



# SONS IN RETIREMENT

## STATE BOARD MEETING

Elks Lodge ~ Vallejo, California

TUESDAY ~ NOVEMBER 10, 2009 ~ 9:30 a.m.



### TO: State Board Members -

David Reiser - President  
 Floyd "Buck" Kendrick - Vice President  
 Gary Gruber - State Secretary  
 Robert Mannell - State Treasurer  
 Harold "Hal" Stephens - Asst State Secretary  
 Michael Berry - Asst State Treasurer

- Regional Directors -  
 1 Kenneth Edson  
 2 Ronald McCall  
 3 George Christman  
 4 Larry Powers  
 5 John Mason  
 6 James Stedman  
 7 Gary Pelton  
 8 David Reynolds  
 9 Mike Nickey  
 10 Eckart Sellinger

### Invited participants -

Past Presidents Dwight Sale - State Advisor & Information Systems Bill Short - Chaplain  
 Karl Ryden - Asst State Treasurer-elect Bill Lewis - Meeting Arrangements  
 Jim Donovan - State Certificates Walter Schick - Publicity Jim Stedman - State AG Training

### - New 2010 Regional Directors-Elect -

2 Ralph Lingis 7 Richard Kabanek 8 John Levis 9 Richard Dettmer 10 Donald Davis

## ~ AGENDA ~

- 9:30 a.m. CALL TO ORDER ..... President Reiser  
 Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance ..... Chaplain Short  
 Verification of Quorum (11 of 16) ..... Secretary Gruber  
 Changes to the Agenda ..... President Reiser
- 9:40 a.m. PRESIDENT'S WELCOME AND RECOGNITION OF ATTENDEES ..... President Reiser
- 9:50 a.m. APPROVAL OF MINUTES -  
 Minutes from the June 9 State Board meeting ..... President Reiser  
 Minutes from the August 3 Annual Meeting ..... President Reiser
- 9:55 a.m. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS -  
 President's Comments ..... President Reiser  
 Vice President's Comments ..... Vice President Kendrick  
 Secretary's Report ..... Secretary Gruber  
 Assistant Secretary's Report ..... Assistant Secretary Stephens  
 Treasurer's Report ..... Treasurer Mannell  
 Assistant Treasurer's Report ..... Assistant Treasurer Berry
- 10:30 a.m. INTRODUCTION OF 2010 STATE BOARD MEMBERS-ELECT ..... President Reiser  
 Installation of 2010 State Board members ..... Past President Donovan
- 10:40 a.m. RECESS BREAK
- 11:00 a.m. COMMITTEE REPORTS -  
 Rules (attached) ..... Member Gruber  
 Information Systems ..... Chairman Sale  
 State Certificates ..... Chairman Donovan  
 State AG Training ..... Chairman Stedman
- 11:30 a.m. OLD BUSINESS -  
 Catering contract ..... Meeting Arrangements Chairman Lewis

11:40 a.m.	NEW BUSINESS (discussion items) .....	President Reiser
	Gifts for 2010 Annual Meeting	
	Contest for SIR Happenings	
	Tri-fold brochures	
12:10 p.m.	RECOGNITION CERTIFICATES -	
	Presentations to State Board Members, Chairmen, Appointees, et al .....	President Reiser
12:20 p.m.	CONCLUDING REMARKS .....	President Reiser
	Passing of the Presidential gavel to 2010 President Kendrick .....	President Reiser
	Comments from 2010 President .....	2010 President Kendrick
12:30 p.m.	ADJOURNMENT .....	President Reiser
	CATERED LUNCHEON .....	All

**DIRECTIONS**  
**TO THE VALLEJO ELKS LODGE**

**From the Sacramento direction on Highway 80**, take the Redwood exit.  
At the end of the exit turn left onto Redwood Parkway.  
Proceed straight through the first light.  
At the next light, turn left into the Elks parking lot.  
You're there.

