



**Sons In Retirement Inc.
 State Board Meeting
 Chardonnay Golf Club,
 2555 Jameson Canyon Road
 American Canyon, California 94503**



Tuesday, 31 January, 2017 at 9:30am

State Board Members

President: Jerry Strain	Director, Region 2: Jerry Morrow
Vice President: Derek Southern	Director, Region 3: Vic Mershon
Secretary: Ron Flagel	Director, Region 4: Ed Suden
Assistant Secretary: Dick DeVoe	Director, Region 5: Vacant
Treasurer: Karl Ryden	Director, Region 6: Ed Benson
Assistant Treasurer: Jimmie Johnson	Director, Region 7: Pat Misener
Chief Admin Officer: Dean Steichen	Director, Region 8: B. Allan Baxter
Director, Region 1: James Braziel	Director, Region 9: Mark Stuart
	Director, Region 10: James Filippo

Invited Participants

Past Presidents: All	Rules: Dick DeVoe
State Advisor, Parliamentarian: Dwight Sale	Training: Bobbie Hairston
Travel: Bob Spellman	Insurance: Angelo Coero
Bowling: Jerry Sabo	Golf: Bill Wilhelm
Bocce: Jack Meylink	Social Media: Lou Figone
Audit Committee: Russ Jackson and Don Merson	

Invited Area Governors

Bill Holly – Area 2 – Region 6	Jim Hiney – Area 29 – Region 8
Bob Hegle – Area 33 – Region 9	Jim Johnson – Area 27 – Region 2

Agenda

9:30 Call to Order (5 min) Jerry Strain
 Verification of Quorum (9 of 17) Ron Flagel
 Blessing and Pledge of Allegiance to Flag TBD

9:35 President’s Welcome and Recognition of Attendees (10 Min) Jerry Strain
 Swearing in of; Region 8 Director..... Jerry Strain
 Agenda Changes (if any) Jerry Strain
 Approval of November Board Meeting minutes Ron Flagel

9:45 Opening remarks (15 min)
 President Jerry Strain
 Vice President..... Derek Southern
 Secretary Ron Flagel
 Assistant Secretary Dick DeVoe
 Assistant Treasurer Jimmie Johnson

10:00 Treasurer’s Remarks and Report (25 min) Karl Ryden
Budget for 2017 D.Southern, K.Ryden

All board members should be sent preliminary documents in advance and all board members should have read the reports.

- 10:25 Regional Director's reports (40 min)..... (Summary by RD's)
- 11:05 Standing Committee Reports (40 Min)
- Nominating Committee.....Don Dill
G&M report..... Ed Benson
Rules and Bylaws Dick DeVoe
INFOSYS..... Dean Steichen
Travel Bob Spellman
Training.....Bobbie Hairston
Bowling Jerry Sabo
Bocce.....Jack Meylink
Insurance..... Angelo Coero
Golf..... Bill Wilhelm
Social Media Lou Figone
- 11:45 Old Business (15 Min)..... Jerry Strain
Job description for new CAO Dean Steichen
Branch 55 EIN number status..... Karl Ryden
- 12:00 Lunch (40 Min.)
- 12:40 Old Business (Total 1 Hr. 30 min)
RAMP update Ed Benson
Proposed Annual meeting change to two meetings..... Derek Southern
Rule changes; Rule 608/609, Rule 590-592, Bylaw Sect. 225 Dick DeVoe
Organization Task Force (1 Hr. 20 min)..... Ed Benson, Mark Stuart
..... Dick DeVoe
- 2:30 New Business (15 min) Jerry Strain
Advise President and Secretary of any other New Business before the meeting
- 2:45 Adjournment Jerry Strain

If you are looking for a hotel in the area members have used the Comfort Inn, Fairfield.

Telephone: 707-864-1446. 4441 Central Place, Fairfield, CA 94534.

Please note that reimbursement will only be made to those who travel over 100 miles each way.

