

SIR BRANCH 160 – LAKE TAHOE ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Guests and New Members

1. A prospective new member may attend one regular monthly meeting as a guest. He may then submit an application for membership if desired and be admitted as a member of SIR Branch 160, subject to a vote of the Branch Executive Committee (BEC).
2. New members must be accepted into the Branch as provided above and introduced to the membership at their first regular meeting before becoming eligible for Branch activities.

Fees and Assessments

1. Each member shall pay the established fee upon arrival at a breakfast or luncheon meeting. The fee may be reduced or waived for a member who attends without partaking in the meal.
2. Payment for attending special events may be required in advance.
3. Each member shall pay an annual assessment for State SIR operations, to be collected as determined by the BEC.
4. A member having any long term excused absence as provided below must pay the State SIR assessment.

Attendance:

1. Members are expected to attend not less than 3 regular monthly meetings in any rolling 12 month period unless excused as provided below or if unable due to health reasons. For purposes of this section, special events like the annual picnic and Christmas party are not counted as one of the 3 required meetings.
2. A member may be excused from attending a regular monthly meeting by notifying the Attendance Chairman or his designated assistant in advance. A long-term excused absence may be granted in the case of a prolonged illness, a compelling commitment such as caregiver duty, or extended temporary absence from the area (i.e. “snowbirds.”)

3. A member on long-term excused absence may not participate in Branch activities, such as golf, bowling, etc.
4. Failure to attend any regular monthly meeting without notifying the Branch as required above will count as an unexcused absence. A member who is unexcused at all regular monthly meetings for a consecutive 6 month period and who does not respond to email or phone inquiries from the Branch, or a member who fails to attend at least 3 regular monthly meetings in any 12 month period may be placed on suspension or their membership may be terminated, as determined by the BEC.
5. A member whose membership has been suspended or terminated may not participate in any Branch activities.
6. A member on long term excused absence due to illness, age, or caretaker status may request to retire his membership. Retired members are exempt from the State SIR assessment, may receive the Branch bulletin, and may attend special events such as the picnic or Christmas party.