



November 24, 2006

Minutes of the SIR State Meeting
Of Sons In Retirement
Vallejo Elks Lodge
November 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Curley at 9:30 A.M. Present were all of the SIR State Board. Also present were Past Presidents Mel Augustine, Jim Wyatt, Jim Donovan and Dwight Sale. Committee Chairmen present were Tom Ross, Rules; Jim Donovan, Nominations; Dwight Sale, Information Systems; Bill Lewis, Training; Ed Willers, Historian; Bob Lippincott, Supplies & Hardware; Bob Perry, Travel; & Eldon Parr, Advisor. Ron McCall, Region II Director Elect; Warren Senegal, 2007 Rules Chairman & Howard Berkman, Assistant Treasurer Elect, 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 August 7, 2006 Annual Meeting were approved as written.

President Bob Curley welcomed all in attendance to the final SIR State meeting of 2006. He stated that our SIR State budget is positive at this time. We expect to be in a sound fiscal position by the end of the year. Our continuing problem is that we have not been able to stem the outflow of members. President Curley praised the leadership this year and thanked the State Officers and Committee leaders for their efforts. He reflected that we are beginning the year 2007 with sound leadership.

Vice President Tom Ross announced that the first SIR State meeting will be here at The Elks Lodge on January 23, 2007 with all of the Area Governors in attendance along with the State Board and invited Committee Chairmen. More information regarding the meeting format will be communicated later. He also stated that all expense forms for 2006 should be sent to him by January 15, 2007. (form 15).

Secretary Bill Short stated that for the 2007 SIR State meetings the Agenda information for each regular and the Annual meeting will be sent to all invitees by e-mail. Communications and Agenda inclusions for each meeting will be sent to 2007 President, Tom Ross. Information Systems Chairman Dwight Sale will assist in the Agenda distribution operation. This will be a saving of time and money. The Minutes of each SIR State meeting will be posted on the SIR Website as they have been the last part of this year.

Treasurer Bob Mannell reported that we are, at this time of year, under budget. He expects that expenses will be nearly the same in 2007 as they were this year. Our insurance expenses will balance out by the end of 2006 and should not increase in dollar amounts in 2007. He also

mentioned that 2006 expenses incurred by SIR State Board members and Committee Chairmen are to be reported via form 15 to the SIR Vice President by January 15, 2007.

Assistant Treasurer Mike Berry reported on the Form 28 membership count and on the form itself. The revised, January 2006, form has been quite successful. Errors by Branch Treasurers were near zero.. He praised the structure of the form. He also stated that a few Branches (9 in October) were often late in sending in their form 28s. This is not an epidemic, but should be addressed.

Rules Committee Chairman Tom Ross reported on the proposed changes to the SIR Standing Rules. After his presentation, Region 10 Director, Art Pufford, moved that the changes presented be accepted. The motion was seconded by Region 8 Director, Glen Schimelpfenig. After a brief clarification, the motion was unanimously passed. (See The Summary of Changes To The Standing Rules, attached to these Minutes).

Chairman Ross stated that there have been some adjustments in a few Branch/Area alignments. Area 11 is no longer active. Refer to the 2007 Roster for the up-to-date Area organization of the affected branches.

The Chairman of the State Area Governor Training Committee Bill Lewis reported that all but three of the Areas were represented at the training session on October 26, 2006. Both present Area Governors and Area Governors Elect for 2007 were invited. The overall evaluation ranged from Good to Outstanding. Ten topics were critiqued, stated Training Committee member Eckert Sellinger. He mentioned that Travel Form 59 was stressed. The Governors for 2007 present were sworn in by President Curley at the meeting. A follow-up report will be made at the January 23, 2007 SIR State meeting regarding the Branch training effectiveness if requested.

Information Systems Chairman Dwight Sale stated that all of the training materials designed for Branch and Area use are on the SIR Website. They are available for downloading. The SIR Website includes, among other items, the Minutes of State meetings and periodic financial reports as well as needed SIR forms. www.sir.org

Travel Chairman Bob Perry reported that the 2008 SIR 50th Anniversary Cruise to Hawaii has over 900 SIR and SIR guest signups. An inspection of a Celebrity Cruise Line ship was made by Bob and a number of interested SIR members. Golden Gate Tours hosted the afternoon inspection. The Millennium Class ship was a regal delight...a floating palace remarked Bob. The 50th Anniversary Cruise ship will be just like the one that was toured.