Appendix A: Proposed Rule Changes/Additions:

RULE 24- HLM/HLM EMERITUS

[Referred by Rules Committee Members Dick DeVoe and Dwight Sale]

*[Until June 2013, HLM' s were always active members exempt from attendance requirements. In June 2013 an addition to Rule 24 was approved which established an HLM Emeritus designation so that an HLM who was not attending **any** luncheon meetings “ would no longer count toward the Branch’ s HLM limit” . At the same time, Rule 24 was changed to allow a branch to approve both an HLM Emeritus as well as an HLM as an inactive member. Typically, an HLM or HLM Emeritus is approved as inactive by the Branch BEC so the member would not be subject to the assessment count. The fact that both an HLM and HLM Emeritus can be approved as an inactive member is confusing and awkward. This proposal clarifies the situation by (1) having **all** HLM’ s be active members, subject to the assessment count and (2) having **all** HLM’ s-Emeritus be inactive, NOT subject to the assessment count (nor counted against the 2% Branch HLM maximum). The proposal also changes the approval authority from an RD to AG as part of SIR’ s ongoing effort to increase the stature of the AG].*

RULE 24i. An HLM shall remain an active or inactive member of his Branch until death, transfer, resignation or permanent relocation, but shall not be subject to attendance requirements. (Revised 6/4/13) **(1/31/17)**

RULE 24g. In situations where a Branch-initiated HLM has not attended his home Branch luncheon meetings for at least 24 consecutive months **and** ~~or~~ the Branch has determined that the HLM will no longer attend or participate in branch functions, the Branch Executive Committee with two-thirds approval may request that the **Area Governor Regional Director** approve assigning that member HLM Emeritus status so that he would no longer count toward the Branch’ s HLM limit. This Branch request shall be initiated by letter to the **Area Governor Regional Director** over the Big Sir’ s signature, ~~through the Area Governor,~~ outlining the circumstances that prompt the requested action including steps taken to contact the HLM. The **Area Governor Regional Director** shall approve or disapprove the request by return correspondence with a copy to the State Certificates Chairman. If approved, the individual shall ~~remain an active or become~~ an inactive member of that Branch and be reflected as HLM Emeritus in that Branch’ s and State Roster membership records. (Revised 6/10/08) (11/8/11) (6/4/13) **(1/31/17)**

BYLAWS SECTION 225- STANDING COMMITTEES,

AND NEW RULES 590-592- STATE BOCCE COMMITTEE

[Item 1 referred by Rules Committee Chairman Dick DeVoe and 2016 Rules Committee Chairman Larry Powers. Item 2 referred by Rules Committee Chairman Dick DeVoe and State Bocce Chairman Jack Meylink]

[Item 1. Bylaws amendment approvals for Sections 130, 131, 140, and 141 at the 8/1/16 Annual Meeting established a new position titled Chief Administrative Officer (CAO). It is a member of the State Board, an Officer of the Corporation, and a part of the Membership of the Corporation.

The intent of the Bylaws amendment in establishing a CAO position is for the INFOSYS Chairman and the CAO to be one and the same. The new CAO position is elected at the Annual Meeting to serve for the next calendar year with no specified responsibilities. However, the INFOSYS Chairman is appointed for the next calendar year by the President-Elect. This proposal ensures that the INFOSYS Chairman and CAO are one and the same.

Item 2. The relatively new State Bocce Committee was mentioned to be considered as a Standing Committee by the State Board at its Nov. 1, 2016 meeting. Therefore, Bylaws Section 225 is proposed to add it as a 15th Standing Committee. New Rules 590-592 are proposed for the State Bocce Committee, whether or not it is approved to be a Standing Committee at the 2017 Annual Meeting.]

