -- June 9<sup>th</sup> thru 13<sup>th</sup>**  
Golfing at Red Hawk on Tuesday  
Golfing at D'Andrea on Wednesday  
Golfing at Lakeridge on Thursday  
**3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK -- June 16<sup>th</sup> thru 20<sup>th</sup>**  
Golfing at Red Hawk on Tuesday  
Golfing at D'Andrea on Wednesday  
Golfing at Lakeridge on Thursday

**STATE SCRAMBLE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**August 11<sup>th</sup> – 7 AM Shotgun Start at Poppy Ridge**

**FALL CLASSIC – September 14<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**THE DORAL RESORT IN PALM SPRINGS**  
**OR**  
**THE SANTA YNEZ MARRIOTT IN BUELLTON**

**STATE INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP – POPPY HILLS**  
**November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>**

**MEXICO – AIR LAND TRIP AND PRINCESS CRUISE**  
**FIRST TRIP – CABO SAN LUCAS – Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> to Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**SECOND TRIP – PRINCESS CRUISE – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**SEE FUTURE BROCHURE FOR FULL DETAILS**

**SIR ISSUE MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** November 13, 2007

**TO:** State Board Members

**FROM:** 2007 SIR State President

**SUBJECT:** RULES COMMITTEE ISSUES

Attached to this memo are the recommendations of the State Rules Committee on the proposals that were submitted to them by me. I take exception to the following recommendations and wish to have the State Board take the appropriate action to implement the proposals that I submitted:

1. Rule 37. **The establishment of bank accounts for State Committees must receive prior approval from the State Treasurer.....**The proposal I submitted to the Rules Committee included the **State President** as well as the State Treasurer for giving such approval. The reason I included both the President and the Treasurer was to ensure greater availability in providing the approval. If the State Treasurer is on an extended vacation and a State Committee wants to close one account and open a new account, the Committee would have to wait until the State Treasurer is available to obtain his approval.
  
2. Rule 215.1 **The opening of a Branch bank account, including accounts for the Branch Committees in need of separate accounts, shall be authorized and controlled by the Branch Executive Committee. Approval must be recorded in the BEC minutes and kept on file with the Branch Secretary and Branch Treasurer as long as the account is active. Any Branch account must be in the name of the Branch or its Committee, such as SIR Reynolds Branch 1 or SIR Reynolds Branch 1 Golf Committee Account. A copy of the Branch Articles of Incorporation may be provided to the bank along with the Branch federal identification number, known as the Employer Identification Number (“EIN”) that is assigned by the IRS. This information is contained in the local Branch files and/or on the SIR Website under SIR Documents – Organization Information – Branch EIN Numbers. Banks used by Branches must be FDIC or FSLIC insured depositories.**

This proposed new rule was rejected by the Rules Committee, mainly because our State Advisor, who is also a voting member of the committee, explained that Branches should be giving out the SIRinc EIN when an EIN is requested. The vote to reject the proposal was not unanimous.

Unfortunately, the State Advisor (Eldon Parr) is wrong in the foregoing statement, and it is regrettable that the State Rules Committee did not recommend approval this new Rule. The information provided in Rule 215.1 is absolutely correct and, unfortunately, this information is not contained in any other Rule. The information is contained on the SIR Website under SIR Documents – Organizational Material – Branch Banking. It now needs to be in the Standing Rules. As a reminder, each Branch is a separate Corporation. It has its own Articles of Incorporation and it is assigned a Federal Federal Identification Number by the IRS. The Branch controls its own financial account. It is tied in with Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, through its Articles of Incorporation, the Branch Bylaws and the Standing Rules. **Recommend** the State Board approve this new Rule.

3. Rule 816.1 A proposal to delete this Rule, and incorporate its provisions in Rule 868, under Duties of the State Treasurer, was submitted to the Rules Committee. The primary purpose in deleting Rule 816.1 is because the Rule is under the category of “Duties of the President” yet it does not contain a single provision that applies to the State President. It is ironic that the State Rules Committee rejected the proposal to delete Rule 816.1 since it does contain specific limitations on the President’s approval authority. I ask you to read this very carefully and tell me where the Rule contains anything regarding the “President”.

