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SECTION 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the California State Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles.

SECTION 1.2 Pursuant to the authority granted by Section 35, Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles and for the purpose of securing a more efficient organization of, and strengthening the bond of fraternity between the several Local Aeries and their Membership within the State of California, under the Charter granted by the Grand Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, in 1905, the California State Aerie hereby enacts and adopts these By-Laws for the government of its affairs and repeals any and all other Constitutions and / or By-Laws, if any, heretofore adopted.

COMPOSITION - MEMBERSHIP - VOTING

SECTION 2.1 California State Aerie shall be composed of the legally qualified and registered delegates in attendance from the Member Local Aeries apportioned as hereinafter provided, the legally qualified and serving officers of the State Aerie, Past State Presidents, and such Past Worthy Presidents and Ten Year Secretaries of Member Local Aeries as are registered and in attendance. Only the aforementioned and such accredited representatives, as are commissioned by the Grand Aerie, shall attend the sessions of the State Aerie.

SECTION 2.2 Each Local Aerie in California holding a Charter from the Grand Aerie shall become a member of the State Aerie and shall pay such Per Capita Tax, assessments and charges and file such reports as hereinafter provided. Any Local Aerie delinquent in paying such Per Capita Tax, assessments and charges shall not be entitled to send delegates to and be represented in the State Aerie.

SECTION 2.2.1 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in these By-Laws of the California State Aerie, any Aerie in the State Aerie jurisdiction which is delinquent in payment of the Grand Aerie Per Capita Tax shall not be entitled to send delegates or to be represented in the State Aerie.

SECTION 2.3 Delegates and alternates may, after due notice to the members, be elected, or, if any Local Aerie so determines, be appointed by its Worthy President, not later than 30 days prior to the Annual Convention. The then serving Secretary and Worthy President - elect ( for the ensuing term ) of such Local Aerie may each be one of its delegates. Alternates may be sent only in place of delegates who cannot qualify or attend. The secretary of each Member Local Aerie shall certify to the State Secretary, not later than 20 days preceding the Annual Convention, the names of all delegates and alternates being sent by such Member Local Aerie and the number of Aerie votes each delegate or alternate is authorized to cast. In compiling the list of delegates from the Aerie, all Past Worthy Presidents in good standing of such Member Local Aerie shall be listed, in addition to the delegates representing the Aerie.

SECTION 2.4 No individual shall be eligible to vote or sit in deliberation of the California State Aerie unless he is a member in good standing in his Local Aerie.
SECTION 2.5 Each Member Local Aerie which filed its required reports and paid its Per Capita Tax in full and which is otherwise qualified by the laws of the Grand and State Aerie shall be entitled to one vote for each fifty (50) members or major fraction thereof on its rolls as of the first day of December immediately preceding the convention of the State Aerie, provided that no Local Aerie shall have less than one vote, and the maximum number of votes of any one delegate may cast for his Aerie at the State Convention shall be five (5), provided, however, that no Local Aerie shall send more than fifty (50) delegates to cast its vote at any convention. Local Aeries may confer upon their delegates the power to cast for them not less than one whole vote no more than five (5) whole votes per delegate. Fractional votes shall not be cast nor conferred upon delegates by their Local Aeries. Each Past State President, each elected Officer of the State Aerie, each Past Worthy President of a Local Aerie, and each 10-year Secretary of the member Local Aerie, qualified as such by the Grand Aerie shall be entitled to cast one vote in each said capacities in any other representative capacity. Provided, however, that said Past Presidents and Officers must be in good Standing in their Local Aeries.

SECTION 2.5A All Aeries instituted during the fiscal period December 1 thru May 31, immediately preceding the dates of the California State Aerie Convention not requiring Per Capita Tax being paid, shall have their Junior Past Worthy President and all duly accredited Delegates recognized, and given certification by the Secretary of the California State Aerie, and given the right to vote at the Convention.

SECTION 2.6 The presence of a sufficient number of registered representatives legally eligible and authorized to cast 1/4th or more of the total legally authorized and registered votes shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 2.7 All voting, except for the election of officers and on roll call, shall be by the regular voting sign of the Order. A majority of the legally authorized votes present and voting shall prevail. Election of Officers shall be by secret printed ballot and plurality of the legally qualified votes legally cast for each office shall elect.

SECTION 2.8 A roll call vote can be had upon any question, except the election of Officers, upon request of such number of accredited delegates as the rules of convention shall provide. Upon a roll call vote a majority of the accredited delegates present and voting shall prevail.

SECTION 2.9 Ballots shall not be prepared or marked in any way that the voter thereof can be identified.

SECTION 2.10 If, on any question demanding a vote by roll call, same shall be had, providing 15 percent of the accredited delegates present (as shown by the report of Credential Committee) demand roll call. Any member may demand roll call on any question, but such demand must be made before result is announced.

