

HELLO SIRs:

Feb. 15 2018

Last Friday, Area Governors and Regional Directors had their first SIR GotoMeeting session with State SIR President, Derek Southern. He has requested we pass on this information to all of you. This would be the Branch Officers and Directors in my Area 18 and these are Branches 46, 87, 103, 143, 144, 145 and 164.

First, I would like to thank all those Branches that have provided their Audits in a timely fashion. I am only waiting on one and I am told it is on the way.

This meeting was done on the Internet and did not require travel. I believe there was about a 50% participation of AG and RD's. President Southern covered the Minutes of the January 19 STATE Board Meeting and if you wish to review these minutes, here is the link and you can download and read or print

them: http://www.sirinc.org/MemInfo/statemeetings/MinutesStateBoard_20180119_20180129.pdf

The following points are provided for your information and also may require some action on your part.

1. **BIG SIRs.** Mark your calendars for March 26. There will be a meeting of all BIG SIRs on March 26 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Rosemore in Walnut Creek.. I am told it is on the corner of Hwy 680 and 24. If the BIG SIR cannot attend, then the Little SIR is encouraged to attend. President Southern has called this meeting to meet with all the BIG SIRs, AG's and RD's and he will be providing more information including an Agenda shortly... Save the Date....March 26.
2. **Officer Training Review** for 2017 and How training will be done in 2018. Overall the Training was very well done and those that attended provided positive feedback. However, the attendance was less than acceptable. To improve attendance and participation, it appears the training be done more on the Region and Area basis to reduce commute time. This is what we did two years ago and for our Area, I thought it was well done...More info to follow.
3. **Insurance Requirements..** it appears we have dropped the ball here. This requires attention of Branches, 46,87 and 143. If you do not have a cater, you still have to fill out a Form 63. If you use a Cater fill out Form 64. The link to the Forms page is <http://www.sirinc.org/sirforms/> . Print out and take the appropriate actions as provided in the form. There is a large liability risk on this issue and requires your prompt attention.. Please send this to Craig Hoffhines at cfines@att.net... If you have questions, call him at 916-624-0113.
4. **Double check your Forms.** Many are using old forms. Double check the Forms that are listed at <http://www.sirinc.org/sirforms/> and insure this is the Form you are using. Especially Forms 27 and 28. Also, remember we are **now Region 2 and Area 18..**
5. **If you change your email address,** please have your Secretary update Form 20. This requires only your Information on the update.. The State repeatedly hears the Branch Officers are not receiving the required information and notices and in most cases it is because emails addresses are changed but no one is told.

6. **Branch News Letters.** Both President Derek Southern and Vice President have requested to receive your Branch Newsletter so please include them in your email Distribution list. These addresses are: derek.southern@gmail.com and ebensonbwa@aol.com
7. **Annual Meeting.** August 6-8 at Thunder Valley.. This will be for Branch BIG and Little SIRs and their spouses. There will much more information to come. This looks like it should be very informative and fun!!

I have probably missed something very important... I urge you to download the Minutes of the January 19th Board Meeting and review them. My recap is a Readers Digest version of about 2 ½ hours.

Keep up the good work and have fun!!!

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