



**Sons In Retirement
State Board Meeting**
Veteran's Building – Vallejo, California



Tuesday, June 7, 2011 – 9:30AM
(Updated 5/28/2011)

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 Maynard Rodland	8 John Levis
4 Bobbie Hairston	9 Richard Dettmer
5 John Mason	10 Donald Davis

Invited Participants & Representatives of State Committees

Past Presidents (all); Dwight Sale - State Advisor & Information Sys.; Bill Short - Chaplain;
Bill Lewis - Meeting Arrangements; Larry Garvin - Travel; Buck Kendrick - Nominating;
Walter Schick - Publicity and Tools; Carl Elvik - Bowling; John Thomason - Insurance

Agenda

9:30AM	Call to Order Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance Verification of a Quorum (11 of 16) Agenda Changes	President Robert Mannell Chaplain Bill Short Secretary Eckart Sellinger President Robert Mannell
9:40AM	Presidents Welcome & Recognition of Attendees	President Robert Mannell
9:55AM	Approval of Minutes: State Board Meeting – April 5, 2011	President Robert Mannell
10:00AM	Remarks From State Officers: President Comments Vice President Comments Secretary Report Assistant Secretary Report Treasurer Report Assistant Treasurer Report	President Robert Mannell Vice President Jim Stedman Secretary Eckart Sellinger Asst. Secretary Charles Moss Treasurer Adolph (Gus) Lopez Asst. Treasurer Karl Ryden
10:30AM	Recess Break (10 Minutes)	All



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10:45AM	Committee Reports: 10:45 Nominating 10:55 Rules 11:10 Publicity and Tools 11:20 Bowling 11:25 Training and Membership 11:40 Insurance 11:55 Travel	Chairman Buck Kendrick Ex-Officio Jim Stedman Chairman Walter Schick Chairman Carl Elvik Chairman Jim Stedman Chairman John Thomason Chairman Larry Garvin
12:00PM	Catered Luncheon	All
1:00PM	New Business: 1:00 Big Sir Gifts for Annual Meeting 1:10 August 1 Annual Meeting Discussion	President Mannell President Mannell
1:15PM	Old Business 1:15 "Ideas that Matter" 1:20 Area 21 Probation Status Report 1:25 Branch 40 1:30 Request for Waiver of Wait List Rule	President Mannell Regional Director Richard Kabanek President Mannell Vice-President Stedman
1:35PM	Regional Director Reports 1:35 Region 10 1:40 Region 9 1:45 Region 8 1:50 Region 7 1:55 Region 6 2:00 Region 5 2:05 Region 4 2:10 Region 3 2:15 Region 2 2:20 Region 1	Regional Directors Region 10 Director Don Davis Region 9 Director Richard Dettmer Region 8 Director John Levis Region 7 Director Richard Kabanek Region 6 Director Dean Steichen Region 5 Director John Mason Region 4 Director Bob Hairston Region 3 Director Maynard Rodland Region 2 Director Ralph Lingus Region 1 Director Alan Harvey
2:25PM	Concluding Remarks	President Mannell
2:30PM	Adjournment	President Mannell

Agenda Notes

1. Please read the April 5, 2011 Board Minutes found on the SIR Website before coming to this meeting and be ready to amend/approve.
2. Please read all attachments to the agenda and be prepared to discuss.

TEN STANDING RULE PROPOSALS
FOR STATE BOARD ACTION JUNE 7, 2011

(New text in **bold**. Deletions in ~~strike through~~. Notes in brackets and *[italicized]*)

[The State Rules Committee recommends:

- a. approval of Rules 2, 178, 227, 325, 327, 574, 608, 26, and 899.*
- b. disapproval of Rule 100.]*

1. Rule 2

[Referred by Rules Committee Member Dwight Sale.]

[While creating an attendance program Dwight discovered that it is reasonable to excuse a member for more than one meeting. For instance a member's travel plans may span more than one meeting. Redefining "Excused" in Item p. below is consistent with the attendance program, which allows a maximum 3 consecutive meetings to miss.]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

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

- a. The State organization of the Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, shall be designated as "Sons In Retirement, Incorporated", the "Corporation", the "State Organization", the "Corporate Body" or "SIRinc". (Revised 11/14/06)
- b. "SIR" may be used to refer to Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, the Corporate body, its Branches or its members.
- c. "State Board" means the State Board of Directors, the governing body of the Corporation.
- d. "President" means the President of the Corporation.
- e. "Vice President" means the Vice President of the Corporation.
- f. "Shall" and "must" are mandatory.
- g. "May" and "can" are permissive.
- h. The singular includes the plural and the plural includes the singular.
- i. "Active member" means "regular member". (Revised 9/24/02)
"Inactive member" means a member so classified by a Branch Executive Committee.
- j. "Rule" means a "Standing Rule," an action by the State Board governing the operations of the State and the Branch Corporations.
- k. "Regulation" means an action by a Branch Executive Committee governing the operation of the Branch.
- m. (Deleted 6/5/07)
- n. Pages denoting a date "Revised", "Amended", or such term are to be read as "Effective". (New 4/23/99)
- o. (Deleted 4/13/04)
- p. "Excused" means approval of ~~a single absence/s~~ from a **Branch** luncheon. ~~or SIR meeting. (Revised 6/5/04)~~ **(Revised 6/7/11)**

2. Rule 100

[Referred by Area 13 Governor Al Adabashian.]