Rule 816.1 No expenditure for a product, service or activity, the total cost of which exceeds \$1,500 shall be approved, nor shall funds be distributed, without first being authorized by the State

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### 3. Rule 816.1 Continued from Page 2

Board or, in the case of an emergency, first being specifically authorized by the State Executive Committee. Routine purchases of supplies and services (printing, copying, binding etc.), necessitated by the rules and regardless of cost do not require prior authorization.

The Rules Committee does recommend the proposals that I submitted to incorporate the provisions of existing Rule 816.1 into Rule 868. Now we have a duplication of the provisions of Rule 816.1 in Rule 868. **Recommend** the State Board delete Rule 816.1 and approve the revision to Rule 868.

4. Rule 780. An email vote of the State Board approved amending Rule 780 to delete from Region 1, Area 23, and to delete from Region 5, Area 4, both to become effective on January 1, 2008. The proposals on page 8 of the Rules Committee Recommendations regarding Rule 780 contains two typos, that are also contained in the actual Rule 780, and these need to be corrected:

Under Region 2, Area “3” should be “31”, and under Region 4, Area “3” should be “32”.

5. Lastly, a proposal to amend Rule 650 b. to allow non-competitive, leisure forms of kayaking and canoeing was submitted through channels from Branch 101 and it was rejected by the Rules Committee on basis that this amendment would open the door to an endless number of exemptions, for an infinite number of leisure activities. I totally disagree with this statement as the amendment is specific to non-competitive, leisure forms of kayaking and canoeing. What is the significant difference between fishing, which includes fishing out of a boat, and canoeing or kayaking? If the Board does not approve this amendment, Branch 101 needs to be advised to have their participating members obtain a fishing license and take a compact fishing pole with them when they go kayaking or canoeing.

Your consideration of the above will be greatly appreciated. I also wish to state that I support all of the other recommendations of the State Rules Committee.

Tom Ross, 2007 State President

**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**  
**Submitted for the President's Consideration**  
**and Submission to the State Board for Approval**  
Rules changes approved by the State Rules Committee 10/2/07  
Warren Senegal, Chairman

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

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*Amending the Standing Rules*

RULE 15. All changes in the Standing Rules must be adopted by the State Board except for temporary changes adopted by the State Executive Committee ~~in emergency situations~~, as provided in the Corporate Bylaws. **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

*Approved. Brings the rule into agreement with Section 221 of the Bylaws.*

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*Amending the Bylaws*

**RULE 17. The Branch or Corporate Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, subject to the following:**

- a. **A proposal to amend the Branch or Corporate Bylaws in any given year shall be submitted to the President through the chain of corporate communications by April 1 to permit its review by the appropriate committees and the State Board.**
- b. **If the President finds the proposed amendment to be in the best interest of the Corporation, he shall cause a copy of the proposed amendment and notice of voting thereon at the Annual Meeting to be placed on the Annual Meeting Agenda and circulated to each voting member of the Corporation, not less than 30 days before the Annual Meeting.**

**(New xx/xx/xx)**

*Approved. New rule is to bring procedures into agreement with Sections 56, 184 and 290 of the Bylaws.*

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*Voting at the Annual Meeting - written proxies*

RULE 34. Any Member of the Corporation as defined in Section 130 may extend his proxy to another Member of the Corporation or, in the case of the Annual Meeting, to an alternate for a Big Sir appointed by the Branch Executive Committee **per Rule 166** to vote by proxy with respect to any matter ~~where the authorization (proxy) therefore is in writing~~. No individual may hold more than one proxy for any voting event. (Revised 4/16/04 **xx/xx/xx**)

*Approved. When a member registers at the Annual Meeting as replacement for a Member of the Corporation, he will be admitted. The consensus of the committee is that requiring the proxy to be in writing is unnecessary hassle.*

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*State and Branch banking matters*

**RULE 37. The establishment of bank accounts for State Committees must receive prior approval from the State Treasurer.** Standard financial and banking procedures for State Committees like Bowling, Golf, RV, SIRARC and any other State Standing Committees that receive and disburse funds pertaining to their activities and expenses are: **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

