

## SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee

September 9, 2021

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Bruce Corwin, Little Sir Stuart Poytress, Assistant Treasurer Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Steve Chase (2021), John Crawford (2022), Javier Rodrigues (2023), and Richard Glover (2023). Excused from the meeting were Assistant Secretary Vic Froehmer, Treasurer Brian Nickerson, Director Pete Openshaw (2021), and Director Thomas Simpson (2022). Bruce Corwin proclaimed a quorum was present (8 of 12).

Next, a review of the August 12, 2021 meeting minutes was conducted. Steve Chase moved that the minutes be approved as presented, and Stuart Poytress seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

It was reported that "callers" had submitted their reports, and we expect 90 Branch 159 members to attend today's luncheon. At our August luncheon, we actually had more members attend than we expected.

Stuart Poytress announced that Edward Antenucci, one of our new members, would be presenting information at our luncheon about the real estate market in Fresno. Ed is a real estate investor in Fresno. Then, a short discussion developed regarding speaker programs and the time allotment for each speaker. Next, Stuart Poytress announced that he had a tentative agreement with Alan Autry, former actor and mayor of Fresno, to speak at our luncheon on October 14<sup>th</sup>.

Big Sir Bruce Corwin asked who would need time at the microphone during the luncheon meeting. Duke Marshall and Steve Chase said they wanted to speak to the members.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Brett Bailey reported we only had minor income and expense activities during the month. In addition, we realized a small profit from our luncheon on August 12<sup>th</sup>. The end result is we increased our ending cash balance by \$11.86 during August, and the cash on hand is now \$9,920.05. Steve Chase moved the report be approved, and John Crawford seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, John Crawford reviewed the August 2021 Membership Report. The report indicated we inducted two new members during August and they brought our total membership to 208 members. John then reported that we have two existing members that need to be removed, during September, from our active

membership roster. One member, Jerry Poochigian, is now deceased and the other member, George Gianopulos, has submitted a letter of resignation. It is important to note that George Gianopulos is one of our Honorary Life Members. John then presented a potential candidate, Charles Brough, who would be confirmed by approval of his report. Steve Chase moved that the Membership Report be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved. John also reviewed the Monthly Branch Membership Report (Form 27). Referring to Form 27, John reminded us that we have gained 16 members this year but lost 19. Stuart Poytress moved that Form 27 be approved, and Rich Glover seconded the motion. The report was unanimously approved.

Old Business was next on the agenda. The idea of pursuing CPR training for SIR members has been discussed during past BEC meetings. Stuart Poytress reported he had contacted the Red Cross, and they can provide training at their offices when we want to proceed. Stuart suggested that we wait another month to take advantage of the training opportunity. Currently, we have 9 members who are interested.

Under new business, a discussion developed regarding changing the amount each member pays for their monthly luncheon. Various ideas were presented. It was suggested that before we proceed with any changes, we should contact Pardini's to determine if they will be increasing the amount they charge us for each meal. Bruce Corwin stated he would contact the restaurant before our next meeting. At that point, we will have a better idea of an appropriate luncheon cost for each member. Therefore, the BEC decided to postpone making a decision regarding the matter until next month.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Vic Froehmer