



State Board Meeting Agenda
Sons In Retirement Inc.



Rossmoor Gateway Complex
1001 Golden Rain Road
Walnut Creek, California 94595

Friday, October 18, 2019 at 9:00 am – 3:30 pm

State Board Members

President: Ed Benson
Vice President: Jim Johnson
Secretary: Ron Flagel
Assistant Secretary: Stuart Williams
Treasurer: Roy Hodgkinson
Assistant Treasurer: Ron Saltgaver
Chief Admin Officer: Dean Steichen

Director, Region 1: Mark Stuart
Director, Region 2: Rick Kindle
Director, Region 3: Dennis Pangburn
Director, Region 4: Patrick O’Keefe
Director, Region 5: Bill Holly

Committee Chairmen and Guests

Past Presidents: All
Parliamentarian: Dwight Sale
InfoSys: Dean Steichen
Training & Development: Barry Leskin
Travel: Tom Molinari
Insurance: Craig Hoffhines
Golf: Mark Stuart
State RV: Bobbie Hairston
Facility: David Heflich

Policies & Procedures: Dale Decker
Legal Advisor: Alan Melnicoe
G&M: Stuart Williams
G&M: Tony de Losada
Bowling: Russ Salazar
State Sporting Events: Lee Moy
Nominating: Derek Southern
Bocce: Jack Meylink
InfoSys: Richard Sale

Time	Item	Presenter(s)
9.00	Call to Order Verification of Quorum (7 of 12 needed) Pledge of Allegiance Welcome new Officers and Committee Chairman Welcome Guests – Announce title and Area Approval of the August 2019 Board Meeting Minutes	Ron Flagel Ed Benson Ed Benson Ed Benson Ron Flagel
9.15	Swearing in of 2020 Elected Officers	Ed Benson
9.30	President's Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation certificate and comments • Branch disbanding/merging • Worthy causes 	Ed Benson

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9:45	Treasurer's Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Branch assessment increase? 	Roy Hodgkinson
10:00	2020 Annual Meeting and Town Halls <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • President's thoughts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Annual Meeting ◦ Town Halls • Comments 	Ed Benson and All
10:20	Break	
10:30	Worthy causes and the relationship between the Foundation and SIR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy pros and cons • Insurance ramifications • Role of the SIR Foundation • Monetary contributions • Labor contributions 	Ed Benson Craig Hoffhines Derek Southern Ed Benson Ed Benson
11:30	Use of Constant Contact by Branches <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept • Collection of Branch membership lists 	Rick Sale Dwight Sale
11:50	State Bowling Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of 2020 Bowling Tournament Schedule (Appendix B) • Request for relief from Policy 20 for five years to allow Branch-sponsored bowling leagues to include "permanent guest bowlers". 	
12:00	Lunch	
12:30	Growth and Membership Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SIR Merchandise update 	Stu Williams Tony de Losada
12:45	InfoSys Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on September meeting • Member Information section update and review 	Dean Steichen Ed Benson
1:00	Storage and retrieval of commonly used forms	Mark Stuart
1:15	Policy and Procedure Committee (Appendix A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal #1 – Guiding Principals • Proposal #2 – P & P submittal timing • Proposal #3 – Member Induction Oath • Proposal #4 – Clarification changes 	Dale Decker
1:40	At Risks, Branch Disbandment and Closures <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest information • Comments 	Ed Benson Regional Directors
2:00	Standing Committees Chairmen comments or Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sirs at the Games 2020 approval 	Lee Moy

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Foreign travel insurance clarification ◦ “Permanent Guests” at Sir activities and events 	Craig Hoffhines
2:30	Old Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of holding Board meetings on Saturday to minimize commute times for 2020 • Recruiting Website Update • Travel update • Training update/status • SIR Foundation report • Forms cleanup status 	Ed Benson Roy Hodgkinson Ed Benson Regional Directors Derek Southern Dale Decker
3:00	New Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Form 44 & 44a usage • Schedule of Events for Directors 	
3.30	Adjournment	

Appendix A

Proposed Policy or Procedure Changes

Proposal 1:

Reference: Executive Board Meeting Action September 2, 2019

Subject: Revise Policy 1 Guiding Principles and submit a new Procedure 1 How to Respond to Individual Complaints.

Background: The former Policy & Procedures Chairman originally submitted the subject items to the P&P Committee for review and comment but the final version was misplaced and not included for approval at the August 19, 2019 Board Meeting.

History: The State Executive Committee consisting of President Ed Benson, Vice President Jim Johnson, Treasurer Roy Hodgkinson, and Secretary Ron Flagel approved via email the revised Policy 1 and Procedure 1. These were adopted immediately and are to remain in effect until the next regular meeting of the board where they will be made permanent.