PER CAPITA TAX

SECTION 3.1 Each Member Local Aerie affiliated with the California State Aerie shall pay a Per Capita Tax of not less than $3.00 per year per member, (not including dual members) which will be paid in 2 equal installments of $1.50 per member semi-annually, December 1st and June 1st, and not later than 30 days after each of the two dates, the same to be paid from the Benefit Fund. This increase to start on June 1, 2010 installment.
SECTION 3.1A From said Per Capita Tax $.10 per member shall be deposited to the Convention Corporation Fund.

SECTION 3.2 Any temporary or permanent increase in Per Capita Tax must be authorized by a change of the State Aerie By-Laws adopted by a two thirds majority of the legally authorized votes present, and voting thereon in convention.

MEETING TIME AND PLACE

SECTION 4.1 The State Aerie shall hold annual conventions, the last week of the month of June. Places of which shall be selected by the delegates of the several Aeries assembled at the California State Aerie Convention in each year, at least three years in advance thereof. Bids of each proposed host Aerie must be submitted so as to be received by the Executive Board and Convention Committee at least 180 days prior to the convening date of the annual convention at which same are to be considered. The Executive Board and the Convention Committee are empowered to have an investigation made of the bids of each proposed host Aerie and the facilities available at any time 180 days prior to the State Convention. Within said period of 180 days, the Executive Board and Convention Committee shall fully consider all bids submitted within the state of California and report to the Annual Convention its recommendations as to the selection of site for the Annual Convention three years hence.

SECTION 4.2 In the event that the convention city so selected declines to act as such convention city, or in the event the Executive Board of the Convention Committee finds it impossible to negotiate successfully, the Executive Board and Convention Committee are empowered to make a choice of the city.

SECTION 4.3 Not later than six (6) months after the selection of the city, the Executive Board and Convention Committee shall firm up the city so selected by getting a firm contract.

OFFICERS

SECTION 5.1 The Officers of the State Aerie shall be the Junior Past President, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Conductor, Inside Guard, Outside Guard, and four (4) Trustees, each of whom shall be a member in good standing in the Order. The Junior Past President shall automatically become the Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

SECTION 5.1A The Executive Board of the California State Aerie shall be, all of the serving State Officers of the State Aerie and all of the Past State Presidents of the State Aerie. A quorum for purpose of meeting shall be seven (7) current State Officers.

SECTION 5.1B The Officer and Committeemen usually and customarily handling funds and property of the State Aerie shall each give bond with a Surety approved by the State Trustees in such amounts as the Trustees shall, from time to time, prescribe. The premium shall be paid by the State Aerie.

SECTION 5.2 All Officers except the Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustees shall be nominated and elected at the annual convention for a term of one year. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected for two (2) years and their election shall be in alternate years. There shall be four (4) elected Trustees, two of whom shall be elected each year for a term of two (2) years. The Junior Past State President shall be a Trustee and Chairman of the Board by virtue of his office.
SECTION 5.3 A Trustee, after serving two years, may, after dropping out for two (2) years, be re-elected Trustee for Two additional years. No member of any Local Aerie shall be eligible to be elected Trustee of the State Aerie when another member of his Local Aerie holds any elective State Aerie Office other than Secretary or Treasurer.

SECTION 5.4 No member of a Local Aerie shall be eligible to be elected to any other State Office, other than Secretary or Treasurer, when another member of his Local Aerie holds any elective State Aerie Office.

SECTION 5.5 No person other than a Past Worthy President or Ten Year Secretary of a Local Aerie affiliated with the California State Aerie shall be eligible to hold office in the State Aerie. He must be a member in good standing in his Local Aerie, and must not at anytime have been removed from office therein by judgment of a trial tribunal within the State of California in accordance with the laws of the Order; provided, however, that he may be restored to eligibility to be nominated for and to hold office in the State Aerie by written consent of the State President and a majority of the Board of Trustees of the State Aerie.

SECTION 5.7 No person shall be eligible to hold office as State President, State Vice President, State Chaplain, State Trustee, State Treasurer, or State Secretary unless at time of installation he is at least 21 years of age.

SECTION 5.7A No person shall be eligible to hold office as State President unless he has previously served a full term as an elected State Trustee, State Secretary, or State Treasurer.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS

SECTION 5.8 All candidates for elective office in the California State Aerie shall be nominated from the floor of the Annual Convention.

SECTION 5.9 No person shall be placed in nomination for any office unless he is in good standing and shall be present at the time the nomination is made, or if unable to be present at the time the nomination is made, has given his written consent to have his name placed in nomination for such office.

SECTION 5.10 No person shall be placed in nomination from the floor unless his nomination is approved by his home Aerie, or any Aerie in which he holds a dual membership. Such approval shall be expressed by resolution filed with the State Aerie Secretary, the original and one (1) copy, and postmarked not less than thirty (30) days prior to the opening of the State Aerie Convention at which his name is to be presented. However if it appears to the State Aerie President that no person has been proposed for a particular office, then the State Aerie President shall announce that nominations may be made from the floor for that particular office.