BYLAWS SECTION 225- STANDING COMMITTEES

Bylaws Section 225. The following are the established Standing Committees. The President shall appoint a Chairman for each committee, **except the Information Systems Committee (INFOSYS) whose Chairman is also the Chief Administrative Officer elected at the Annual Meeting.** and The actions and makeup of each committee shall be governed by terms of the applicable Standing Rule or Bylaw.

1. Sons In Retirement Amateur Radio Club (SIRARC)
2. State Golf Committee
3. State Bowling Committee
4. State Recreational Vehicle (RV) Committee
5. Information Systems Committee (INFOSYS)
6. Growth and Membership Committee
7. State Travel Committee
8. Rules Committee
9. State Audit Committee
10. Nominating Committee
11. President's Advisory Committee
12. State Insurance Committee
13. State Budget Oversight Committee
14. State Training & Development Committee

15. State Bocce Committee

(Revised Item 6 and added Item 12 - 8/6/07) (Added item 13 – 8/5/13) (Added item 14-

8/3/15) (Revised INFOSYS appointment and added State Bocce Committee 8/6/17)

PART 3.6 - STATE BOCCE COMMITTEE

RULE 590. The State Bocce Committee shall be comprised of a Chairman and two members. Upon application from the Committee to the President or at his discretion, the number may be altered. The Vice President shall serve as ex officio without vote. (New 1/31/17)

RULE 591. The State Bocce Committee shall review and study the activities of Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, and its Branches pertaining to bocce. Recommendations of the committee may be submitted to the President proposing such changes as are deemed necessary or desirable. The committee shall conduct such other studies related to bocce as may be directed by the President or the State Board. (New 1/31/17)

RULE 592. The State Bocce Committee shall have such other powers, duties and responsibilities as may be prescribed by the Standing Rules. (New 1/31/17)

RULE 608- RULE/BYLAW PROPOSAL PROCESS

[Referred by Rules Committee Chairman Dick DeVoe]

[Rule 608 needs to be updated by removing the 1st sentence, since it is in conflict with and was superseded by the Rule 609 revision in January 2015. Prior to the 2015 change to Rule 609, any Standing Rule/Bylaw proposal by an authorized referrer could be stopped from reaching the State Board by any State Officer in that chain of command. Rule 609' s intent in 2015 was to ensure that such proposals would reach the State Board. However, Rule 608 still has a vestige of the past rule by stating that the Rules Committee submit its findings "to the President for his consideration" . In any case, the first sentence of Rule 608 is unnecessary because Rule 609 properly addresses the review/submittal process.

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) (Typo 11/8/11)(Revised 1/31/17)

RULE 609- RULE/BYLAW PROPOSAL PROCESS

[Referred by Rules Committee Chairman Dick DeVoe]

[There is no rule or bylaw that specifies in sufficient detail the process for approval of proposed new and amended rules/bylaws. This revision clarifies that process by having all such proposals be through the Rules Committee to the State Board. If the State Board does not approve a bylaw proposal, it will not be voted on at the Annual Meeting. Exception: Several branches would be able to collectively submit a bylaw addition/amendment proposal for action at the Annual Meeting with or without approval of the State Board.]

RULE 609. ~~The Rules Committee shall submit to the State Board, together with its recommendations, any~~ **Any** proposal involving the Standing Rules or Bylaws ~~that have been referred~~ **shall be submitted** to the Rules Committee by the State Board, a State Officer, a State Committee Chairman, any member of the State Rules Committee, or a Branch Executive Committee. **The Rules Committee shall then submit the proposal through the President to the State Board with its recommendations.** Such submittal shall be in the form of an addendum to the agenda of the next Board meeting. **Any State Board-approved proposal for new or amended bylaws shall be submitted as an agenda item of the next Annual Meeting.**

An exception is made for a bylaw addition/amendment proposal that is submitted collectively by seven or more branch BEC' s at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. The proposal shall pass through the State Board with its recommendations, to become an agenda item for the Annual Meeting.

(Revised 11/11/08)(1/13/15)(1/31/17)