

Delegates

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Directors

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Treasurers

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Secretaries

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Co-Vice Presidents

Pres: Yes, but this is their training period so someday they can take over the presidency and being able to be in this leadership position. Right now they are learning what it takes to make this club the mighty force it is in this community. They are in charge of our projects, especially our wonderful Speakers Series. Without them, our club would be lost. We really need them.

Notes to self: take Lindsay's little table as witness stand. Wig for judge. Robe for judge. Signs for chairs- judge, bailiff, President, witness stand, jury. Chairs up front for the officers to sit after installed; set up like a jury. Index cards with yes on them

Lawyer Installation

Bailiff/Prosecutor: All Rise. The court of Soroptimist International of El Cerrito club is now in session. The Honorable Linda Sue Hansen, presiding. (pause as judge sits) You may be seated. Court is in session to hear the case of Barbara Lanier who claims that she wants to be President of this club, but maintains that she can't do it alone. Tonight we will hear her explanations of how and why she desires officers and members to be part of this club.

Judge: Will Pres Barbara please take the stand? Raise your right hand and repeat after me.....I promise to tell as much of the truth that I can. Thank you, you may be seated.

Bailiff: Our judge has ruled in closed session that Pres Barbara must convince the judge that the names Pres Barbara puts forth will do the jobs and help run this club for the ensuing year.

I call the **delegates** to the stand.

Judge: raise your hand..... Do you swear to tell the truth? You may be seated.

Bailiff/Prosecutor: Judge, these women are appointed to go to the conferences. I've heard about those conferences. They shop, they sit in the bar at night, and they party until the wee hours of the morning! Judge, sounds like a free ride to me.

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Judge: Do you _____ accept the fact that the President is making you work for this club? (pause) If so, (bang the gavel) I declare you delegates. You may have a seat on the jury.

Bailiff: I now call the Directors JANE BARTKE AND CAROL DIPPEL to the stand;

Judge: raise your hand..... Do you swear to tell the truth? You may be seated.

Bailiff/Prosecutor: Judge, these women just sit at the board meetings and then they get to sit with the members. They get the best of both worlds. And they get this for a couple of terms! Snacks at the board meetings- lunch at the meetings. I rest my case.

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Judge: Directors JANE BARTKE AND CAROL DIPPEL. You have heard your president and how she is going to work you in this club. Do you accept this office? (Bang) I declare you directors. You may have a seat on the jury.

Bailiff/Prosecutor: I call Assistant Treasurer JAN DUCKART and Treasurer JANET ABELSON to the stand. Judge, I've seen these two women in action. They know where every sale is in the mall. They even have a parking space in front of Macy's with their names on it. Is Pres. Barbara telling us that we should allow these shopping happy women to be in charge of all our financials? We make big bucks on our CASINO NIGHT. Entrust it in their hands? I think not.

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Judge: You have heard how your president trusts you and how the club trusts you with their monies. Will you accept these offices? (Bang) I declare you Assistant Treasurer and Treasurer for the ensuing year. You may take a seat in the jury box. Bailiff?

Bailiff: I call Corresponding Secretary PATRICIA PLAYER and Recording Secretary GINA AGOSTINELLI to the stand.

Judge: raise your hand..... Do you swear to tell the truth? You may be seated.

Bailiff/Prosecutor: First, I have seen these women's handwriting. Ha. They need to take lessons in penmanship. They claim to be listening during meetings, but I've seen them working on their Blackberries under the table; little thumbs texting away. Judge, I have my doubts about this election!

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informative and timely. They will send notes to our missing members in times of illness or sorrow. They know the proper handling of all correspondence. I really need them.

Judge: It seems that the president thinks highly of your abilities to fulfill this office for the ensuing year. Will you accept these offices? (Bang) I declare you Corresponding Secretary and Recording Secretary. Bailiff?

Bailiff/Prosecutor: I call Co Vice Presidents ANGELA MASON and STEPHANIE MEWHA to the stand.

Judge: raise your hand..... Do you swear to tell the truth? You may be seated.

Bailiff/Prosecutor: Judge, I have been told that these members want the glory of these offices. And they, together, have indicated planning a COUP to take over the presidency. By the two of them bannig together, they have been heard talking in the shadows of the power they would have. Together they will gain inherent power.

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Bailiff: Judge, now we have a full jury of officers and the president's peers. Even though Barbara paid her own fees to go through Leadership school and we know that she graduated top in that class, how does that prove that she is able to do this most difficult job? Can she be the chief officer, directing the business of this club? Does she have the ability to preside at all meetings, being fair, tactful and just? Does she have the foresight to set the policy of this club allowing it grow and give to women and girls' a chance to succeed? Does she have the wisdom-patience-understanding that it takes to be a president of this fine club? Judge- I would like to poll the jury and the members to hear their feelings on having Barbara as president of their club.

Judge: Can we hear from the jury and members? All those in favor of having Barbara as President, please hold up your signs.

Jury/members: hold up signs (index cards with YES)

Judge: It looks as all are in support of you being President. As the steering force of this club, your duties are as numerous and diverse as the bylaws demand. With your legal abilities and your charisma of leading people, I'm sure that you will be able to conduct your business and lead the members of the El Cerrito club through a successful year of growth and prosperity. May you serve together with your officers, but still be

individuals, complementing each other so that your common goal is fulfilled and your actions will be an inspiration for all to see. I now declare you President of Soroptimist International of El Cerrito. (bang gavel) and I declare all the officers of Soroptimist International of El Cerrito duly installed for the year 2011-2012!