(This Section Amended at the 2010 Convention)
DUTIES OF STATE OFFICERS

SECTION 6.1 The State President shall preside at all meetings of the State Aerie, appoint committees and a Legal Advisor, and sign voucher checks drawn upon the State Treasury, and perform such other duties as may be required of him by the State Aerie. He shall, with the advice of the Legal Advisor, render all decisions interpreting the State By-Laws, and his decision shall be final unless reversed by the State Aerie, or the Grand Tribunal. He shall, whenever he deems the same necessary, call a meeting of the Trustees; he may, with the concurrence of the Secretary, appoint such Deputy State Presidents as in his judgment may be necessary to the welfare of the member Local Aeries, and define their duties. All such appointments shall be subject to cancellation and revocation at will, and no Deputy so appointed shall have any power other than that defined by the State President and State Secretary. The State President shall, during his term of office, officially visit as many Aeries as possible in the State of California, and finances first being available.

SECTION 6.2 The Vice President shall, in the absence or disability of the State President, perform all the duties of the State President.

SECTION 6.3 The Secretary shall act as Secretary for the Trustees and maintain a record of their proceedings. He shall maintain a record of all proceedings of the State Aerie, shall collect all monies due the State Aerie and shall pay into the General Fund, Membership Fund, and the Corporation Fund for deposit by the State Treasurer at least once each month with an itemized statement thereof, and shall maintain a true and correct amount of all monies received and disbursed. He shall, under the supervision of the President and Treasurer, initiate all disbursements, and the payments of all expenditures of and from the designated State Aerie Funds. At each session of the State Aerie and whenever required to do so by the President, he shall deliver to the Auditing Committee of the State Aerie all of his books and records for examination and audit each year. He shall at each session of the State Aerie deliver to the State President a duplicate report covering the cash balance of all funds of the preceding State Convention, and the amounts received by him from all sources and the sums paid for all purposes. He shall deliver to his successor in office all books, papers, blanks, records, money and other property of the State Aerie in his Possession. As soon as practical after the adjournment of each State Session, the Secretary shall compile a brief report and include therein so much of the record of the proceedings of the session, to be printed or mimeographed as shall be directed by the Executive Board and shall deliver two (2) copies thereof to the Grand Worthy President and copies to the Secretary of each member Local Aerie. He shall require all expense vouchers to be itemized.

SECTION 6.3A The Secretary, under the direction of the State President shall arrange official visitations of the State Officers and Membership Committeemen (or Membership Directors).

SECTION 6.3B The Secretary may, subject to prior approval of the State President, hire a stenographer-clerk to be paid by the State Aerie in an annual amount not to exceed that set forth in Section 10.3 of the By-Laws.

SECTION 6.3C The Secretary shall obtain bonding of all State Officers and Committeemen handling money.

SECTION 6.3D The Secretary shall notify the Board of Trustees whenever expenditures are likely to exceed the amounts allotted by the budget. The Secretary shall not disburse additional funds exceeding the budget without written authorization of the Board of Trustees. Every authorization in excess of the budget shall be included in the Trustees Annual Report submitted by the State Aerie Board of Trustees.
SECTION 6.4 The Treasurer shall be custodian of all bonds and securities belonging to the State Aerie, receive all monies from the Secretary and receipt to him thereof. He shall deposit the same in a good and responsible bank in the State of California approved by the Board of Trustees. He shall countersign all checks for legal expenditures of the State Aerie after the same have been authorized and signed by the Secretary and President. He shall maintain an account of all checks that have cleared the bank and such as have not been presented for payment. He shall annually present to the President a report in duplicate showing a detailed statement of his accounts. He shall deliver within 30 days to his successor in office all books, papers, records, monies and other property of the State Aerie in his possession under the penalty of bond.

SECTION 6.5 The Conductor shall be responsible for the safekeeping of all paraphernalia of the State Aerie during the annual sessions but the State Secretary shall be the custodian thereof when the State Aerie is not in session. The Conductor shall perform all duties prescribed by the Ritual and other duties as he may be directed to perform by the State President when the State Aerie is in session.

SECTION 6.6 The Chaplain and the Inside and Outside Guards shall perform such services at the State Aerie sessions as are required of them by the Ritual governing proceedings of the State Aerie sessions as provided by the Grand Aerie.

SECTION 6.7 The Trustees, when the State Aerie is not in session, shall act upon such matters as may be referred to them by the State Aerie and the majority rule shall prevail. They shall also examine and inquire into the sufficiency of all official bonds. In all matters of expenditure of monies of the State Aerie in which the matters of bids or awarding contracts is deemed by them to be advisable, and that may be required so to be done by the State Aerie, they shall require and conduct the demand for bids, the opening of the same, and award contracts, but no such contract shall extend any time beyond the current fiscal year and every action in this regard shall be subject to review by the State Aerie. Between annual State Aerie sessions, the Trustees shall meet upon call of the State President or when in the judgment of a majority of the Trustees said meetings are necessary to keep the general welfare of the State Aerie, but in no instance shall more than one meeting be held in any one month. They shall keep an inventory of all furniture and equipment of the State Aerie held by them or any other office and report the same annually in writing to the State Convention. The Junior Past President shall serve as Chairman of the Board of Trustees. He shall preside at all regular and special meetings of the Board of Trustees and in his absence or inability to serve as chairman, one of the other members of the Board shall act in his place. The serving State President and State Secretary may attend all of the meetings of the Board of Trustees but shall not be entitled to a vote thereat.

