



**Sons In Retirement
State Board Meeting**
Veteran's Building
420 Admiral Callaghan Lane
Vallejo, California 94591



Tuesday, January 18, 2011 – 9:30AM

Invited Participants

State Board Members

Officers

Robert Mannell – President
Jim Stedman – Vice President
Eckart Sellinger – Secretary
Adolph (Gus) Lopez – Treasurer
Charles Moss - Assistant Secretary
Karl Ryden - Assistant Treasurer

Regional Directors

1 Alan Harvey	6 Dean Steichen
2 Ralph Lingis	7 Richard Kabanek
3 Neil Mayo	8 John Levis
4 Bobbie Hairston	9 Richard Dettmer
5 John Mason	10 Donald Davis

Other Invited Participants & Representatives of State Committees

Past Presidents (all); Dwight Sale – State Advisor & Information Sys.; Bill Short – Chaplin; Bill Lewis Meeting Arrangements; Walter Schick – Publicity & Tools; Gary Pelton – Rules; Gene Drennan – Golf; Carl Elvik – Bowling; Larry Garvin – Travel; Buck Kendrick – Nominating; Harry Hubinger – Growth & Membership; John Thomason – Insurance; Roger Danielson – Giants; Mike Berry - 2010 State Treasurer

Agenda

9:30AM	Call to Order Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance Verification of a Quorum (9 of 16) Agenda Changes	President Robert Mannell Chaplain Bill Short Secretary Eckart Sellinger President Robert Mannell
9:40	Presidents Welcome & Recognition of Attendees	President Robert Mannell
9:50	Approval of Minutes: State Board Meeting – Nov 9, 2010	President Robert Mannell
9:55	Installation of 2011 State Board Members	President Robert Mannell
10:00	Remarks From State Officers: 10:00 President Comments 10:05 Vice President Comments 10:10 Secretary Report 10:15 Treasurer Report 10:20 2010 Yearend Report 10:25 Assistant Secretary Report 10:30 Assistant Treasurer Report	President Robert Mannell Vice President Jim Stedman Secretary Eckart Sellinger Treasurer Adolph (Gus) Lopez 2010 Treasurer Mike Berry Asst. Secretary Charles Moss Asst. Treasurer Karl Ryden
10:35	Recess Break (10 Minutes)	All



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10:45	Old Business	
10:45	Area 21 Probation Status Report	Area Governor Gary Pelton
10:50	990N Electronic Postcard	2010 Treasurer Mike Berry
10:55	Meeting Arrangements for 2011	Chairman Bill Lewis
11:00	Committee Reports:	
11:00	Nominating	Chairman Kendrick
11:05	Information Systems	Chairman Dwight Sale
11:15	Rules	Chairman Gary Pelton
11:25	Growth & Membership	Chairman Harry Hubinger
11:35	Publicity	Chairman Walter Schick
11:45	Giants	Chairman Roger Danielson
11:50	Insurance	Chairman John Thomason
11:55	Certificates	Chairman Jim Donovan
12:00Noon	Catered Luncheon	All
1:00 PM	Committee Reports continued:	
1:00	Training	Chairman Jim Stedman
1:15	Travel	Chairman Larry Garvin
1:20	Golf	Chairman Gene Drennan
1:30	Bowling	Chairman Carl Elvik
1:40	New Business: Branch 40 Treasurer	President Mannell
1:50	Regional Director Reports – Regions 1-10	Regional Directors
2:30	Concluding Remarks & Adjournment	President Mannell

Agenda Notes

1. **Please read the November 9, 2010 Board Minutes found on the SIR Website before coming to this meeting.**
2. **Annual audit of State Bowling and Golf Committees and State Treasury will be held concurrent with this meeting and they will join us for lunch.**
3. **Directions to Veterans Building:**
 - a. **Take exit 32 Redwood Parkway off I-80 as if going to Vallejo Elks.**
 - b. **Turn right on Kathy Ellen Drive (opposite the turn into Elks)**
 - c. **Kathy Ellen Drive will merge with Admiral Callaghan Lane**
 - d. **Go approximately .3 miles on Admiral Callaghan Lane**
 - e. **Veterans Building will be on the left. Parking is available on either side of the building.**



**INFORMATION SYSTEMS COMMITTEE (INFOSYS)
Report to the SIR State Board, January 18, 2011
Dwight B. Sale, Chairman, dwight.sale@comcast.net**

INFOSYS, a SIR Standing Committee, is a 4 member Committee that administers 8 Sub-Committees, Website, Database, Email, State Roster, SIR Manual, SIR Forms, State Certificates (HLM) and State Newsletter.

Website

Webmaster, Bill Winslow handles the technical issues while John Skarpelos, Dean Steichen and Derek Southern handle content and updating. Sirinc.org is the "Home Page" for the general public. Interested candidates for membership can communicate directly by email with Richard Dittmer, a member of the Growth and Membership Committee or call the hotline, 877-747-9066 manned by Gary Pelton. The "Documents" section is constantly improved so that it is more effective and easier to use. Documents are added and revised on a continuous basis. The membership documents have undergone a complete overhaul. The "Documents" section has an option to view the State Roster but requires a password which is available from the Branch Email Contact. Distribution of the Rule Manual, State Roster and SIR forms is now made exclusively through the SIR website.

Database

Today there are 10277 names in the State Database which contains data on SIR State officers and Committee Chairmen since 1974 and Branch Administrators since 1994 as well as Branch Corporate information. It continues to serve as an historical record as well as a source for current data. Many SIR administrators use the database to assist them in their duties. For instance the State Treasurer uses a subset of the database to produce the quarterly prorata invoices which, in turn furnishes active count information membership statistics that appear on the SIR website. In addition it serves as a source for Treasurers reports to the IRS and California Franchise tax Board.

