



August 14, 2006

Minutes of the SIR State Annual Meeting  
Sons In Retirement  
Vallejo Elks Lodge  
August 7, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Curley at 9:30 AM. Present were all members of the SIR State Board. Also present were Past Presidents Mel Augustine, Jim Wyatt, Jim Donovan, and Dwight Sale. Committee chairmen present were John Thomason, Insurance; Tom Ross, Rules; Jim Donovan, Nominations; Dwight Sale, Information Systems; Hank deDiego, Growth & Management; Nathaniel Lord, Bowling; David Betts, Golf; Bob Lippincott, Supplies, Hardware and donut holes; Jack Streckfus, RV; Bob Perry Travel; and Eldon Parr, Advisor. Area Governors and SIR Branch Representatives were also in attendance.

Secretary Short gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

A quorum was present and the Minutes of the June 6, 2006 Special Meeting were approved as written.

President Curley stressed the importance of SIR State officers visiting Branches and giving support to the Branch. He stated that the main purpose of this Annual Meeting was to elect SIR State Officers for the year 2007 and to possibly change SIR State Bylaws. We are also here to get to know each other better in the spirit of SIR.

Vice President Ross welcomed the assembled State Officers, Past Presidents, Committee Chairmen and Branch attendees.

Secretary Short stressed the role of communication between State SIR and SIR Branches. He stated that he has received inquiries and information requests from Branch leaders. This is a positive thing and he encouraged these contacts. Branch bulletins are excellent communication tools and give Area Governors, Regional Directors and State Officers a wealth of information about Branch activities. Keep them coming. The Minutes of the meeting will be posted on the SIR Website.

Treasurer Mannell reported that so far this year the State is running under budget but as the year progresses the SIR State spending will increase within the proposed budget. The IRS bill to SIR State was cancelled as it was found that no money was owed. This was a relief to us all. SIR is financially sound. Sir Mannell requested that State 2006 expenses be submitted on Form 15 well ahead of the end of the year. Treasurer Mannell also stated that we prepaid our caterer for 250 meals for the 2007 year as a cost saving opportunity.

Assistant Treasurer, Mike Berry stated that the new form 28 is being used by over 90% of the Branches. The number of errors has decreased, which is a positive note. He would like the Form 28s to come to him via the internet, if possible.

Rules Committee Chairman, Tom Ross, summarized a proposal for a change in the Corporate Bylaws regarding Assistant Secretary duties. He asked for a motion to delete the positions of First Assistant Secretary and Second Assistant Secretary and to create an Assistant State Secretary position. The responsibilities of the Second Assistant Secretary would be transferred to the SIR State Information System Committee. The duties of the First Assistant Secretary would remain and the position would be re-titled Assistant State Secretary. A motion was made by Area 19 Governor Bill Harris and Seconded by Region IV Director, Bill Lewis. The motion was voted upon and passed unanimously. There was no discussion prior to the vote. A motion was made by Region VII Director, David Reiser to implement the changes of the wording in the Standing Rules to reflect the Assistant Secretary position in the Corporate Bylaws. The changes will take effect after January 1, 2007. The motion was moved, seconded and passed unanimously by the State Board.

Chairman Ross gave a report on the operations of the SIR State Rules Committee. No discussion was requested. Chairman Ross stated that changes in SIR State Rules need to come from the Branches. Area Governors relay the proposed rule changes from the Branch Executive Committee to the Regional Director who presents the proposal to the SIR State President for consideration. After evaluation by The President, the proposal is sent to the Rules Committee for evaluation and wording. A viable rule change is then sent back to the SIR State Board for acceptance or rejection.

Nominating Committee Chairman, Jim Donovan announced that his committee composed of himself, Past President Jim Wyatt, Warren Senegal, Glen Schimelpfenig and Tom Smith have selected the following candidates for 2007 State Offices:

President	Tom Ross	Branch No. 109
Vice President	Arthur E. Pufford	Branch No. 27
Secretary	William T. Short	Branch No. 113
Asst. Secretary	Harold 'Hal' Stephens	Branch No. 137
Treasurer	Robert Mannell	Branch No. 39
Asst. Treasurer	Howard A. Berkman	Branch No. 8

There were no nominations from the floor. President Curley asked for the question... The Nominating Committee slate of officers was unanimously elected by the assembled SIR Corporation Officers. They will be sworn in at the November 14<sup>th</sup> SIR State meeting here at the Vallejo Elks Lodge.

Training Committee member, Bill Lewis, reported on the October 26, 2006 Area Governor Training Meeting plans. Bill emphasized that the training this fall is for 2007. Both 2006 Area Governors and 2207 Area Governors Elect along with 2006 Regional Directors and 2007 Regional Directors Elect are to attend. Following the October 26<sup>th</sup> meeting, each Area Governor will meet with his branches in an Area Training session designed for Branch operations. Bill asked that any suggestions regarding training be passed on the him or Eckert Sellinger, Area 6 Governor.

Growth and Management Chairman, Hank deDiego requested that the assembled Big Sirs look over the SIR recruiting brochure that he passed out among the attendees. He stated that it would be possible to have large numbers of copies made for use as a recruiting and public relations item. It was pointed out that the brochure was available on the SIR website and that the contents of the brochure did not always fit branch activities. No action was taken.

Travel Chairman, Bob Perry announced that Golden Gate Tours is negotiating a change of date that they are expected to make a \$600,000 deposit to Celebrity Cruise Lines for the 2008 SIR Anniversary cruise to Hawaii. The change would make it possible for the participants to delay their second payment from

September to November or early December, 2006. As of August 3, 2006 there were 756 participants signed up for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Cruise. Bob needs to have a Designated Member (DM) to be an escort for Branch Members interested in going on the Anniversary Cruise. The DM can be a Travel Chairman from another Branch in their SIR Area. Bob's e-mail address is: [r.perry9396@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.perry9396@sbcglobal.net)

Bowling Chairman, Nat Lord encouraged more participation in bowling activities. Bowling is a major Branch activity.

Golf chairman, David Betts stated that there are a number of golfers going on the 2008 Anniversary Cruise (300+) and that it is too early to plan events for them, but that course arrangements will be made. Dave also stated that SIR State Golf Tournaments require membership in a SIR NCGA Golf Club with a current GHIN# and Index.

Carl Raaka, Publicity Chairman, advised the attendees to check the publicity program and Branch ideas found on the SIR website.

Insurance Co Chairman, John Thomason. Stated that there will be a reduction this year in premiums from 2005 on our SIR State liability insurance. An explanation of our SIR State insurance coverage will appear as an Appendix in the 2006 Branch Leaders Training Guide. Each Branch will receive copies of the guide following the October Area Governor Training session.

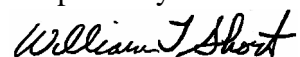
RV Chairman, Jack Streckfus, reported that the details for the April 22, 2007 State RV Rally were discussed at a meeting June 19<sup>th</sup> at the Santa Clara Elks Lodge.. The Committee will meet again on September 18, 2006. Check with Jack Streckfus for details.

Bob Lippincott, Chairman for Supplies & Hardware, emphasized that the new form 21 should be used in making orders (dated 7/25/06). Find the form on the SIR website.

Acceptance speeches were made by the elected SIR State Officers followed by helpful suggestions on recruiting from Branch representatives. President Curley stated that recruitment is part of our job as SIR Officers. Try to recruit younger members and try to encourage active participation at the Branch level.

There being no Unfinished business or New Business, President Curley adjourned the meeting at 1:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



William T. Short, SIR State Secretary