SECTION 6.7A All State Aerie accounts shall have four (4) available signatures; State President, State Secretary, State Treasurer, and State Vice President as an alternate if required, and that three (3) signatures be required on all funds.

SECTION 6.7B Except as otherwise provided by the laws of the Order, should a vacancy occur in any State Aerie office other than President or Trustee by reason of death, removal from office, removal from State or resignation, the Executive Board shall elect a successor to each to fill the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy occurring in the office of Trustee, then the President shall name a member to fill the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of President, the Vice President shall succeed to and fill the office of President for the unexpired term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of State Vice President, the State Executive Board shall elect a successor to fill the unexpired term. Should the Vice President, choose not to step into position of President, the State Executive Board shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term of the State President.
SECTION 6.7C The State Aerie Executive Board duties shall be to vote on all grant request of $5,000.00 or more and to vote on any matters pertaining to the State Aerie that is not defined under the duties of the President, or the Secretary, or the Board of Trustees. The State President shall be the Chairman of the Executive Board.

SECTION 6.7D The Executive Board shall annually in December, by mail, vote for a State nominee for Grand Aerie Office. The nominee will be selected from those Brothers whose names have been submitted by proper resolution from their own Local Aerie. Provided that if a nominee is unable to serve due to death or disability, a nominee may be selected by the delegates at State Convention.

SECTION 6.7E The Past State Presidents, annually shall vote to select an Eagle, to be recommended to the Grand Worthy President Elect, for the office of Western Regional President, from the State of California.

SECTION 6.9 No Officer of the State Aerie shall have the power or authority to demand or require the resignation of any alleged offending officer or member of the State aerie, unless said alleged offending officer or member has been convicted by a duly constituted trial tribunal within the State of California.

COMMITTEES

SECTION 7.1 Annually the State President shall appoint the following Committees and announce the appointments on the 1st day of the Annual Convention.

(a) Credentials Committee, not more than five (5) members.
(b) Judiciary Committee, shall consist of seven (7) members
(c) Ritual Competition Committee, as many as needed.
(d) Resolutions Committee, not more than five (5) members
(e) Auditing Committee, not more than five (5) members.
(f) Budget and Finance Committee, not less than five (5) members.
(g) State of the Order Committee, not more than five (5) members, to be filled to the fullest extent possible by Past State Presidents and if not enough are available, then from among the Past Worthy Presidents.
(h) Publicity Committee, as many as may be needed.
(i) Election Committee, appointed by the State President prior to the ensuing convention, their duty to count the ballots for the election of State Aerie Officers nominated for the ensuing year.
(j) State Bowling Tournament Chairman
(k) State Golf Tournament Chairman
(l) State Catastrophe Fund Committee, shall consist of three (3) members, State Chaplain, State Secretary, and State Chairman appointed by the State President.

All committees appointed by the President, if functioning on an all year around basis be selected from among Past Worthy President of Local Aeries or Past District Chairman affiliated with the State Aerie and if for the duration of the convention only or other temporary basis, may be selected from among duly accredited delegates or said Past Worthy Presidents. Subject thereto he shall also, from time to time, appoint such other committees, as the State Aerie while in session, or the Executive Board thereof in the interim between sessions, shall create and direct.
SECTION 7.2 Credentials Committee: The Credentials Committee shall meet in convention city at least one (1) day before the opening of the State Aerie Convention and be ready to report upon the convention thereof. It shall examine the receipts and credentials of the accredited representatives of Local Aeries to the State Aerie and of Past Worthy Presidents of the same. All questions relative to the right of delegates and Past Worthy Presidents to sit in the State Aerie sessions shall be referred to said committee. It shall also render a report on credentials to the State Aerie.

SECTION 7.3 Judiciary Committee: Immediately following the opening of the first session of the annual convention of the State Aerie, the committee on Judiciary shall recommend to the State Aerie, for adoption, a set of rules to be known as “The Rules of The Convention” and an order of business which, if adopted, shall be followed and govern the convention. All proposed amendments to the By-Laws and such portions of reports of officers and committees of the State Aerie containing suggestions which, if adopted, would necessitate a change in the By-Laws of the State Aerie, shall be referred to the committee on Judiciary, and such committee shall report to the State Aerie such action thereon as it may deem advisable to the State Aerie By-Laws has been submitted in accordance with the provisions thereof.