- a. There shall be a Committee Treasurer appointed by the Committee Chairman.
- b. Funds received by the Committee or a representative of the Committee shall be received by the Committee Treasurer in the name of the Committee.
- c. The **Committee** Treasurer shall deposit and/or distribute such funds through an FDIC or FSLIC insured depository approved by the State Treasurer in an account bearing the title "Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, 'Committee name' " with the SIR State Treasury federal identification number. This shall not apply to money received that is necessarily paid to a provider in connection with an event on the date it is received nor shall it apply to funds paid for travel ~~which that~~ involves air or sea transportation and goods and services in connection therewith, which payments must be handled as provided in Rule ~~368~~ **369.** of the SIR Manual. ~~(Revised 1/28/03 by the Excom) (Confirmed 4/15/03)~~ **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**
- d. There shall be three authorized signatures on the account -- the Committee Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. All checks or withdrawals from the account for \$500 or more shall bear the signatures of any two of the three authorized signers. (Revised 1/28/03 by the Excom) (Confirmed 4/15/03)
- e. At least every three months, the Committee Treasurer shall prepare a financial report showing the receipt, disbursement, and amount on hand of all funds in his possession. A copy of this report shall be sent to the Committee Chairman, State Treasurer, and President. (Revised 1/28/03 by the Excom) (Confirmed 4/15/03)
- f. The funds and accounts of the Committee shall be audited annually not later than January 31 by the State Audit Committee. The audit report shall be submitted to the Committee Chairman, State Treasurer, and President.

*Approved. The first sentence is a new requirement. The changes to Paragraph "c" are housekeeping.*

**RULE 215.1 The opening of a Branch bank account, including accounts for the Branch committees in need of separate accounts, shall be authorized and controlled by the Branch Treasurer or Big Sir with the approval of the Branch Executive Committee. Approval must be recorded in the BEC minutes and kept on file with the Branch Secretary and Branch Treasurer as long as the account is active. Any Branch account must be in the name of the Branch or its committee, such as "SIR Reynolds Branch 1" or "SIR Reynolds Branch 1 Golf Committee" account. A copy of the Branch Articles of Incorporation may be provided to the bank along with the Branch federal identification number, known as the Employer Identification Number ("EIN") that is assigned by the IRS. This information is contained in local Branch files and/or on the SIR Website under SIR Documents - Organization Information - Branch EIN Numbers. Banks used by Branches must be FDIC or FSLIC insured depositories.**

*Rejected. This proposed new rule was rejected by the Rules Committee, mainly because our State Advisor, who is also a voting member of the committee, explained that Branches should be giving out the SIRinc EIN when an EIN is requested. The vote to reject the proposal was not unanimous.*

*Prohibited activities*

- RULE 650. The following are not SIR authorized activities:
- a. Winter sports including, but not limited to, ice skating, snow skiing, or sledding. (Revised 9/24/02)
  - b. Water sports including but not limited to, water skiing, boating, sailing, surfing. **However, fishing and non-competitive, leisure forms of kayaking and canoeing however, is are authorized** (Revised 9/24/02)
  - c. Deleted (Revised 1/15/96)
  - d. Participation in sports, including but not limited to, football, basketball, soccer, hockey, and the like, in which participation normally involves bodily contact.
  - e. Air travel on any air-supported device other than a regularly scheduled airline or air charter company.
  - f. Operating or learning to operate any aircraft, as pilot or crew.
  - g. Mountain climbing.
  - h. Riding or driving in any motor competition.
  - i. Activities involving firearms.

*Rejected, no change. The committee believes that allowing leisure water sports would open the door to an endless number of exemptions, for an infinite number of leisure activities.*

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*Area Governor and Branch Officer training*

**RULE 898. The Area Governor for the next year shall attend an annual training session each year. The session shall focus on explaining and highlighting the role of an Area Governor, and train him to conduct an annual training session in the current year for incoming Branch Officers. (New xx/xx/xx)**

**RULE 124. The Branch Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary and Treasurer for the incoming year shall attend an annual training session conducted by the Area Governor for the next year. The session shall be conducted in the latter part of the current calendar year. This Branch Officer training need not be limited to four Branch Officers, and if any of those designated above is unable to attend, the BEC shall appointment a replacement. (New xx/xx/xx)**

*Approved. These two new rules were recommendations from the Brainstorming Sessions conducted by Regional Directors and Area Governors. The consensus of the sessions was to have AG training and Branch Officer training specified in the Standing Rules because they are mandatory, not discretionary.*

