**Excused Absences**

Article VIII, Section 2

The RI Constitution defines Excused Membership as follows:

A member’s absence shall be excused if:

1. the absence complies with the conditions and under circumstances approved by the board. The board may excuse a member’s absence for reasons that it considers to be good and sufficient. Such excused absences shall not extend for longer than twelve months.
2. the age of the member is 65 and above and the aggregate of the member’s years of age and years of membership in one or more clubs is 85 years or more and the member has notified the club secretary in writing of the member’s desire to be excused from attendance and the board has approved.

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**Dear Board of Directors,**

***(Re: Rule of 85)***

I am a senior active member who according to Article VIII, Section 2(b) does not want my absences computed in the clubs attendance records but my attendance to be computed. I would like to confirm that I meet the requirements of this bylaw and would like it to take effect on the following date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy).

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**Dear Board of Directors,**

***(Re: Leave of absence)***

I am an active member who according to Article VIII, Section 2(a) am requesting a leave of absence from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd/yyyy) for the following reason(s):

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Approved by board: YES or NO Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_