SECTION 7.4 Ritualistic Competition Committee: The Ritualistic Competition Committee shall have charge of all competitive drills and ritualistic contest of the State Aerie session, and the exemplification of the ritual ceremonies thereat, and shall enforce the rules and regulations governing such competitions

SECTION 7.5 Resolutions Committee: All resolutions, with the exception of those initiated or considered by the State of the Order Committee or those required to be submitted to the Judiciary Committee, shall first be in writing presented or referred to and passed upon by Committee on Resolutions, which shall make its report, with its recommendations thereon, to the State Aerie in session

SECTION 7.6 Auditing Committee: The Auditing Committee, shall make a complete audit of the records of the State Secretary, State Treasurer, and the State Trustees and report thereon at the annual session. This Committee shall examine and ascertain the correctness of all bill presented to the State Aerie for payment.

SECTION 7.7 Finance Committee: The Finance Committee shall present to the convention for its consideration a budget of estimated receipts and expenditures for the ensuing fiscal year and shall, subject to the provisions of Section 10.8 and 10.9 hereof, figure the per diem and traveling expenses of the State Officers, Past State Presidents, and Chairmen of major committees designated as such by the Executive Committee, in attendance at all sessions as follows:

(a) not to exceed $50.00 per diem for three days of the convention, the per diem to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

(b) not to exceed $50.00 per diem for the day preceding the opening of the convention, when requested by the State President to attend a meeting on that day, the per diem to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

Finance Committee: cont. If the State Secretary, in the performance of his duties, is required to be at the convention site prior to the opening of the convention he shall receive per diem not to exceed $50.00 for each day preceding the opening of the convention, not to exceed two (2) days. The per diem to be fixed by the Executive Committee.

(c) Transportation at the rate of $.50 per mile from home city or city nearest home to convention city,

(d) Past State Presidents living out of the State of California will receive a maximum of $300.00 or the rate of .50 per mile whichever is less to travel to a California State Aerie Convention.
SECTION 7.8 Not withstanding the provisions of Section 7.7 above, when the Finance Committee finds that the actual receipts of the State Aerie are not sufficient to pay the traveling expenses and per diem provided therein, payments to said State Officers, Past State Presidents and Committee Chairmen shall be reduced on a pro rate basis to such amount as will not exceed the funds found by the Finance Committee to be available for that purpose; provided, however, that in no event shall payments for per diem and traveling expenses exceed the amounts provided for in Section 7.7.

SECTION 7.9 The Committee on the State of The Order: This Committee shall consider all matters presented to it by the State President or Aerie, concerning the general welfare of the State Aerie and its member Local Aeries, and shall report to the State Aerie.

SECTION 7.10 The Publicity Committee shall have charge of all publicity of the State Aerie Session and such other related duties as directed by the State President or Executive Board.

SECTION 7.11 The President may, at each convention preceding a regular session of the California Legislature, appoint a legislative committee of such number of members as he, with the concurrence of the Secretary, may deem necessary, such members to be in good standing in their respective aeries. Said committee shall hold office and serve through the next convention following adjournment of such legislative session. If a special session of the legislature is convened while said committee is not functioning, the President may appoint a similar committee to serve from the opening of such special session through the convention following the adjournment of said special session. Any such committee member shall be eligible to succeed himself. In event of a vacancy for any cause, occurring in the membership of said committee, such vacancy shall be filled by appointment by the then President for the remainder of the unexpired term. The Legislative Committee shall have the power and shall be charged with the following duties;

(a) To direct and control all matters relating to legislative action necessary to be taken before State Legislative Assemblies in connection with proposed or pending legislation that basically affect the essential internal operations of the Local Aeries, their property rights and interests and such matters as are exclusively subject to State Legislation and regulation, to the end that the rights of the Local Aeries may be safeguarded and protected.

(b) Upon the direction and with the approval of the Grand Aerie Legislative Committee or the Grand Worthy President to prepare, present or support any legislation which would promote the public welfare and social security, or other humanitarian programs and policies of the Grand Aerie.

(c) To carefully review and consider, prior to and during State Legislative sessions, all legislation that may be proposed or submitted thereto, which may in any way affect the public welfare, social security or other humanitarian programs and policies of the Grand Aerie, or that might in any way affect the property rights and interests of the member Local Aeries, and to keep said member Local Aeries and the Grand Aerie Legislative Committee fully informed thereon, and of the progress of such legislation and of the action recommended or taken by this committee as herein authorized.

(d) There may be provided to said committee adequate funds to enable it to properly carry out its herein designated duties and activities in an efficient manner.

(e) There shall be at all times be provided to said committee, in connection with performance of its duties as herein prescribed and in order to enable it to properly advise Local Aeries with respect to the legal effect of existing or proposed legislation on their property holdings, interest and activities, adequate legal advice by appointment of a State Legal Advisor.

(f) An accurate and complete report by the Legislative Committee of its activities shall be made at each session of the State Aerie, copies of which reports shall thereupon be transmitted to the Chairman of the Grand Aerie Legislative Committee.
SECTION 7.12 Past Worthy Presidents Clubs. To be known as the SIRES, of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

1. The purpose of the SIRES are:
   (a) Keep Past Worthy Presidents active.
   (b) Public relations for the Fraternal Order of Eagles.
   (c) Aid to the Youthful Blind.