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*Duties of the President - approval of expenses*

~~RULE 816.1 No expenditure for a product, service or activity, the total cost of which exceeds \$1,500.00 shall be approved, nor shall funds be distributed, without first being specifically authorized by the State Board or, in the case of an emergency, first being specifically authorized by the State Executive Committee. Routine purchases of supplies and services (printing, copying, binding etc.), necessitated by the rules and regardless of cost, do not require prior authorization. (New 11/15/05)~~

*Rejected, no change. The proposal was to delete this rule and include the gist of it under the State Treasurer's duties. The Rules Committee believes it best be left alone, since it does contain specific limitations on the President's approval authority.*

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*Duties of the State Treasurer*

RULE 868. The Treasurer shall disburse these funds ~~as may be ordered by the State Board for approved expenditures and render to the President and other officers, and members of the State Board who request it, an accounting of all of his transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Corporation.~~ **as specified below:**

- a. **Payment of Expense Claim Vouchers as specified in Rule 38.**
- b. **Payment of SIR products, services or activities that are supported by receipts and the cost of which does not exceed \$1,500.00.**
- c. **Payment of SIR products, services or activities in excess of \$1500.00 that have received prior authorization in writing from the State Board, or in the case of an urgent situation in writing from the State Executive Committee. Routine purchases of supplies and services (printing, copying, binding, etc.) necessitated by the rules and regardless of cost, do not require prior authorization.**
- d. **Regardless of the above, the State Treasurer has the authority to pay, upon presentation of invoices, insurance premiums in the amount annually negotiated by the SIR State Insurance Chairman even though it may exceed \$1,500.00.**

**(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

RULE 870. The State Treasurer shall ~~cause to be prepared not later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year~~ **provide a monthly report, including year-to-date information for the calendar year, of the financial condition of the Corporation** ~~financial report in such form consistent with law as may be deemed appropriate by the State Board.~~ **to each member of the State Board. In addition, the State Treasurer shall render to the President and other members of the State Board upon request, a full financial accounting of all his transactions and of the financial condition of the Corporation.** A copy of said report shall be sent to each State Officer. Any Branch member may obtain a copy through his Area Governor upon written request. **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

*Approved. The changes to these two rules clarify the authority of the State Treasurer to disburse funds, and clarify his reporting requirements.*

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*Elimination of the State Historian position*

RULE 649. ~~The President shall appoint a State Historian who shall be responsible for:~~

- a. ~~Storing Branch Histories for Branches 1 through 10 prior to year 2000. Branch Histories after year 2000 need not be stored.~~
- b. ~~Storing Branch Histories for Branches under Interim Management.~~
- c. ~~Writing, presenting and storing a yearly History of SIR, Inc. Presentation of this History is to be made at the first State Board meeting of the year following the History year. The State Historian shall be furnished minutes of all State Board meetings. The History shall be a résumé of these meetings and shall include:~~
  1. ~~Major rule changes.~~
  2. ~~State Board awards.~~
  3. ~~State Board resolutions.~~
  4. ~~Actions of major State Committees.~~
  5. ~~Significant issues raised in the "Presidents Comments".~~
  6. ~~Other significant issues discussed at the State Board meetings.~~

**(Revised 9/13/05) (Deleted xx/xx/xx)**

*Approved. The 2007 State Historian has resigned, and the Rules Committee and others believe the position should be discontinued because the histories are really not all that important to the organization.*

Standing Committees - Creation of the State Insurance Committee

**RULE 615.** The State Insurance Committee shall be composed of a Chairman and two members appointed by the President. Upon application from the Committee to the President, or at his discretion, the number of members may be altered. The Vice President shall serve as ex officio without vote. (New xx/xx/xx)

**RULE 616.** The State Insurance Committee shall evaluate insurance programs for appropriate coverage to meet current and anticipated future activities, maintain an active and ongoing survey of potential risks that may impact SIR, and make recommendations to the President for any changes the Committee deems appropriate. (New xx/xx/xx)

**RULE 617.** The State Insurance Committee will negotiate insurance coverage with knowledgeable and reputable insurance firms on an annual basis. The Committee will also obtain an annual quote on the cost of Errors and Omissions (E&O) Insurance for Branches and provide this information to the Branches by December 15 each year, along with instructions on how to implement the exemption for E&O Insurance for its Officers and Directors. (New xx/xx/xx)

