

ELECTION ALERT!

The Elections Committee is pleased to set out some information about the Absentee Ballots. The Absentee Ballot gives every club an opportunity and privilege to vote for the elective officers and nominating committee.

The Sierra Pacific Region bylaws state under ARTICLE V – ELECTION AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS Section E. Elections . . .

3. Election of officers shall be by preferential ballot.
4. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for election. If any ballot does not show a majority, the candidate having the fewest number of votes shall be dropped from the ballot and re-balloting continued until a candidate receives a majority vote.
5. **Absentee Ballots.** Any member club in good standing not represented at the region conference by a delegate or alternate may submit one (1) absentee ballot for the election of officers and nominating committee. (See standing rules #12 below.)

Whether your club will be able to attend the wonderful conference being planned by your fellow members, clubs are urged to honor region with your completed absentee ballot.

The Standing Rule #12 states:

- a) An absentee ballot together with the list of candidates and qualifications shall be mailed to each club in good standing by the elections committee.
- b) The absentee ballot shall be returned to the elections committee chairman no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the annual conference.
- c) If, after submitting an absentee ballot, but before the opening of the polls, a club is represented at conference by a delegate or alternate, the absentee ballot shall be destroyed by the elections committee and the delegate or alternate attending conference shall be allowed to cast a ballot.

Week of April 13 - Absentee Ballot package will be mailed to each Sierra Pacific Region Club Presidents as shown in the 2007-2008 Region Roster.

Thank you fellow members for taking part in this honored process – elections. Look forward to seeing you all at the Region Conference!!!!

Election Committee
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