2. Annually, the State President, on his installation shall appoint a liaison, a member of the SIRES.
   (a) The purpose of the liaison shall be to inform the California State Aerie and its members of the activities and accomplishments by the SIRES of the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

SECTION 7.13 California State Aerie “Dog Chain Club “. The purpose of the “Dog Chain Club” is to give recognition to outstanding Eagles who through their efforts have furthered the cause of Eagledom through dedicated work, leadership and inspiration. Annually, the recipients from previous years will select a new member for induction into the “Dog Chain Club”. The selectee cannot be from the same District as the previous year selectee. It is the responsibility of the previous years recipient to furnish a dog chain with proper identification to be presented to the new selectee at the State Convention. All members of the “Dog Chain Club” are required to wear their chains at all State and higher functions. If at any time they are found to be without their chain by a fellow “Dog Chain Club” member, the guilty member will purchase a round of cheer for all Dog Chain members present.

SECTION 7.14 California State Aerie fun club known as C.R.A.F.T. The purpose, To aid in the promotion of membership in the local aeries comprising the California State Aerie, To assist any and all member aeries of the California State Aerie in the furtherance of their fund raising activities for local and Grand Aerie approved charities, Not withstanding the above objectives, to promote and foster good and wholesome social activities among the members of this select group. Membership in C.R.A.F.T. is to be composed of individuals in good standing in an Aerie of the Fraternal Order of Eagles with in that group of Aeries constituting the California State Aerie.

SECTION 7.15 Establishment of a “Hall of Fame” for those living and deceased members of the California local Aerie who have shown exceptional devotion and dedication to the ideals of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. A selection committee consisting of the serving Junior Past State President as Chairman. The Secretary of the California State Aerie and three members appointed by the California State Aerie President. The members at large will be selected one (1) each from the North, Central and South portions of the State. Each Aerie so desiring would file an application with the State Secretary postmarked by June 1st. Applications must contain all facts vital and necessary to ensure satisfactory investigation by the committee which may also consider any member from a local aerie. The application must also contain a 5”X7” picture of the nominee. The selection Committee shall be authorized to select a maximum of four nominees per year with no more than two deceased nor more than two Past State Presidents. This program shall be cost free to the State Aerie except for the cost of plaques presented to the recipients.

SECTION 7.16 Bowling Tournament Chairman: It shall be the responsibility of The State Bowling Chairman to approve of the Local Aerie Chairman for the Aerie that will be hosting the Annual State Aerie Bowling Tournament. It will be the responsibility of the State Bowling Chairman to confirm that the Local Chairman and all Local Aerie Committee members handling funds for the tournament are bonded through the Eagles Bond Fund. All funds received from the Bowling Tournament by the Local Aerie Committee shall be deposited with the Local Aerie Secretary and earmarked as State Aerie Bowling Tournament Funds. The Local Aerie Secretary shall transfer these funds to the State Aerie Secretary immediately following the State Convention.
SECTION 7.17 Golf Tournament Chairman: The Golf Tournament Chairman shall make all arrangements for the Annual State Aerie Golf Tournament to be held in the city of the State Aerie Annual Convention. The Golf Tournament shall be held on the day preceding the day of the first session of the State Aerie Annual Convention. All funds received in connection with the State Aerie Golf Tournament shall be deposited with the Local Aerie Secretary and earmarked as State Aerie Golf Tournament Funds. The Local Aerie Secretary shall transfer these funds to the State Aerie Secretary immediately following the State Convention.

SECTION 7.18 Catastrophe Fund Committee: The Catastrophe Fund Committee shall consider requests for assistance made as a result of any disaster occurring in the State of California, and consider disbursements to Aeries and individual Eagle Members in the State of California. The actual amount of such relief funding is set at no more than $1,000.00 per household. The actual amount of such relief funding will be determined on a case-by-case basis and take into consideration available funds. Such request will be considered by the Catastrophe Fund Committee which will make recommendations for, or against, specific funding in response to those requests. Those recommendations will be approved, or denied, by the State Board of Trustees, which will also have the power to change the amount of the recommended funding.

OBSERVANCE OF RITUAL AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

SECTION 8.1 The State Aerie shall conform to the Ritual as provided by the Grand Aerie for opening the sessions of the State Aerie and shall conform to the order of business and convention rules recommended by the Judiciary Committee and adopted at the opening session each annual convention. Convention rules and an order of business must be adopted by the State Aerie at the proper time after the opening ceremonies before any business shall be conducted.

COOPERATION WITH THE MEMBERSHIP DEPARTMENT

SECTION 9.1 There is hereby created a committee to be known as the Membership Committee, which shall be charged with the duties of promoting membership activities for the purpose of assisting the Local Aeries in maintaining and increasing membership, of promoting the organization of new Aeries, of issuing a news bulletin at least monthly, and performing such other duties as may be incident thereto.

SECTION 9.2 The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman or Co-Chairman and as many Commiteemen as the State President deems necessary who shall be appointed by the State President and shall serve until the end of the State Presidents term of office unless replaced by the State President.