P&P Recommendation: The Policy and Procedures Committee recommends that the revised Policy 1 Guiding Principles and a new Procedure 1 How to Respond to Individual Complaints be confirmed at the next scheduled Board Meeting.

Note: In the 1. SIR Mission - the word 'improve' was incorrectly inserted wherein it should have been 'enrich' in the original submittal to the Executive Board.

Revised Policy and New Procedure:

Policy 1. GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1. SIR Mission- The guiding principles of our Bylaws, Policies and Procedures shall be governed by the Mission of SIR and applied with common sense. The Mission of SIR is to ~~improve~~ **enrich** the lives of our members through fun activities and events while making friends for life.

2. Non-Discrimination Principle - SIR policies, procedures, bylaws, and supporting practices are built upon the principle that trust, mutual respect, and dignity are fundamental beliefs between all members of our organization. SIR does not and shall not discriminate against any member, guest, or prospective member of our organization on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, age or disability. SIR shall comply with all applicable national, state and local statutes pertaining to nondiscrimination. In furtherance of these commitments, it has and will continue to be a fundamental policy to update and take action-oriented steps to implement our policy. (Rev Ex Comm 9/2/19)

See Procedure 1, How to Respond to Individual Complaints. (Rev ExComm 9/2/19)

Procedure 1- How to Respond to Individual Complaints

The procedure for responding to individual complaints shall be as follows:

1. Any member or prospective member who believes that inappropriate discrimination has occurred shall notify the branch's Big Sir within a reasonable time following the alleged discriminatory action.
2. The Big Sir shall immediately notify the Area Governor, Regional Director, and Vice President, hereinafter referred to as the Discrimination Task Force (DTF).
3. The Big Sir concurrently shall commence a thorough investigation and report, within thirty days from the notice of the alleged discrimination, all information about the complaint to the DTF.
4. The DTF shall take appropriate action to address the complaint, including meeting with the complainant and any other parties that may be relevant, and within a reasonable time thereafter issue its recommendations to the State Board.
5. The State Board at a special meeting or its next scheduled Board meeting shall review the complaint and the DTF recommendations, and approve appropriate action to resolve the complaint. This action shall be communicated to all involved parties.

(New ExComm 9/2/19)

Proposal 2:

Subject: Revise Procedure 14 to change the submittal timing for P&P's from 15 days to 30 days.

P&P Recommendation: The P&P Committee recommends that any proposal involving SIR Policies and Procedures shall be submitted at least 30 days prior to the next State Board Meeting. Inasmuch as it is required that the State Board Meeting Agenda be published at least 10 days prior to the meeting this is a reasonable request.

Revised Procedure:

Procedure 14 – How to Amend Policies, Procedures, and Position Descriptions

a. Any proposal involving SIR Policies and Procedures shall be submitted to the State Policies and Procedures Committee (P&P) Chairman with a copy to the President. The following may submit such a proposal: the State Board, a State Officer, a State Committee Chairman, any member of the P&P, or a Branch Executive Committee at least ~~15~~ **30** days prior to the next State Board meeting.

Proposal 3:

Subject: New SIR Policy Addition - Member Induction Oath and Sponsor Agreement.

Background: SIR President Ed Benson has proposed a new policy that statements in regards to specific sponsor responsibilities and member expectations be included in all induction ceremonies.

P&P Recommendation: This proposal is not supported by the P&P Committee for the following reasons:

1. The current membership application includes the following statement with a signature line below for the applicant to sign agreeing to the statement:

"I understand that SIR's Member Expectations are few: Be a sociable guy, participate in our activities, luncheons and events, give a shot at volunteering when asked and at bringing guests to introduce them to the joys of SIR and perpetuate the organization".

2. Requiring the sponsor's responsibilities to continue as long as both the new member and the sponsor continue membership in the Branch is not reasonable.

3. Most Branches currently have their own New Member Welcoming Remarks.

New Policy:

Member Induction Oath and Sponsor Agreement

Many Branches have their own induction oath, and it is not the State's intention to establish a one size fits all member induction oath and sponsor agreement. However, the induction ceremony is an excellent forum in which to remind all Sirs in attendance of both SIR's member expectations and sponsor responsibilities. Thus, it is SIR policy that statements in those regards be included in all induction ceremonies.

Therefore, the language below, or something similar has been developed for Branch adoption:

To the Sponsors:

Inducting Officer States to the Sponsors:

"Your candidate has been accepted as a member of SIR Branch XX.

"Your responsibilities as a sponsor continue as long as both you and your candidate continue membership in the Branch. You are expected to assist your candidate in meeting SIR's Member Expectations and to keep the Branch informed of his well being"

Proposal 3: (Continued)

Ask the Sponsors: “Do you agree?”