[This was proposed at the 4/5/11 Board meeting and, in the interest of needless discussion at the time, State Advisor Dwight Sale suggested it be presented to the board at the next board meeting. He advised our Rules Committee that it was previously proposed and rejected before being considered by the Committee.]

It appears that a branch is unable or unwilling to keep a running 12-month record and wishes to use a calendar year for counting absences involving pending terminations. The proposal would mean that all branches must change a current practice that has been serving them well for years. Additionally, it would benefit a violator whose absences from the last month(s) of the prior year could not be counted in the New Year.]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Disapprove.]

RULE 100. A member may be notified in writing by his Branch of the pending termination of his membership (Rule 107) should he be responsible for any of the following **in any calendar year starting January 1:**

- a. Miss three (3) consecutive regular luncheon meetings without having been excused by contacting the designated Branch Attendance person prior to the meeting date.
- b. Did not attend one-half of the regular luncheon meetings ~~within the previous twelve consecutive month period.~~ NOTE: Excused meetings cannot be included to achieve the minimum attendance. (Revised 6/6/06)
- c. (Deleted 6/6/06)

RULE 101. Certification of attendance by a member at another Branch meeting will be considered as a credit to his attendance record. Individual Branches may limit the number of make-ups during a 12-month period.

3. Rule 178

[Referred by Area 15 Governor Gale Jeffries at the 4/15/11 State Board meeting regarding omitting the furnishing of rosters by each Branch to other Branches in its Area. Subsequently, the Committee made contacts on some past/current Big Sirs, a Branch Secretary, and a Membership Chairman, confirming that there is no need to furnish such copies.]

Regarding sending a Branch roster hard copy vs. electronic copy to the State Secretary, the wording was strengthened after conversation with the State Secretary, to more strongly emphasize that branches not send an electronic copy to him.

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

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 (NOT electronic copy, in order to comply with our IRS agreement)** shall be furnished to the State Secretary via US Mail by March 1 of each year. A copy of this roster shall also be mailed **distributed** to the Branch's Area Governor, ~~and 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 6/5/07) **(Revised 6/7/11)**

4. Rule 227

[Referred by Rules Committee Member Dwight Sale.]

[This proposal reflects the fact that most banks no longer provide canceled checks without special arrangements.]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

RULE 227. The Branch Treasurer shall maintain the following financial records for seven years:

- a. All tax returns.
- b. Monthly financial statements.
- c. Bank statements ~~and canceled checks~~.
- d. Check stubs.
- e. Invoices paid.

(Revised 6/7/11)

5. Rule 325

[Referred by Rules Committee Member Dwight Sale.]

[This proposal allows a special situation to be acted upon by the State Board without a hearing.]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

RULE 325. Revocation or suspension of a Branch Charter shall be accomplished by a two-thirds affirmative vote by the State Board at a regular or a special meeting called by the President after the required notice and hearing has been fulfilled. **In the event that there is no one in authority to notify because of resignations or similar circumstances the revocation or suspension may be accomplished without a hearing.** (Revised 6/7/11)

6. Rule 327

[Referred by Rules Committee Member Dwight Sale.]

[Item 6 is an additional special situation which allows specified State Officers to act as a Branch Executive Committee. Only the first part of the rule is shown below; the rest is irrelevant to the change.]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

RULE 327.

- a. The President, Vice President, State Secretary, State Treasurer, Assistant State Secretary and Assistant State Treasurer shall succeed to and constitute the Interim Branch Executive Committee of a Branch, vested with all of the powers and responsibilities of a Branch Executive Committee in any of the following situations: (Revised 11/14/06 effective 1/1/07)
 1. During such time as the Charter of the Branch is suspended.
 2. Upon the revocation of the Charter of the Branch.
 3. Upon surrender of the Charter of the Branch by action of the Branch Executive Committee with the approval of 80% or more of the Branch members present and voting. (Revised 9/9/03)
 4. During such time as the State Executive Committee determines that the Branch is in the state of bankruptcy.
 5. During such time as the State Executive Committee determines the Branch to be inactive. Failure of a Branch to hold a monthly luncheon meeting for a period of four consecutive months shall be conclusive evidence that a Branch is inactive.

6. During such time as the State Executive Committee determines that the BEC can no longer function because Branch Officers have resigned or otherwise refuse to perform their duties. (Revised 6/7/11)

7. Rule 574

[Referred by Rules Committee Member Dwight Sale.]