SECTION 9.3 The State Aerie shall at all times cooperate with the Membership Department of the Grand Aerie and under the supervision of such department and its authorized representatives, assist in carrying into effect all organization and membership activities and plans proposed by said department and designed to increase the numerical strength of the order. Expenses incident to the operation of the State Membership Committee, shall be paid from the funds, sent to the Local Department by the Grand Aerie Membership Department at the rate of $4.00 per initiation fee for new members or $4.00 for the re-enroll program, during any fiscal year from June 1, through May 31.

SECTION 9.4 The Membership Committee shall prescribe rules and regulations for the efficient administration of its duties, and arranging of meetings, and allocation of speakers and the receipt and issuance of reports.
SECTION 9.5 All monies remitted from the Grand Aerie Membership Department will be deposited in the State Aerie Membership Fund. The President, Secretary and State Membership Committee shall annually submit an estimated budget for the promotion of this committee.

DISTRICTS

SECTION 9.7 The State Aerie shall be divided into Districts and the Districts shall be the same as prescribed by the Executive Board of the State Aerie.

SECTION 9.8 The respective duties of the Officers and representative of each District shall be designated by the State Aerie Executive Board and the Districts shall function in keeping with the directions of the Executive Board of the State Aerie the Constitution and the By-laws of the State Aerie

CALIFORNIA STATE AERIE GENERAL FUND

SECTION 10.1 The State Aerie Secretary shall record all monies received from the Local Aeries for Per Capita Tax, (Section 3.1), issue a receipt therefore and the same turned over to the State Treasurer for deposit to the State Aerie General Fund. The State Secretary shall receive $5,400.00 annually, payable monthly, by warrants drawn from the State Aerie General Fund.

SECTION 10.1A The State Secretary shall maintain a Petty Cash Fund of $600.00 to be drawn equally from the General Fund and the Membership Fund for petty cash expenditures in the operation of the State Aerie Office. Expenditures from petty cash are to be reimbursed from either of these funds according to purpose of expenditure. The petty cash fund shall be banked in a special checking account. All warrant checks written against the petty cash account shall be signed by the State Secretary or State Treasurer.

SECTION 10.2 The State Treasurer shall receive all monies from the State Secretary, give a receipt and therefore deposit the same in the proper fund. He shall receive annually a salary of $600.00 and $400.00 for expenses payable quarterly from the State Aerie General Fund.

SECTION 10.3 The Stenographer-clerk shall receive $3,000.00 annually, payable monthly, from the State Aerie General Fund.

SECTION 10.4 Legal Advisor: The Office of Legal Advisor is hereby created. The Legal Advisor shall have a degree in law from an accredited Institution and shall be a member of a Local Aerie in the State and shall be appointed by the President. He shall act as advisor only, on matters pertaining to the State Aerie. He shall attend the State Aerie sessions, meetings of the Executive Board, as requested and such other committee meetings where his presence is required and shall be paid such expenses as are allowed to other officers and committee members for like attendance at said meetings or sessions. He shall receive not more than $450.00 per year, paid from the General Fund, Membership Fund, and Convention Corporation Fund, in equal amounts.

SECTION 10.5 The State Auditor shall be appointed by the State President and shall receive $450.00 per year for services rendered as in Section 7.7 by a warrant drawn on the State Aerie General Fund. Membership Fund, and the Convention Corporation Fund, in three equal amounts.
SECTION 10.6 An annual allowance shall be made to the State President and the State Secretary for their respective office expenses in such amounts as shall be fixed by the Convention approval of the budget.

SECTION 10.7 Not including the California State Aerie Convention. The officers of the California State Aerie will receive a flat rate of $100.00 (One hundred dollars) for attending meetings when called.

SECTION 10.8 The State Aerie shall not pay the expenses of any delegate representing a member Local Aerie who is authorized to cast such Aerie vote or votes; such expense may be paid by the respective member Local Aerie.

SECTION 10.9 Local Aeries may pay the expenses incurred by any officer or deputy officer of the State Aerie in the visitation of such Local Aerie, out of funds of said Local Aerie.

SECTION 10.10 Representatives to the Grand Aerie: The Junior Past State President shall represent the State Aerie as a delegate to the Grand Aerie Convention. In addition, the State Aerie may, by resolution, appoint the Secretary as a delegate and may empower the President to appoint such additional representative to the Grand Aerie Convention as the Constitution and the Statutes of the Order provide; however, that appointment of delegate in addition to the Junior Past State President shall be contingent on the ability of the State Aerie to pay the expenses of such additional delegates. Said resolution shall assign to the representative or representatives, the number of votes to be cast for a State Aerie, but not less than one whole vote. No more than the entire number of votes allotted to the State Aerie shall be allotted to any one representative, and fractional part vote shall not be allotted.

SECTION 10.11 The compensation to be paid such representative or representatives for attending the Grand Aerie session to which he or they are sent shall not exceed $50.00 per day, and shall not exceed seven days. And transportation compensation of .50 per mile to the convention and return not exceeding 2000 miles, or actual air coach fare or whichever is less.