**RULE 618.** The State Insurance Committee shall maintain a file for each SIR-Qualified Travel Agency to ensure that it maintains current liability insurance as specified in Rule 380. The State Insurance Committee shall also comply with the provisions contained in Rule 381. (New xx/xx/xx)

**RULE 619.** The State Insurance Committee shall address such other issues and perform other duties as may be directed by the President or the State Board. (New xx/xx/xx)

*Approved. These five new rules provide the new Standing Committee with its scope and responsibilities.*

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*Branch travel program*

**RULE 385.** The Big Sir may select **appoint** one or more members to serve on a Branch Travel Committee to assist in the conduct of an effective travel program. A Branch Big Sir ~~or Little Sir Secretary or Treasurer~~ may not serve on the BTC. Other elected officers of a Branch may serve as **BTC Branch Travel Chairman** or as a member of the committee, but as a member of the BEC he must abstain from voting on Branch travel matters. (**Revised xx/xx/xx**)

*Approved. Members of the State Travel Committee, and others, believe the original rule was overly restrictive in prohibiting certain Branch Officers from serving on the BTC.*

**RULE 421.** A reasonable amount may be added to the cost of a travel event to be made available to the DM **or GL** for the purpose of meeting unanticipated needs, emergencies and special activities directly related to the event. **Examples of unanticipated needs are: transporting a participant by taxi to a hospital if other transportation is not available, transportation to government offices to resolve a problem that occurred during an event, and telephone calls to a participant's family in the event of illness or injury.** Special activities could be a party near the end of an event, or some other activity is which all participants are included. Add-on funds may only be used during the dates that the travel event occurs. The funds cannot be used to pay for services that are the responsibility of the travel agency and are included in the travel agency contract -- such as excursions, activities, transportation, accommodations, step-on guides, nor for personal sight-seeing tours selected by individual participants. A reasonable add-on fee shall not exceed \$50 per participant. See Rule 423 for disposition of surplus funds.

(New xx/xx/xx)

*Approved. The Rules Committee concurs with the desire of the State Travel Chairman to expand this rule to include some examples of the proper use of add-on fees.*

*New Form 53B - State events that involve travel - State travel*

RULE 454. The STC shall provide a State Travel Event for all active members of SIR, and those persons specified in Rule 367, for all Branches every five years or so.

- a. **Such events must be documented on the Form 53B - Request for Approval of State Event Involving Travel - containing all significant details of the State travel event. The approval of the event requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the State Board at a regular or special meeting and properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting with a copy of the Form 53B attached thereto.**
- b. **After the Form 53B has been approved by the State Board, the contract between the Designated Member of the State Travel Committee and the SIR-Qualified Travel Agency shall be SIR Form 50B, copies of which shall be distributed as specified on the form and a copy retained by the State Secretary.**

**(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

*Approved. These changes implement the new Form 53B for State Travel, the intent being to put the same discipline in approval of State events involving travel that is imposed upon the Branches.*

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*New Form 53B - State events that involve travel - Golf*

RULE 505. The Committee, upon the approval of a majority of its members, may recommend to the State Board the authorization of a State golfing event. When the event includes travel, the recommendation shall include the following:

- ~~a. Statements setting forth the names of two or more SIR qualified travel agencies whose proposals for the event have been considered, together with a statement setting forth the reason for recommending acceptance of one of those considered.~~  
**(Deleted xx/xx/xx)**
- b. **Completion of Form 53B - Request for Approval of State Event Involving Travel -** ~~A description of the event in which is set forth, in full, the dates of the proposed event and the itinerary, lodging, meals and other services to be provided for the participants together with the names of the providers thereof and the cost.~~ **containing all significant details of the event. The approval of the event requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the State Board at a regular or special meeting and properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting with a copy of the Form 53B attached thereto. (Revised xx/xx/xx)**
  1. **After the Form 53B has been approved by the State Board, the contract between the Designated Member of the State Golf Committee and the SIR-Qualified Travel Agency shall be SIR Form 50B, copies of which shall be distributed as specified on the form and a copy retained by the Committee Secretary. (New xx/xx/xx)**
- c. **The State Golf Committee shall comply with applicable provisions of the SIR Travel Code -- Rules 360 et seq. Notwithstanding some of the terminology used, since most of those rules were designated for Branches, they apply equally to the State in most instances. (Revised 6/3/03 xx/xx/xx)**