**From the Bay Area direction on Highway 80**, take the Redwood exit.  
At the end of the exit, turn right onto Redwood Parkway.  
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**PROPOSED RULE CHANGES**  
**Submitted Previously to the President for Consideration**  
**and Herein Submitted to the State Board for Approval**

**Rules changes were approved by the State Rules Committee**  
**by email on or about 10/15/09**

**Tom Smith, Chairman**

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

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*Clarification of Rules Pertaining to Guests in SIR Events*

**Problem statement**

*Rules 40, 367 and 368 each address the topic of “guests” participation in SIR activities and events as follows -*

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 for exceptions to this rule. (Revised 6/5/07)

*The “exception” referred to in Rule 91 has nothing to do with the issue at hand. In Rule 367 below, the “exception” seems to be in the last sentence wherein the number of guests at a travel event cannot exceed the number of active members plus relatives. One might wonder why travel events would get a different treatment versus other SIR activities as in Rule 40.*

RULE 367. Only an active member of SIR, his wife or companion, and his guest(s) shall be entitled to participate in SIR travel events. A relative of an active SIR member (meaning a parent, sibling, child or grandchild) and their companions, and the widow of a deceased member may also participate. The number of guests participating in a SIR travel event shall not exceed the total number of active members, plus participating wives, companions and relatives. (Revised 6/6/06)

RULE 368. Only an active member of SIR, his wife or companion, and his guest(s) shall be entitled to participate in the travel portion of a State or Branch bowling or golfing event. The number of guests shall not exceed the number of active SIR members and wives or companions. Participation in the bowling or golfing activity is governed by Rule 40. (Revised 6/6/06)

*In Rule 368, the number of guests at a bowling or golf event involving travel cannot exceed the number of active members plus wives or companions, versus Rule 367 where a State travel event allows more relatives.*

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**Proposed rule changes**

RULE 40. Only active members of SIR and their guests ~~shall be~~ **are** entitled to participate in activities of the organization. The number of ~~active members’ guests allowed to participate in an activity of the organization~~ **guests** shall not exceed the **total** number of **participating** SIR active members ~~participating.~~ **plus 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.** See ~~Rule 91 and Travel Rule 367 for exceptions to this rule.~~ (Revised 6/5/07) **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

RULE 367. Only an active member of SIR **and their guests are**, ~~his wife or companion, and his guest(s) shall be~~ entitled to participate in SIR travel events **or bowling and golf events involving travel**. ~~A relative of an active SIR member (meaning a parent, sibling, child or grandchild) and their companions, and the widow of a deceased member may also participate.~~ The number of guests participating in a SIR travel event shall not exceed the total number of **participating SIR** active members plus 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. ~~(Revised 6/6/06)~~ **(Revised xx/xx/xx)**

*Travel Rule 367 would now be consistent with Rule 40.*

RULE 368. ~~Only an active member of SIR, his wife or companion, and his guest(s) shall be entitled to participate in the travel portion of a State or Branch bowling or golfing event. The number of guests shall not exceed the number of active SIR members and wives or companions. Participation in the bowling or golfing activity is governed by Rule 40. (Revised 6/6/06) (Deleted xx/xx/xx)~~

*Rule 368 can be deleted because text covering bowling and golf events involving travel is incorporated in proposed Rule 367 above and Rule 360.o below.*

RULE 360.o. “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. **(New xx/xx/xx)**

*Rule 360.o would be inserted among the definitions of terms used in the Travel Code.*

*The several rules above have phrases that are a bit repetitive, but at least the requirements are consistent among the rules.*

## Assistant State Secretary Duties

### Problem statement -

*Rule 841 specifies duties that are not being performed by the Assistant State Secretary because it is impractical for that position to accomplish. The function would be better performed within the scope of the State Secretary. Here is the rule -*

