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May 23, 2008

State Board Meeting
Sons In Retirement
Knights of Columbus Building
Vallejo, California
June 10, 2008

TO: State Board, State Advisor, Past Presidents, Dwight Sale, INFOSY; Warren Senegal, Rules; Ken Edwards, Growth and Membership; Bill Cooper, Bowling; Bob Perry, Travel; David Betts, Golf; Chuck Roberts, SF Giants; Ken Edwards, Sac. River Cats; Mel Augustine, Oakland A's.

AGENDA

10:00 AM	Call to order	President Pufford
10:02 AM	Invocation and Flag Salute	Chaplain Short
10:05 AM	Verification of Quorum, Approval of the Minutes of the January 22, 2008 State Board Meeting	Secretary Short
10:08 AM	President's Introductions and Comments	President Pufford
10:15 AM	Vice President's Comments	V. Pres. Reiser
10:20 AM	Secretary's Comments	Secretary Short
10:25 AM	Scheduled Reports to the SIR State Board	
	Treasurer's Report	Treasurer Mannell
	Assistant Treasurer's Report	Asst. Treasurer Berry
	INFOSYS	Dwight Sale
	Growth & Membership	Ken Edwards
	Rules	Warren Senegal
	State Nominating	Tom Ross
	Insurance	Status Report
	Bowling	Bill Cooper
	Golf	Dave Betts
	SIR Day Sporting Events	Status Report
	Travel	Bob Perry

11:15 AM Recess Break

11:25 AM - Board Action Items (See attached rule changes and proposals)

Proposed Rule Changes

Warren Senegal

Insurance Reserve Fund

Treasurer Mannell

11:50 AM	Old Business	New Business
12:00 noon	Remarks	Adjournment

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 by email
on 3-16-08
Warren Senegal Chairman

Note: New text is **bold**, and comments are in *italics*.

Standing Rules-General Provisions

Rule 9. Specific reports or correspondence as provided by the standing Rules **or the distribution instruction on a SIR form** shall be directed to the person so specified. **If an item calls for distribution to the Area Governor and that position is vacant or he is unavailable for an extended period of time, that report or form shall be sent to the Regional Director for action.** (Revised xx/xx/xx)

Approved. Brings distribution of correspondence and reports to the Regional Director in the absence of an Area Governor into agreement with new Rule 884.

Duties of State Officers – Regional Director

Rule 884. In addition to his normal duties, the Regional Director, in the extended absence of an Area Governor or when the Area Governor position is vacant, shall receive and act for the Area Governor on specific reports or correspondence and SIR forms normally directed to the Area Governor.

Approved. New Rule is to assign specific duties to Regional Director when an Area Governor's position is vacant.

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on 4-21-08
Warren Senegal Chairman

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Maximum Membership

Rule 75. ~~Each Branch shall establish a maximum membership that shall not exceed the maximum occupancy capacity of the meeting place to comfortably accommodate the members, subject to the safety rules as specified by state laws and regulations and as posted in the meeting place.~~ (**Revised xx/xx/xx**)

Approved. Rule identified by the Growth and Membership Committee as Rule that hinders growth and retention and recommends elimination. Eliminating this Rule would give the Area Governor and Regional Director more latitude in dealing with membership problems.

Maximum Membership

Rule 76. ~~After the maximum membership has been reached, the Branch should maintain a waiting list. Applicants shall be placed on waiting list in order of receipt of their application for membership.~~ (**Approved xx/xx/xx/**)

Approved. Rule identified by Growth and Membership Committee as a Rule that hinders growth and retention and recommends elimination. Eliminating this Rule would give the Area Governor and Regional Director more latitude in dealing with membership problems.

Maximum Membership

Rule 77. ~~An applicant on the waiting list shall have no rights or privileges of membership but he may be invited to participate in Branch activities as a guest.~~ (**Revised xx/xx/xx/**).

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Membership

Rule 58. Amend Rule 58 and rewrite it as 58a and new Rule 58b

58 a. When a member is terminated, ~~or placed on the inactive list~~, **or resigns from the Branch**, his identification number may be assigned to an incoming member. **(Revised xx/xx/x)**

58 b. When a member is placed on the inactive list, his identification number is placed in an inactive file and will be re-assigned to him when he becomes active. (New xx/xx/xx)

Approved. Rules changes are a result of the Brainstorming session held at the January State Board Meeting. These changes allow an inactive member to retain his identification number.

Transfer of Membership

Rule 87. Sponsorship by a member of the Branch to which a member is transferring is not required. ~~No priority is guaranteed if a waiting list exists.~~ **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

Approved. Rules changes are a result of the Brainstorming session held at the January State Board Meeting. Waiting list is a deterrent to increasing membership.

Inactive Members

Rule 90. A member who is unable to attend luncheon meetings due to prolonged illness, acting as a care giver to a spouse or companion, or an extended absence from the Branch locale, may be moved from active to inactive status by action of the Branch Executive Committee **after conferring with member when possible. (Revised xx/xx/xx)**

Approved. Rule changes are a result of the Brainstorming session held at January State Board Meeting. Allows a member to be consulted whenever possible prior to changing the members status.

Inactive Members

Rule 91. An inactive member may be a **one time** guest at a regular monthly luncheon meeting or an in lieu function such as a special luncheon, dinner or picnic, but cannot be a guest in any other SIR activity. **When he does attend such a function, he should be pressed to become reinstated to active membership.** He shall have no other rights or privileges of membership except to receive the Branch bulletin. **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

Approved. Rule changes are a result of the Brainstorming session held at January State Board Meeting. An inactive member can be a guest at limited Branch functions and can be a guest only one time.

Inactive Members

Rule 92. Upon his **request** ~~submitting a new Membership Application,~~ an inactive member may be reinstated to active status by the Branch Executive Committee. ~~provided his reinstatement would not cause the Branch membership limitation to be exceeded.~~ **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

Approved. Rule changes are a result of the Brainstorming session held at January State Board Meeting. Requiring an inactive member to submit a new application is not necessary and Branch membership limitations are a deterrent to increased membership.

Inactive Members

Rule 93. ~~If an inactive member's approved reinstatement to active membership status would cause the Branch maximum to be exceeded he shall be placed at the head of the waiting list.~~

Approved. Rule changes are a result of the Brainstorming session held at January State Board Meeting. Placing an inactive member who wants to be reinstated to active status on a waiting list is a deterrent to increasing membership.

Proposed Rule 87x

The State Treasurer shall maintain an insurance reserve of \$25,000 or 40% of the current year year's total insurance premium, whichever is greater. This reserve shall be kept in a separate interest bearing account funded by the general fund of the State Treasury.

Reasons for the proposed rule: (based on data from 1996 to present)

1. Insurance has consistently been the single largest annual expense for SIR
2. Insurance costs to SIR have increase from year to year by as much as 44%
3. While we have seen an annual decline in premiums for each of the last 5 years, there has been one instance of an increase of over \$20,000 in a single year (2001-2002)
4. Insurance reserve will help assure that SIR is able to meet cyclical or unexpected insurance increases without risk of insufficient financial resources.