*Approved. These changes implement the new Form 53B for State Golf, the intent being to put the same discipline in approval of State events involving travel that is imposed upon the Branches. At the same time, the requirement for obtaining two bids is deleted as unnecessary*

*New Form 53B - State events that involve travel - Bowling*

RULE 557. The Committee, upon approval of a majority of its members, may recommend to the State Board the authorization of a State Bowling event. **The Board may authorize the Committee to sponsor State Bowling events. Each event shall be specifically authorized for that single event.** When the event includes travel, the recommendation shall include ~~the names of two or more SIR qualified travel agencies whose proposals for the event have been considered, together with a statement setting forth the reason for recommending acceptance of one of those considered.~~ **the following:** (New 4/13/04)

- a. **Completion of Form 53B - Request for Approval of State Event Involving Travel - containing all significant details of the event. The approval of the event requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the State Board at a regular or special meeting and properly recorded in the minutes of the meeting with a copy of the Form 53B attached thereto.**
- b. **After the Form 53B has been approved by the State Board, the contract between the Designated Member of the State Golf Committee and the SIR-Qualified Travel Agency shall be SIR Form 50B, copies of which shall be distributed as specified on the form and a copy retained by the Committee Secretary.**
- c. **The State Golf Committee shall comply with applicable provisions of the SIR Travel Code -- Rules 360 et seq. Notwithstanding some of the terminology used, since most of those rules were designated for Branches, they apply equally to the State in most instances.** (Revised 6/3/03)

**(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

~~RULE 558. The State Board may authorize the Committee to sponsor State Bowling events. Each event shall be specifically authorized for that single identified event. When travel is involved, the Committee Chairman shall designate a member of the Committee to enter into a written contract with a Sir-qualified travel agency to act on behalf of that seller of travel. The contract between the designated member and the SIR-qualified travel agency shall be SIR Form 50B. A copy of Form 50B shall be kept on file with the Committee Secretary. (New 4/13/04) (Deleted xx/xx/xx)~~

~~RULE 559. When travel is involved as part of an approved Committee event, the Committee shall be responsible for enforcing compliance with applicable provisions of the Travel Code. (New 4/13/04) (Deleted xx/xx/xx)~~

~~RULE 560. A proposed event shall not be publicized or otherwise promoted by the Committee or the Branches or Members before it is authorized by the State Board. The Committee is responsible for preventing the distribution of any literature concerning such an event prior to its authorization by the State Board. (New 4/13/04) (Deleted xx/xx/xx)~~

*Approved. These changes implement the new Form 53B for State Bowling, the intent being to put the same discipline in approval of State events involving travel that is imposed upon the Branches. At the same time, the requirement for obtaining two bids is deleted as unnecessary, and the gist of deleted Rules 558-560 is incorporated in revised Rule 557.*

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*New Form 53B - Request for Approval of State Event Involving Travel  
was approved by the Rules Committee at this meeting, so it is ready to go to ExCom*

*Recognizing the demise of Area 23, we will make the following change to Rule 780, Region 1*

RULE 780. The territory within the geographic boundaries of Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, shall consist of the following Regions:

- Region No. 1 ..... Areas 12, ~~23~~ and 26 **(Revised 9/25/07 - Area 23 inactive eff. 1/1/08)**
  - Region No. 2 ..... Areas 19, 30, and 3
  - Region No. 3 ..... Areas 3, 9, 14 and 27
  - Region No. 4 ..... Areas 17, 18 and 3 (Revised 4/15/03)
  - Region No. 5 ..... Areas 1, ~~4~~ and 16 (Revised 7/14/07 - Area 4 inactive eff. 1/1/08)
  - Region No. 6 ..... Areas 2, 7, 8 and 24 (Revised 4/13/04)
  - Region No. 7 ..... Areas 5, 10, 20 and 21
  - Region No. 8 ..... Areas 22, 29 and 34
  - Region No. 9 ..... Areas 15 and 33 (Revised 11/14/06)
  - Region No. 10 ..... Areas 6, 13 and 25 (New 4/15/03)
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