



June 14, 2006

Minutes of the SIR State Board Meeting  
Sons In Retirement  
Vallejo Elks Club  
June 6, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Curley at 9:28 AM. Present were all members of the SIR State Board. Also present were Past Presidents Mel Augustine, 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 and Management; Nathaniel Lord, Bowling; Bob Perry, Travel: and Eldon Parr, Advisor.

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

A quorum was present and the Minutes of the April 11, 2006 meeting were approved with one correction. The spelling of Advisor Parr's first name is Eldon not Elton.

President Curley stressed the need for a State Assistant Treasurer. Qualified candidates need to be referred to Nominating Committee Chairman, Jim Donovan. Travel representatives are needed at the Branch level for the State SIR 2008 Travel Event. Our focus needs to be aimed at branch activities stated President Curley. We need to increase the choices of participatory branch activities

Vice president Ross addressed the problem of expenses of State Officers and Branch Officers. He stated that Rule 38 defines the State expenses that are to be reimbursed. Rule 46 deals with Branch expenses. Any SIR meetings that are attended by Branch Officers and involve reimbursement are to be paid with Branch monies.

Secretary Short stated that we have accounted for all but three rosters from the SIR Branches. INFOSY is in possession of the Branch rosters. Secretary Short stated that Committee chairmen, Past Presidents and State Officers need to contact him if they will not be attending the August 7, 2006 annual SIR State meeting. We are expecting a representative from each of the SIR Branches plus our regular SIR State Board members and guests. (About 225 in all). Officers are encouraged to stress to each Branch Big Sir to attend this important meeting.

Treasurer Mannell reported that the Area Audits are complete except for two Areas. At the August 7<sup>th</sup> Annual State meeting a charge of \$15 will be the price for lunch. This amount will be collected from each Branch attendee. Treasurer Mannell stated that our State finances are positive and ahead of budget at this time. After August the finances will probably be closer to budget estimates. We are financially sound. (The current financial report is attached to these minutes.)

Nominating Committee Chairman Donovan reported on the results of the May 2, 2006 meeting of his committee. The following slate of candidates was proposed by The Nominating Committee: President, Tom Ross; Vice President, Art Pufford; Secretary, Bill Short; Treasurer, Bob Mannell; 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Secretary, Hal Stephens; 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Secretary, Gary Gruber. No candidate was proposed for Assistant Treasurer. The Slate as proposed was Moved, Seconded and Passed by the SIR State Board.

Information Systems Chairman Sale reported that he along with Secretary Short would like to distribute the Minutes of each SIR State meeting on our Website. A motion was Moved, Seconded and Passed by the Board to do this.

Growth and Management Chairman deDiego reported on branches that were small in number of members. He stated that we need to increase the membership, especially in these branches. Chairman deDiego received from Region II Director, Hal Stephens information from Clark Hime, Branch 49 regarding recruitment that he thought was positive. State officers need to stress with their Branch visits the need to try to recruit younger retirees.

Rules Committee Chairman Ross discussed the 13 page rules change proposal that was attached to the June 6<sup>th</sup> Agenda. Board members were able to read and digest the changes prior to the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Board Moved, Seconded and Passed the proposed changes to the rules. The next meeting of the Rules Committee will be in July. [Editors note: These rules are posted on the SIR website]

Chairman Perry of the Travel Committee reported on the status of the 2008 State Travel event to Hawaii. There is a need for each Branch to appoint a Designated Member (DM) who plans to participate in the 2008 Cruise to Hawaii. (Only 69 have complied, so far) He also stated that many Branch Travel Chairmen are not complying with the Travel form submission processes. There will be a State Travel Committee meeting July 12, 2006.

Regional III Director Bill Lewis reported that the Training Committee is preparing for the October Area Governor Training session to be held at The Vallejo Elks Lodge on October 26, 2006.

Co Chairman Thomason stated that reference to insurance in the Branch Leadership Guide needs to be updated for the 2006 edition. The SIR money spent on the liability insurance policy with Morris & Garritano Insurance, effective 3/1/2006 to 3/1/2007, is currently based on the number of members in SIR. There will be no need to increase the quarterly Branch per member assessment. The Board agreed that there was no need to require SIR caterers to have written liability insurance verification.

President Curley asked the ten Regional Directors to comment on their regions. The Regional Directors each presented ideas and perspectives about their regions. The consensus seemed to be that stimulating activities plus younger involved members equaled a successful branch. An Area speaker bureau with an evaluation system, Branch to Branch exchanges of travel options, wife/lady friend picnic-party activities and a stimulating bulletin were found in healthy Areas and Branches.

Chairman Lippincott, in charge of Supplies/ Hardware, was unable to attend the meeting but sent the following the information that the new form 21 dated April 11, 2006 is to be used when ordering supplies or hardware. Old forms will be returned. Read the directions on the new form... Copies of the new form 21 were distributed by Nathaniel Lord to Board members and others interested.

Chairman Streckfus of the RV committee was unable to attend the meeting but sent this report, "The State Sirs RV Committee reports Progress at this time."

Oakland As Baseball SIR Day was attended by over 300 SIR members as reported by Nathaniel Lord. Secretary Short reported for Jim Wyatt that Giant tickets for the June 21<sup>st</sup> game are not available from Jim Wyatt after June 12<sup>th</sup>. River Cats tickets for June 28<sup>th</sup> are still available at this time stated Jim Donovan..

There being no Unfinished Business or New Business, the meeting was adjourned by President Curley at 1:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



William T. Short, SIR State Secretary