Email

Our email list grows daily. Today there are valid email addresses for all State Board Members, Area Governors and all 147 Branch Email Contacts with 134 Big Sirs, 115 Little Sirs, 137 Secretaries and 143 Branch Treasurers. Chairman Mike Berry and I sent more than 170 SIR official bulk (85 addresses per) emails to various groups. They ranged from notification of Giants Baseball to use of Form 28. This was more than 15,000 individual emails on which SIR did not pay postage.

State Roster

Roster Committee Chairman Gary Gruber and now Dwight Sale produces the State Roster, the Branches by Region & Area, and the Branch Locator by City and posts them to the Website. During September, the 2011 Branch data for the State Database were entered based on the Form 20s received from the Branches. This annual project involves entering and validating some 10,000 database entries. (The data pertaining to State Officers and committees were entered by the INFOSYS Committee Chairman.) We were disappointed that 20 Branches did not submit their Form 20 in time for the October issue of the 2011 Roster.

State Manual

Manual Chairman, Dwight Sale produced the SIR Manual after the November State Board meeting, the first edition of the year, which involved 17 rule changes across 26 pages. The SIR Manual will again be produced after every State Board Meeting. I am looking for someone to take over this important job.

State Forms

There are 43 different forms and 62 versions (word, pdf etc) on the SIR Website. Forms Chairman Gary Gruber and John Skarpelos originated or updated 14 forms during 2010.

State Certificates

In 2010 Chairman Jim Donovan made certificates for 38 HLMs, 72 Senior HLMs plus 193 Senior, 23 Super Senior, 1, Century Sir Awards and 234 Certificates of Appreciation in addition to many special certificates. A busy man.

State Newsletter

"SIR Happenings" is a quarterly publication with every issue a huge success. Don MacGregor and John Skarpelos do inspired and professional work putting all your news together in this great publication. More and more information flows in from the Branches as they become aware of "Happenings." Branch Email Contacts are sent an email with a "Happenings" link asking them to distribute Happenings to their members that have an email address. Copies of this email are also sent to Branch Big Sirs and all State Administrators.

New Blood

We are actively seeking to have more sirs involved with all aspects of INFOSYS.

INFOSYS Meeting

Our annual INFOSYS meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, February 26, 2011

Our good friend and colleague, 2010 State Secretary Gary Gruber moved to Houston in June leaving a huge hole in our ability to perform many of the INFOSYS functions. Eckart Sellinger stepped up to take over Gary's Secretarial duties including State and Branch Schedules while other INFOSYS Committee members have filled in for the Roster and Manual. Gary and I had worked together for many years becoming best of friends as well as working partners. I certainly miss his professional skills his enthusiastic support of SIR and his winning friendly personality.

Dwight Sale 1/8/11

2011 Sir State Golf Schedule

April-2011

By Popular demand;

We will be returning to LAS VEGAS, On April 18th to April 22nd, 2011

The Location will be Palace Stations Hotel and Casino

With Golf @ Angel Park,(2 courses)and Aliente Golf Club

MAY-2011

State Area Team Championship Qualifiers;

May 1, 2011 to June 30th, 2011, Qualifying teams to State Chairman by
July 7th, 2011

JUNE-2011

Once again in Beautiful Reno, Nevada @ Circus-Circus

3 Sessions:

1 st -June 13th to 17th, 2011, Golf at D'Andrea, Thunder Canyon and
Lakeridge Country Clubs

2nd-June 19th to 24th, 2011, Golf at Thunder Canyon, Wolf Run and
Red Hawk Country Clubs. * On Day off will have an optional play @
Beautiful Dayton Valley CC, low rates and transportation included.

3rd- June 27th to July1st, 2011, Golf at Red Hawk, D'Andrea and
Lakeridge Country Clubs.

JULY-2011

State Individual Championship Qualifiers:

* Area Qualifying 7-1-2011 to 7-31-2011

* Division Qualifying August 16, to September 15th, 2011

* State Individual Championship to be held at beautiful Poppy Hills
Golf Course in Monterey as follows:

October 18th (Championship Round and Open Play)

October 19th (All Open Play)

SEPTEMBER-2011

A return to our Fall Classic, September 11th to September 15th, 2011 @ **Solvang,**
staying at the **Beautiful Marriott Hotel** with golf at **Alisal River Course** (2 Days) and
Rancho San Marcus (1 Day)

Also in January, 2012 we will be going to **MEXICO,** (stay tuned for details)

THE INSURANCE COMMITTEE

There are two issues that the Committee is concerned about on the Branches use of caterers.

1) In renewing our insurance coverage for the insurance year beginning March 1 2011 the carrier of our liquor liability policy asks, in an underwriting questionnaire, if there is any instance of a branch having a contractor (I.e. caterer) furnishing or selling alcoholic beverages. To our knowledge there is no such instance, however, to be sure we request that the Region Directors ascertain thru the Area Governors if there are any branches that have caterers furnish or sell alcoholic beverages at SIR events. Only report positive responses and if there are none the Insurance Committee will state that SIR does not have "contractors" furnish or sell such beverages.

2) The Committee requests that the State Board consider a rule requiring caterers to furnish the Committee Certificates of Insurance, naming SIR as an additional insured, with liability coverage of a minimum of \$1,000,000. The risks that are considered in using caterers are hot spills and food poisoning and possibly others. The Committee requested such actions during Tom Ross' presidency and the Board did not consider the risks severe enough to require the branches to obtain the certificates. We still feel the risk warrants the certificates and would like the Board to again consider the issue.

John Thomason, Insurance Committee Chair

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