FISCAL YEAR REPORTS RECORDS

SECTION 11.1 The fiscal year of the State Aerie shall begin on the 1st day of June of each year and end on the 31st day of May of the following year.

SECTION 11.2 The Secretary of each Local Aerie shall make a Semi-Annual Report to the State Secretary on such forms as he may prescribe, a copy of the Grand Aerie Semi-Annual Report for the State Secretary, which shall, with other required data, contain such information as will enable the computation of the Local Aeries Per Capita Tax due the State Aerie and enable the Credentials Committee to perform its duties. Failure to furnish such Semi-Annual Report on or before June 30th and December 31st of each year will subject the Local Aerie to a fine of $5.00. Any change in the office of a Local Worthy President or Secretary shall be forthwith reported by such Local Aerie to the State Aerie. Delegates will not be issued Credentials if their Local Aerie has not paid its Per Capita Tax.

SECTION 11.3 The State Secretary and Treasurer shall keep and maintain such books and reports as may be necessary to an efficient operation of the affairs of the State Aerie. Such books and records shall be in such forms as prescribed by the Board of Grand Trustees.
OFFENSES

SECTION 13.1 Any improper conduct toward or in the affairs of, or with respect to the State Aerie and any violation of these By-Laws by any member, or delegate or Local Aerie shall constitute a violation of the laws of the Order and may be tried in the same manner and may be punished to the same extent as a violation of the Statutes of the Order. If the offender is an officer or committee member of the State Aerie, he may, in addition to any other penalty imposed, be suspended or removed from his office or committee.

STATE TRIBUNAL

SECTION 14.1 Upon installation, the State President shall appoint a State Tribunal of three (3) members, all of whom shall be Past Worthy Presidents of affiliated Local Aeries and who shall serve during the State Presidents term of office. Said Tribunal shall have jurisdiction over all cases involving an offense committed against the laws of the State Aerie by members of the State Aerie and shall have power to try and decide all such cases as may come before it, and to prescribe and enforce the penalty imposed and to render any order or judgment thereon.

SECTION 14.2 The State Tribunal shall hear all appeals properly perfected and over which the State Aerie has jurisdiction, as may be presented to it by the State Aerie and report to the State Aerie its findings and recommendations thereon.

SECTION 14.3 An appeal may be taken to the State Tribunal from any decision, order or ruling of any officer of the State Aerie pertaining to any State Aerie matter at any time within thirty (30) days from the date of which notice of such decision, ruling or order is received. All such appeals shall be perfected and conducted in the same manner as appeals taken to the Grand Tribunal and shall be heard and disposed of by the State Tribunal in the same manner as the Grand Tribunal.

PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY, SEVERABILITY, AMENDMENTS

SECTION 15.1 The rules contained in Robert’s Rules of Order, revised, shall govern the State Aerie in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not in conflict with the Grand Aerie Constitution and Statutes, the By-Laws of the State Aerie and the rules of the Convention and order of business of same.

In accordance with Robert’s Rules of Order Revised Edition. The California State Secretary or the California State By-laws Committee with concurrence be authorized to correct article and section designations, punctuation, and cross reference and to make such other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary as long as such changes do not result in the change of meaning of any article.

SECTION 15.2 If any of the provisions of these By-Laws shall be found to be in conflict with the Grand Aerie Constitution and Statutes, or for any other reason invalid, the remaining provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby but shall remain in full force and effect.
SECTION 15.3 (a) Except those contained in reports of the officers or committees of the State Aerie, all resolutions or proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be in writing and shall be filed in triplicate with the State Secretary at least thirty (30) days prior to the day of which a convention session opens. The State Secretary shall cause all such resolutions and proposed amendments to be referred to the committee entitled to consider same, which said committee shall, at such session duly consider same and report thereon with its recommendations. No resolution or proposed amendment to the By-Laws, except those initiated by the Officers or Committee of the State Aerie shall be considered by the convention, unless it shall have been previously adopted by a member Local Aerie of the State Aerie.

(b) Where the session extends for two (2) days or more, no action shall be taken on any proposed amendment to the By-Laws until after the same has been read at the session; and on affirmative vote of a majority of the authorized votes present and voting thereon, shall be required to adopt any amendment; and no By-Laws or amendment thereto shall be effective unless and until, approved by the Grand Secretary.

These By-Laws and Amendments were adopted as provided in Section 35.4, Constitution and Statutes of the Fraternal Order of Eagles. This is a recent compiling of all revisions, and any and all, additions, deletions, and changes made to them up to and including the California State Aerie Convention held in Riverside, California June 25, 26, 27, 2009.

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This Addition was adopted as provided in Section 122.2, Constitution and Statutes, F.O.E. Approved by Delegates assembled at the 106th Annual State Convention held in Riverside, CA. June 25, 26, 27, 2009

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APPROVED, this 18th day of August, 2009

Grand Secretary F.O.E