Sponsors reply: “Yes.”

Inducting Officer States to the Candidates:

“As a SIR member, we count on you to work toward achieving SIR’s Member Expectations of being a friendly sociable guy, participating in our activities, luncheons and events, volunteering when asked and bringing guests to perpetuate our Branch – as your interests and capabilities will allow.”

Ask the Candidates: “Do you agree?”

Inductees reply: “Yes.”

Inducting Officer States: “Thank you, and welcome to SIR and our Branch.”

The sponsor of the proposed policy change responded to the non support position of the P&P Committee:

1. The initial proposal was revised to allow the Branches to continue to use their current induction oaths provided the SIR Member Expectations and Sponsor Responsibilities are included.
2. The best time to remind new members and sponsors of their expectations is at the induction ceremony. It is unlike to be forgotten.
3. A sponsor should act like a sponsor in perpetuity.

Proposal 4:

Subject: Clarify wording and punctuation of Procedure 13 (k) Insurance Coverage (Foreign Travel).

Background: In a discussion with our insurance agency it was determined that the way Procedure 13 (k) Insurance Coverage (Foreign Travel) is worded and punctuated was confusing.

Action: It was requested and complied with to send this clarification to Rick Sale for distribution to all AGs and Big Sirs, Board members and all travel coordinators.


P&P Recommendation: The P&P Committee supports the revised procedure.

Revised Procedure:

PROCEDURE 13: INSURANCE COVERAGE (FOREIGN TRAVEL):

k. To provide adequate funding for insurance coverage for each event involving travel outside the United States (including its Territories and Possessions), Canada and Puerto Rico, contracted by SIR, or any of its Branches, a \$27.00 insurance add-on shall be included in the fare to be paid by each participant.

Appendix B

2020	<u>PROPOSED</u>		<u>PROPOSED</u>	2020		
SIR BOWLING TOURNAMENTS						
As of September 26, 2019						
City	Month	Days	Center	Code	Tournament Manager(s)	Phone
Napa	Jan.	Tues 21 Weds 22	Napa Bowl	4	Keith Knox	707-257-7537
Livermore	Feb.	Wed 12	Granada Bowl	4	Dick Braden	925-455-8633
Concord	Feb.	Tues 25	Clayton Valley Bowl	4	Mike Kropf Doug Schuster	925-689-1453 925-687-4543
Concord	March	Tues 17 Weds 18	Clayton Valley Bowl	4	Dan Weller	925-935-5510
Carson City	April	Mon 13 Thru Thurs 16	Gold Dust West	3	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
SIR ANNUAL STATE TOURNAMENT						
Modesto	May	Weds 13 Thurs 14	McHenry Bowl	1	Jim Pastorelli	209-406-8156
Pacheco	May	Thurs 28 Fri 29	Paddock Lanes	4	Del Locke	707-745-3475
Sutter Creek	June	Thurs 11 Fri 12	Gold Country Lanes	4	Emil Leese Ray DiBasilio	916-275-8684 530-558-9727
Dublin	June	Tue 23 Wed 24	Earl Anthony's Dublin Bowl	4	Victor Okumura Jerry Sabo	510-557-2687 510-790-3135
Yuba City	July	Mon 27 Tues 28	Nu Generation	4	Ray Buttacavoli	H-530-671-5599 C-530-329-2038
Pollock Pines	July	Fri 10 thru Sun 12	Knotty Pine Lanes	4	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Reno	Aug.	Mon 10 thru Tues 12	National Bowling Stadium	3	Ray DiBasilio	530-558-9727
Grass Valley	Aug.	Wed 26 Thurs 27	Prosperity Lanes	4	Charlie Babiarz	530-470-8964
Carson City	Sept.	Fri 11 Sat 12	Carson Lanes	4	Hall	H-775-246-1027 C-530-409-3494
Citrus Heights	Oct.	Tues 6 Weds 7	Fireside Lanes	4	Art Tourillot Ron Johnson	916-635-6148 916-206-1483
Brentwood	Oct.	Tues 13	Harvest Park	4	John Fry	925-783-5614
Modesto	Nov.	Thurs 5 Fri 6	McHenry Bowl	4	Jim Pastorelli Vern Masse	209-406-8156 209-538-4275
Danville	Dec.	Weds 2 Thurs 3	Danville Bowl	4	John Monahan	925-837-1598
CODE: 1 - SIRs ONLY - 4 MAN TEAM - DOUBLES - ALL EVENTS 2 - SIRs ONLY - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS 3 - SIRs or MIXED - 4 BOWLER TEAM - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS 4 - SIRs or MIXED - DOUBLES - SINGLES - ALL EVENTS						