Public Relations Chairman Carl Raaka commented that the best way to attract SIR members to branches is through personal contact. A number of recruiting ideas were discussed including reception/information tables at local fairs. The San Mateo County Fair was the location of a Branch One table that was quite successful in recruiting members and in informing the public about SIR and SIR activities, The SIR Public Relations Program by Carl Raaka is available for downloading on the SIR Website. (An excellent Branch resource, by the way).

Secretary, Bill Short, read informational reports sent prior to this meeting..RV..The next State RV Rally will be held April 27-30 at French Camp RV Park in Manteca... Golf...The planned SIR Goff Schedule for 2007 has been approved by the State Board with the exception of the

trip to Mexico golfing event, which did not contain information required by Rule 504.5. The final Golf Committee meeting will be in late November.

The Insurance Committee representative Bob Ingersoll was unable to attend today's meeting but communicated the fact that the insurance process for 2007 has begun. There is no problem with our insurance at this time. Members of the Insurance Committee are prepared to work with Area Governors and Branches to assist in clarification, prevention and reduction of potential insurance issues state Bob Ingersoll in his e-mail.

Past President Jim Wyatt Chairman of State Sporting Events for the Giants and Golden State Warriors, requested approval of SIR Day (baseball) at the SF Giants vs. the San Diego Padres to be held on June 27, 2007 starting at 12:35 M.M. (Ticket sales would be handled directly with the Giants). SIR Day (basketball) at the Golden State Warriors vs. Minn. Is planned for April 15, 2007 starting at 1:00 P.M. Both were approved y the State Board. Jim Wyatt was contacted by the Raiders football organization about the possible 2007 SIR Oakland Raider event. This will be discussed at the January Board meeting.

Bob Lippincott will be working on the SIR Day (baseball) with the Oakland As.

Past President Jim Donovan gave a brief report on the status of SIR Day (baseball) at the Sacramento River Cats which was not going to be classified as a "State Sporting Event". Ist Assistant Secretary, Bob Rath, made a motion that this be a "State Sporting Event". The motion was seconded by 2nd Assistant Secretary, Gary Gruber. Discussion followed. A vote was taken and the motion was defeated by a simple majority. Many Board members abstained. Another vote was taken because of the dispute in the vote count. The motion was passed by a simple majority.

SIR State Officers for 2007 were inducted by 2006 President Bob Curley followed by the induction of the ten Regional Directors.

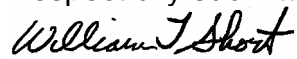
President Bob Curley presented Certificates of appreciation to the 2006 State Board members and the 2006 Committee Chairmen present. He thanked them for their time and effort during the past year. The Certificates for the Chairmen not in attendance were distributed to Regional Directors for presentation or were mailed to the recipients by Secretary Short.

Newly installed President Ross presented Awards of Appreciation to outgoing President Curley.

1st Assistant Secretary Bob Rath stated that all of the SI-100s are on file with the State of California.

There being no Unfinished Business or no New Business, President Ross adjourned the meeting at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



William T. Short, SIR State Secretary



**SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES
ADOPTED AT THE STATE BOARD MEETING ON
NOVEMBER 14, 2007**

- 1) A multitude of Rules were amended or deleted in order to implement the change to the Corporate Bylaws that was made at the Annual Meeting on August 7, 2006 to delete the 1st and 2nd State Assistant Secretary positions and create the Assistant State Secretary position that becomes effective on January 1, 2007.
- 2) Rule 2.a. was amended to include among the definitions of Sons In Retirement, Incorporated as the State Organization, the acronym of "SIRinc". This is being done to allow the use of this acronym in Rules and forms where the term "Sons In Retirement, Incorporated" is used more than once.
- 3) Article 5 – Honorary Life Membership, commencing at Rule 24, was re-titled "SIR Awards and Certificates" and was expanded to specify the various awards and certificates that are available to the Branches through the State Organization, and those Certificates that the Branch may prepare or request. Included in these various certificates and awards are the Century Sir Certificate for active members upon attaining the age of 100, the Super Senior Sir Certificate for members of age 95 and the Senior Sir Certificate for members of age 90.
- 4) Rule 38 is amended to specify:
 - a) The time in which Expense Claim Vouchers must be submitted (during the year of expenditure, or by not later than January 15 of the following year except with prior authorization).
 - b) That computer hardware, software or supplies will not be reimbursed without pre-authorization by **the State President or his designee.**
 - c) Existing subsection 38.f.3. dealing with reimbursement for printed supply is deleted and combined into subsection 38.f.2. dealing with reimbursement for copies.
 - d) The entire Rule 38 was reformatted to be more understandable and easier to reference.
 - e) Rule 38 was also amended to include a provision that Area Governors would be reimbursed for the purchase of coffee and donut holes and for meeting room rental or use fees, if a free meeting facility is not available, for meetings of Branch personnel in response to the annual Branch Officer Training Session and the Area Meetings required by Rule 895.
- 5) Rules 136 was amended to specify that Form 20 – Branch Personnel, which contains a list of "personnel" of the Branch, not "Officers", is to be submitted by the deadline even though all positions may not be filled. Additionally, it can be submitted as an email attachment.
- 6) Since SIR no longer has the Supplies and Printed Forms Committee and most forms and supplies are now contained on the SIR Website, Rule 265 was revised to reflect the correct procedures for the Branch Secretary is to obtain these forms and supplies, and Rules 266 and 267 were deleted since they are no longer necessary or correct.
- 7) Part 4 – Formation of a New Branch commencing at Rule 280 was totally revised to bring it into compliance with existing procedures for the formation of a Provisional Branch and subsequently becoming Chartered upon meeting the requirements set forth in this part of the Standing Rules. Obsolete forms were deleted and the Form 33 – Application for a Provisional Branch was revised.

SUMMARY OF RULES CHANGES ADOPTED BY
THE STATE BOARD ON NOVEMBER 14, 2006
CONTINUED

- 8) The SIR Travel Code was revised to:
 - a) Amend Rule 360.g. to specify that the Group Leader for a Travel Event means an active member of a participating Branch selected by the Branch Executive Committee of the sponsoring Branch or the State Committee. This precludes Non-SIR members from being Group Leaders.
 - b) Amend Rule 407.a to specify that the Designated Members will act as **or provide** a Group Leader for the sponsoring Branch or State Committee in connection with a travel event.
 - c) Amend Rule 370 to clarify that no member or participant in a SIR travel event is to receive or accept any personal gain from travel other than free passage or reduced fare passage unless expressly authorized by the Branch Executive Committee or the President. It also includes a new provision that no member shall present to the BEC or State Board, nor shall such member vote upon or be designated as a Designated Member or Group Leader to any travel, bowling or golfing event if the member, his wife or companion or relative has any financial interest in, or is an employee, agent or representative of an Agency that will be providing any for said travel, bowling or golfing event.
 - d) Rule 441 was amended to clarify when the State President can act upon alleged violations of the SIR Travel Code and to specify that if a violation(s) occurs the offender can be removed from office, have his membership terminated and the Branch Travel Program can be suspended if the Branch failed to properly monitor its travel program.
 - e) Rule 372, which provided for sanctions for violations of Rules 370 and 371, was deleted because it is no longer needed.
- 9) Rule 604 was amended to increase the Information Systems committee membership to five and specify that it may have subcommittees as necessary.
- 10) Adopt Rule 604.1 to specify the activities and responsibilities of the Information Systems Committee.
- 11) Rule 606 was amended to delete an ambiguous charge of the Growth and Management Committee and add that their primary responsibility is to monitor the membership numbers of SIR and to provide recommendations to the State President for increasing membership, retaining existing members, and publicizing the activities of SIR to attract new members.
- 12) Rule 768 and 768.1 were amended to include past or present Regional Directors in the list of positions that qualify to be a candidate for the Office of President or Vice President.
- 13) Rule 810 was amended to specify that the regular meetings of the State Board will be in January, June and November of each year. The month of April was deleted and June was inserted in its place to provide a more equitable balance of time between State Board Meetings.
- 14) Branch Formation Guidelines 208 – 302.4 were deleted since they are no longer needed due to the Rules revisions covering this same topic.

Prepared by Tom Ross, Chairman
State Rules Committee on 11-14-06