



SOROPTIMIST

Best for Women

STANDING RULES

1. The voting body of the Conference shall be the Northeastern Region Board, the Presidents, the duly accredited Delegates or their alternates.
2. The Official Program and the Agenda shall be the order of the day,
3. All voting delegates must be seated in a designated section of the Conference Hall promptly at the opening of each session.
4. Those Delegates not answering the Roll Call at the beginning of each session, if tardy, shall be detained by the Credential Committee until duly recognized and recorded as voting Delegates for that particular session.
5. On a discussion a member shall rise, be recognized, address the Chair, and state her name and Club clearly.
6. A voting Delegate shall take precedence over an attending member in being recognized.
7. The first Delegate to rise shall be recognized, providing she has not already spoken on the question.
8. A voting Delegate may speak twice only on the same question for two minutes at a time.
9. A Soroptimist who is not a voting Delegate may speak once only on a question, for not more than two minutes.
10. All substantive motions shall be submitted in writing to the Chair on the prescribed form.
11. A voting Delegate may not leave the Conference session when there is a motion on the floor unless given permission by the Chair.

Northeastern Region Spring Conference 2005

The following Bylaw changes are put forth for your consideration and vote. Copy of bylaws approved April, 2003 can be downloaded from website. Please bring a copy with you to conference.

1. Article XII Section 3: New Member Region Dues:

New member region dues are payable upon admission to membership and the submission of Form 5008. A new member fee, from January 1 to June 30 shall be \$7.00 payable on admission to membership and submission of Form 5008. The region service project assessment, will not be prorated, and shall be paid at this time.

Will Read:

Article XII Section 3: New Member Region Dues:

New member region dues shall be \$14.00 payable upon admission to membership and the submission of Form 5008. New member region dues from January 1 to June 30 shall be \$7.00 payable on admission to membership and submission of Form 5008. The region service project assessment shall not be paid after December 31.

Rational: Dues for new members admitted after December 31 will be lower and will be more attractive to perspective members.

Financial Impact: \$7.00 less collected from each new member after December.

Recommended by the Board

2. Article III Section 1. Elected Officers:

Elected Officers of this region shall be the Governor, Governor Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and two board members elected at large.

Will read:

Elected Officers of this region shall be the Governor, Governor Elect, Secretary, Treasurer and *two directors*.

Article III Section 5(e)

Strike out "Members at large" and insert directors

Will read:

Directors: *Directors* shall be members of the public relations committee and shall assist the conference chair in the planning of the region conference when necessary, and shall have such duties and powers as arise from membership on the region board or as assigned by the Governor, Region Board, Region Conference or Federation.

Financial Impact: None

Recommended by the Region Board as suggested by Federation Director.

Change proposed for Money Allocated in Budget for Youth Forum:

Money allocated for Youth Forum may be used for a project to benefit young girls. Any Club with a special project wishing to use Youth Forum Money may submit an application by September 1, 2005. The Region Board will review all applications and distribute the money before November 30, 2005.

Impact: None. These dollars have been allocated but unused for several years.

Recommended by the Region Board