RULE 841. The Assistant State Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at such place as the State Board may order, a register or duplicate register showing the names, addresses and telephone numbers if any, of the State Officers, Appointive Officer Assistants and State Advisor. (Revised 11/14/06 effective 1/1/07)

*Rule 842 specifies duties that are not being performed by the Assistant State Secretary because it is unnecessary for him to do so because the State Secretary is maintaining a file of important documents for each Branch. Here is the rule -*

RULE 842. The Assistant State Secretary shall assist in keeping State Board records and shall keep a summary sheet with important information concerning the Branches which arises in connection with his duties and responsibilities. He shall bring this information up to date at least twice a year and furnish copies to the members of the State Executive Committee. (Revised 11/14/06 effective 1/1/07)

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### Proposed rule changes -

*Delete Rules 841 and 842 from the duties of the Assistant State Secretary and place certain responsibilities under the State Secretary.*

~~RULE 841. The Assistant State Secretary shall keep or cause to be kept, at such place as the State Board may order, a register or duplicate register showing the names, addresses and telephone numbers if any, of the State Officers, Appointive Officer Assistants and State Advisor. (Deleted xx/xx/xx)~~

**RULE 838. The State Secretary shall keep, or cause to be kept, a register showing the name, address and telephone number of the State Officers, State Advisor, and Appointive Officer Assistants if any. (New xx/xx/xx)**

*The State Assistant Secretary has not been performing this task for years, if ever. The State Secretary is in a good position to accomplish this task. This "register" is presently a section of the State Roster.*

~~RULE 842. The Assistant State Secretary shall assist in keeping State Board records and shall keep a summary sheet with important information concerning the Branches which arises in connection with his duties and responsibilities. He shall bring this information up to date at least twice a year and furnish copies to the members of the State Executive Committee. (Deleted xx/xx/xx)~~

**RULE 839. The State Secretary shall maintain the master file for every Branch ever formed containing relatively important hard copy documents that come into his possession. (New xx/xx/xx)**

*The Assistant State Secretary has not been collecting Branch happenings and has not been reporting out to the State Executive Committee, and the committee has not been requesting such a report.*

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## Changing the Name of a Branch

### Problem statement -

*Rule 335 presently would involve the Assistant State Secretary in the process for renaming a Branch. And the procedure involves a lot of paper shuffling among the Branch, the Assistant State Secretary, the State of California, and others. Here is the existing rule -*

**RULE 335.** To change the name of an incorporated Chartered Branch, the Branch Secretary shall contact the Assistant State Secretary who will prepare a Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation and send it to the Branch for execution. The Big Sir and Secretary will sign the document and return it together with a check of the appropriate amount to the Assistant State Secretary. The Assistant State Secretary will prepare a transmittal letter describing the intended changes and mail two copies of the signed document from the Branch together with the check to the Business Filings Unit of the California Secretary of State. A self-addressed stamped envelope shall be included. Upon receipt of approval by the Secretary of State, the Branch name change shall become official.  
(Revised 11/14/06 effective 1/1/07)

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### Proposed rule change -

*Move the responsibility to the State Secretary, reformat the rule for readability, and streamline the process. Here is the proposed rule -*

**RULE 335.** To change the name of an incorporated Chartered Branch, the general procedure is as follows -

- a. **The Branch Secretary shall contact the State Secretary who will prepare a Certificate of Amendment of Articles of Incorporation and send it to the Branch for execution.**
- b. **The Big Sir (as President) and the Branch Secretary will sign the form and make two copies.**
- c. **The Branch Treasurer will provide a check for the appropriate amount made payable to the Secretary of State.**
- d. **The signed form, two copies of the signed forms and the check are mailed to the Document Filing Support Unit at the address shown at the top of the form.**
- e. **When the Branch receives the approved documents, a copy shall be promptly mailed to the SIR State Secretary for inclusion in the Branch file.**

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

*The revised procedure enables the Branch to deal more directly with the State of California and eliminate much of the bouncing back and forth with SIRinc.*

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