[This new Standing Rule defines the term "Sir RV Code".]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

RULE 574. Rules within PART 3.5 shall also be known as the "Sir RV Code"
(New 06/07/11)

8. Rule 608

[Referred by Rules Committee Chairman Dick DeVoe.]

[This revision formalizes an occasional informal practice of the Committee.]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

RULE 608. The Rules Committee shall review for conflict, overlap or duplication all proposals involving the Standing Rules or Bylaws and, in a timely manner, submit its findings to the President for his consideration. **Exception: A rule proposal to clarify a rule without changing the rule's intent, to standardize format, or to correct word processing may be approved and published at the discretion of the Rules Committee or its Chairman.**

(New 8/6/01 effective 1/1/02) (Moved from Page 43 - 11/14/06) (Revised 6/7/11)

9. Rule 26

[Referred by Committee Member Dwight Sale and Certificates Chairman Jim Donovan.

[Dwight and Jim believe it is a needless complication to send these applications through the Regional Director. Committee Chairman Dick DeVoe and Vice President/Ex Officio Jim Stedman concur. (This proposal was received too late for full Committee review prior to release to the President. It is included for approval expediency and because it is simple and straightforward)]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

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~~ State Certificates Chairman for processing. The Certificate will be sent back to the Big Sir for framing. 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 6/10/08)(Revised 6/7/11)

9. Rule 899

[Referred by State Publicity & Tools Chairman Walter Schick and Region 6 Director Dean Steichen.]
[This proposed rule, under Article 9-Area Governor, is a proven additional leadership tool for Area Governors in helping focus branches on the importance of publicity, recruitment, activities, and member relations. More and more Big Sirs have recognized chairman/coordinator positions such as Recruitment, Activities, Publicity, and Member Relations as sound, and have sought to fill them.

An Area Contact Roster Coordinator would relieve the Area Governor of maintaining an up-to-date roster of these important contacts for his and his branches' use.

An Area Activities Survey Coordinator would provide the Area Governor and his branch Big Sirs with activities of each branch on a standardized form. The Area Activities Survey allows the Area Governor and his Big Sirs to review activities within their Area and consider other activities shown on the form being successfully used within SIR, Inc. branches.]

[Rules Committee Recommendation: Approve.]

RULE 899 To provide additional leadership tools, the Area Governor shall:

1. appoint a Coordinator to maintain and distribute an Area Contact Roster which will include the branches' Officers, Email Contacts, Webmasters, Newsletter Editors, Publicity Chairs, Recruitment Chairs, Activity Coordinators, Member Relations Chairs, Travel Chairs, and other contacts he deems appropriate.
2. appoint a Coordinator to maintain an Area Activities Survey which will list each of the Area's branches with their activities on a standardized form (this form is published by the State Publicity & Tools Committee, and identifies all activities within Sir, Inc.)

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DATE: May 19, 2011

TO: James Ruord + Valerie Nee

COMPANY: Vallejo Moose Lodge No. 468

FAX NUMBER: 707-642-4201

FROM: Cynthia D. Traynor

RE: Sons In Retirement Insurance

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May 18, 2011

Mr. James Rund, Administrator
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VIA FACSIMILE and Regular Mail

Re: Sons In Retirement, Inc. a/k/a SIR

Dear Mr. Rund and Ms. Noe:

Thank you for your facsimile of May 16, 2011 providing us with a copy of the Certificate of Liability Insurance from Sons In Retirement. You have inquired if this would be sufficient to take the place of the require Hall Rental Insurance. It is not. The Hall Rental Insurance requirement requires that a full \$500,000 in coverage be available for each and every rental. The insurance provided by Sons In Retirement, Inc. provides for \$1,000,000 of coverage for each occurrence and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate. However, this for a full year's coverage for the national organization and all of its branches. Therefore, it is very possible that the full \$500,000 is not available for each rental. In fact, the \$2,000,000 aggregate would not cover a full year of meetings at your Lodge.

If SIR continues to meet at your Lodge and alcohol provided, sold, given away or consumed at these meetings, it will be necessary for the Hall Rental Insurance to be purchased for each and every meeting.

The failure to purchase the Hall Rental Insurance as required may result in an additional charge being added to your Risk Pool Assessments in the coming policy year. Therefore, we urge you to purchase the Hall Rental Insurance as required whenever a non-Moose sponsored event involving alcohol takes place at your Lodge.


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If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Regards,



Cynthia D. Traynor
Senior Staff Attorney

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Cc: Steven Greene, General Governor
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To Sirs 123:

From Moose Lodge 468

We have received the information from Moose International on the Liability Insurance. They have denied our request for your insurance to cover your functions. I have enclosed the answer from them. Please advise us as to how you would to handle this situation??

Thx Vallejo Moose Lodge #468