

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
May 13, 2023

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at the Piccadilly Hotel. BEC officers present were Big Sir Richard Glover, Treasurer Bruce Corwin, and Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley. Directors present were Pete Openshaw (2023), John Briceno (2023), Mark Isonio (2024), and Jerry Brady (2024). Richard Glover proclaimed we had a quorum (7 of 12) and opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the April, 2023 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin moved that the minutes be approved, and Brett Bayley seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we expect 75 attendees at our luncheon today. It was also announced that two of our members, Manny Muñoz and Carlos Fernandez, had passed away recently. Additionally, our Little SIR, Steve Chase, is again hospitalized. Our thoughts and prayers are extended to all.

It was then announced that our scheduled speaker Ike Purcel suffered an injury and would not be able to attend our program today.

Next, the Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Treasurer Bruce Corwin reported the financial activities during April 2023 involved several items. The general disbursements totaled \$421.92 for expenses. The receipts for our April luncheon were \$2,000. The cash balance at the end of April was \$8,642.91. Brett Bayley moved that the report be approved and John Briceno seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

In regard to membership information, Bruce Evans presented the April Membership Report. The report showed today will be the 337th meeting of our branch. The report also listed two new members who will be inducted today (Michael Parker and Rich Morrissey). Their sponsors were Bob Price and Gary Lemaster respectively. Brett Bayley moved that the Membership Report be approved. Bruce Corwin seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

The Membership Form 27 was also briefly discussed. The report stated Branch 159 had 171 members at the end of April 2023. Brett Bayley moved that the report be accepted, and Bruce Corwin seconded the motion. The report was approved unanimously.

The first new business item concerned our return to Pardini's for our monthly meetings. Bruce Corwin confirmed that we would be returning to that venue in June. Additionally, the cost per member for the buffet luncheon will return to \$20 for the balance of 2023.

The next new business item was the need for luncheon speakers for the balance of this year. Reg Rosander indicated he had a speaker for our July meeting. Ellington Smith will be addressing the group about Artificial Intelligence. Rich Glover indicated he will be reaching out to Epoch Times editorial staff as well.

There was some discussion concerning member recognition. We are presently at our full complement of Honorary Life Members and the awarding of Distinguished Service Awards is at the discretion of the Branch Executive Committee and Board Members.

Bruce Corwin also announced that SIR Branches 175 and 179 would be merging with SIR Branch 169 effective immediately. This will leave two SIR branches in greater Fresno.

The final action concerned microphone time at today's luncheon. It was determined that Bruce Corwin, Bruce Evans, Duke Marshall, Brian Nicholson, and Fred Martinez wanted to address the group.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley