



BRANCH BY-LAWS

SONS IN RETIREMENT

Article 1 – General

Bylaw 1. The purpose of a Branch of Sons In Retirement, Incorporated, is to operate a public benefit organization providing for the welfare of retired men from all walks of life who are pursuing a common goal, namely, the enjoyment of their later years with dignity and pride, by assisting these senior citizens to renew former friendships and associations and affording them an opportunity to make new friends through association with other retired men who also face the particular problems that confront men upon their retirement.

Article 2 – Definitions

Bylaw 5. As used herein, the terms “Corporation” and “Corporate” refer to the State organization of Sons In Retirement, Incorporated.

Bylaw 6. As used herein, the term “Standing Rules” means rules adopted by the State Board of Directors.

Bylaw 7. As used herein, the term “Regulation” means an action by the Branch Executive Committee to govern the Branch.

Bylaw 8. The operation of a Branch and its activities shall conform to the provisions of the Standing Rules.

Bylaw 9. The Principal Office of the Branch Corporation shall be the address of the “Agent For Service Or Process” as named in the Branch articles of incorporation or subsequent biennial statements to the California Secretary of State. (New 8/4/14)

Bylaw 10. The mailing address for the Branch shall be the address of the current Branch Secretary. (New 8/4/14)

Article 3 – Membership

Bylaw 15 .Membership shall be open to men retired from full time gainful occupation, regardless of age, race, color or religion. (Revised 8/2/93)

Bylaw 16. An active member has the right to vote on all matters before the Branch membership for decision, and to hold Branch and State office.

Bylaw 17. Membership shall require no initiation fees. Authorized expenses may be defrayed through dues or voluntary contributions to defray necessary expenses of the Branch and to meet corporate assessments. (Revised 8/5/13)

Bylaw 18. To maintain his membership, a member must attend his Branch meetings as required by the Standing Rules.

Bylaw 19. The breach of any Standing Rule, Bylaw or Regulation, or refusal to conform thereto, may be cause for membership termination, expulsion or suspension.

Bylaw 20. The procedure for effecting the termination, expulsion or suspension, after due notice and opportunity to be heard, shall be as prescribed in the Standing Rules.

Article 4 – Officers

Bylaw 25. Officers of the Branch are the Big Sir, Little Sir, Branch Secretary, Assistant Branch Secretary, Branch Treasurer, Assistant Branch Treasurer, and from two to six Directors, all elected from the active membership each year to serve for the ensuing calendar year and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

Bylaw 26. A vacancy in any Branch office shall be filled by an active member selected by the members of the Branch Executive Committee.

Article 5 - Officer Responsibility

Bylaw 30. In accepting a Branch office, a member assumes responsibility to be bound by the Corporate Bylaws and Standing Rules and the Branch Bylaws and Regulations.

Article 6 – Meetings

Bylaw 35. A Branch shall hold regular monthly luncheon meetings at the time and places designated by the Big Sir with the approval of the Branch Executive Committee, as set forth in information supplied to the members of the Branch. (Rev 2/12/01 Section 5 changed to 35)

Bylaw 36. Special meetings of the officers or members may be held at the discretion of the Big Sir. Notice of special meetings shall be mailed to the members involved at least five days in advance of the date set.

Article 7 - Executive Committee

Bylaw 40. The Big Sir, Little Sir, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant

Treasurer and the Directors shall constitute the Branch Executive Committee.

Bylaw 41. The Branch Executive Committee is empowered to formulate regulations governing the procedures applicable to the Branch not otherwise provided in the Standing Rules, and not in conflict therewith.

Bylaw 42. Only members of the Branch Executive Committee may make and second motions at an Executive Committee meeting and have the right to vote on such motions.

Bylaw 43. Subject to the supervisory responsibilities of the State Board of Directors, the activities and affairs of the Branch shall be conducted and all powers shall be exercised by or under the direction of the Branch Executive Committee.

Bylaw 44. The Branch Executive Committee may delegate the management of such activities to any member or members of the Branch, or committee thereof, provided that such activities shall be exercised under the direction and be the full responsibility of the Executive Committee.

Bylaw 45. A Branch Executive Committee (BEC) quorum for its meetings shall consist of a majority of all its BEC members. (New 8/6/12)

Article 8 – Committees

Bylaw 50. The Big Sir shall appoint committee chairmen and members to conduct the administrative details and records of membership, attendance and various Branch activities, to serve at the pleasure of the Big Sir.

Article 9 - Amending the Bylaws

Bylaw 56. A proposal to amend the Branch Bylaws in any given year shall be submitted to the President through the chain of corporate communications in such reasonable time, prior to the Annual Meeting, as set forth by the President to permit its review and consideration by the appropriate committees and the State Board of Directors.

Bylaw 57. If the State Board by majority vote finds the proposed amendment to be in the best interest of the Corporation, the State Secretary he shall cause such amendment to be circulated to each voting member and chartered Branch, not less than 30 days before the Annual Meeting, a copy of the proposed amendment and notice of voting thereon at the Annual Meeting. In the event that the State Board rejects the proposed amendment and the President disagrees, the State Secretary shall cause such amendment to be circulated as above, but with the President's comments and the State Board's comments preceding. (Revised 8/7/00), (8/1/16)

Bylaw 58. The State Secretary shall include on the agenda for the Annual Meeting, proposed amendments to the Branch Bylaws. (Revised 8/1/16)

Bylaw 59. These Bylaws may be amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. (Revised 8/1/16)

Bylaw 60. Date handling instructions moved to the rule manual protocol. (Revised 8/1/16)

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Sir Dick Chimenti Big Sir
Branch 172

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Sir Robert Fisher Secretary
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