



Region 7 Review

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Quotes for the New Year

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better man.
~Benjamin Franklin

Year's end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on, with all the wisdom that experience can instill in us. ~Hal Borland

Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right.
~Oprah Winfrey

Director's Notes

Happy Holidays to all Region 7 Presidents and Chapter Representatives!!

Remember, our December 16 Region 7 Board meeting is a joint meeting of the old chapter boards and the newly elected ones. In addition to cleaning up some old business, we have to organize for the coming two years.

Attached is an updated draft of the Region 7 Standing Rules originally handed out in September. Changes and/or additions are in **RED*******. Please review and be prepared to vote on them. Our Region is the only region in IPSSA that does not have their Standing Rules on file. I am trying to correct that!!

If you have additional changes or comments, please get them to me prior to the meeting.

Chuck Gough
Region 7 B.O.R.D.
Representative

Calendar of Events

- **R7 Board Meeting**, Wed., Dec. 16 (a week early), 7:00 p.m., SCP Conference Room (858-467-9495), 5648 Copley Dr., San Diego.
- **20th Annual R7 Table Top Show**, Sat., Jan. 23, Four Point Sheraton, 8110 Aero Dr., San Diego, CA 92123. www.region7tabletop.com
- **Pentair Training – Launch Pad**, Tues., Feb. 2 and Wed., Feb. 3, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Courtyard by Marriott Mission Valley (619-291-5720), 595 Hotel Circle South, San Diego, CA 92108. Reservations required. www.pentairtraining.com
- **B.O.R.D.**, Feb. 5, B.O.R.D./annual meeting, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. www.ipssa.com.
- **IPSSA Annual Leadership Seminar, Leadership Banquet**, Sat., Feb. 6, Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, Newport Beach, CA. www.ipssa.com.
- **Western Pool and Spa Show**, Feb. 25-27, Long Beach Convention Center, Long Beach, CA. www.westernshow.com.

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IPSSA REGION 7 REGIONAL STANDING RULES

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ARTICLE I – PURPOSE

1. The purpose of the Region 7 Board shall be to:
 - a) Administer the business of Region 7 and provide oversight to its independent committees
 - b) To inform the Region 7 chapters of the activities of the IPSSA B.O.R.D.
 - c) To develop standards of quality and improve professionalism within the region
 - d) To provide a quarterly forum to exchange ideas, improve education and generate a spirit of fellowship among chapters/members
 - e) To submit recommendations and chapter concerns to the IPSSA B.O.R.D.
 - f) To hear appeals that come forward from the chapters
 - g) Elect a Region 7 representative to the IPSSA B.O.R.D
 - h) Elect a Secretary and a Treasurer although the job may be combined into a Secretary/Treasurer position *****

ARTICLE II – GOVERNANCE

1. Meetings shall be run using modified Robert's Rules of Order
2. The administrative & fiscal year shall run from January 1 to December 31.
3. The Regional Director shall submit an annual budget at the March meeting.
4. For purposes of a legal vote, a quorum shall be considered to be 5 of the 7 chapters.
5. The chair (Regional Director) shall not have a vote or be considered in the quorum count. *****
6. No expenditures shall be made from the Region Board account, or the Emergency Account without prior approval of the board in either a scheduled or special meeting

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

1. Meetings shall be held quarterly, a minimum of four(4) weeks prior to an IPSSA B.O.R.D. meeting
2. Chapters shall not schedule events to conflict with Region 7 meetings
Region 7 meetings are scheduled for the months of March, June, September and December close to the 24th of the month, with the exception of December when it is held one week earlier
3. All chapter presidents will be informed of region meetings not less than 30 days prior to the Region Meeting
4. All agenda items shall be submitted to the Regional Director at least two weeks prior to the scheduled Region Meeting
5. Each chapter shall have a minimum of **two** representatives at each Region meeting, preferably the president and a designate. Each chapter shall have one vote
6. Chapters not represented at two consecutive Region meetings may be subject to expulsion at the discretion of the board
7. Chapters may be excused (for exceptional circumstances) from Region meeting attendance at the discretion of the board
8. Special meetings may be called by the Regional Representative to handle issues requiring urgent action prior to the next regularly scheduled Region Meeting Notice must be given by e-mail and telephone at least 48 hours prior to the meeting Meeting may be face to face or by teleconference Votes may be taken by teleconferencing, confirmed by e-mail.

ARTICLE IV ELECTION OF B.O.R.D. REPRESENTATIVE

1. Nominations for B.O.R.D. representative shall be made at the 2nd (June) Regional Meeting in odd numbered years
2. The B.O.R.D. Representative nominees shall be a past chapter president or prior Regional Representative and may not serve concurrently as president and Regional Representative
3. The B.O.R.D. Representative shall be elected by the Regional Board, not the chapters at the 3rd (September) Regional Meeting)
4. B.O.R.D. Representative elected by a simple majority of the quorum present at the election meeting
5. If multiple nominees, and no majority is reached on the 1st ballot; the low man is out and a 2nd ballot is taken, continue until one nominee receives a majority

ARTICLE V REMOVAL OF THE B.O.R.D. REPRESENTATIVE

1. Removal of the B.O.R.D Representative may take place at a regularly scheduled Region Meeting or at a special meeting called by the Secretary. The removal must be an announced agenda item. All presidents must be given a minimum two week notice of any special meeting for this purpose
2. Removal of the B.O.R.D. representative shall be by a simple majority of the quorum present
3. If the B.O.R.D. representative should resign or be recalled as outlined by this Article then a replacement shall be elected from among the board members present at the meeting in which the action takes place, subject to Article IV, paragraph 2. *****

ARTICLE VI ELECTION OF REGIONAL OFFICERS

1. Regional officers in addition to the Region Representative are: a Secretary and a Treasurer
2. The election of the Secretary and the Treasurer shall be held at the 1st meeting of the new Regional Board at the 4th Regional Meeting (December) of an odd numbered year
3. The Regional Representative, Secretary, and Treasure shall not be from the same chapter

ARTICLE VII – DUES

1. The Region Treasury shall be funded by chapter dues in the amount set by the sitting Region Board (currently \$1.00 per member per month) The census supplied by The IPSSA Financial Office shall be the source of the head count
2. Dues shall be billed quarterly in advance by the treasurer or a designate approved by the Region Board
3. Independent committees shall be responsible for their budgets and funding

ARTICLE VIII – FINES

1. Missed Scheduled meetings:
 - a) Any chapter not having at least one representative at a Regional meeting shall be fined \$250.00
 - b) Any chapter missing two consecutive Regional meetings may be subject to expulsion. Decision to expel by a majority of the quorum present at a Regional meeting in which expulsion is on the agenda
2. Missed Special meetings:
 - a) Any chapter not responding to a special meeting (face to face or teleconference) shall be fined \$250.00
 - b) Special meeting notices will be by e-mail and telephone
 - c) The issue of a teleconference will be resolved by a voice vote confirmed by an e-mail.
3. Missed representation at the annual leadership seminar in February shall be fined \$250.00 in accordance with IPSSA Policies and Procedures (Pg10). In addition a minimum of one representative from each chapter shall attend in off years. *****