

SIR Minutes of Branch 159 Executive Committee
March 13, 2025

The meeting opened at 10:15 am at Pardini's Restaurant. BEC officers present were Big Sir Mike Parker, Little Sir Duke Marshall, Senior Treasurer Bruce Corwin, Assistant Secretary Brett Bayley, and Secretary Robert Scott. Directors present were Russ Conrad (2025), Robert Ying (2025), Pete Openshaw (2026), Butch Evans (2026), and Reg Salsman (2027). Robert Scott proclaimed a quorum was present (10 of 13), and Big Sir Mike Parker opened the meeting.

Next, a review of the February 2025 meeting minutes was conducted. Bruce Corwin moved that the minutes be accepted, and Duke Marshall seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Based upon inquiries during the calls to members, we found 99 members who stated that they were planning to attend our luncheon today. Bruce Corwin ordered 90 lunches from Pardini's.

Little Sir Duke Marshall then announced that Paul Dictos, Fresno County Assessor, will be our program for today. The subject of his presentation will be the Property Owners Protection Alert program (POPA) that helps protect property owners from fraudulent seizures of their property.

Next, the February 2025 Monthly Cash Report (Form 28) was reviewed. Bruce Corwin reported the General Account income totaled \$400 and miscellaneous disbursements were \$569.

Therefore, the net loss for the General Accounts was \$169. The net custodial amount was a gain of \$91 which resulted from luncheon income exceeding expenses. Brett Bayley moved that the report be accepted, and Duke Marshall seconded the motion. There was unanimous approval.

The following agenda item concerned the membership reports. Russ Conrad explained that today would be the 359th meeting of SIR Branch 159. He stated during February we gained two new members but lost twelve. Russ said we normally lose members at the beginning of every year because members decide to not renew their memberships. However, we have one potential member that will be eligible for induction when the Membership Report is approved today. Regarding the Form 27 report, we had 166 members at the end of February. Therefore, we are down 18 members from the beginning of the year. Russ also reported that we had 101 members at our luncheon in February which is 61% of our total membership. Duke Marshall moved that the membership reports be approved, and Russ Conrad seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The first old business item involved the completion of our Golf Club audit. This task has been completed. Brett Bayley, the auditor, praised the record keeping and accounting work that was done to record the Golf Club business.

The second old business topic was the progress in securing the Branch 159 historical records. Efforts to secure the various bins are still in progress.

The next old business item concerned 2025 membership assessment payments. After calls to members, who had not paid their assessments, it was decided that all unpaid members would be dropped from the Branch 159 roster. As of today's meeting, 166 members have paid their annual assessment. Now that membership is decided, we expect to issue a new membership roster report to the Branch 159 members.

The following old business item involved discussing various options of managing our birthday and anniversary tables. After a short discussion about the different concerns and options, it was decided that the Big Sir would remind all of the members at the luncheon that the tables in front of the head table were only for members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. It was determined that we would continue to follow the present birthday/anniversary seating procedures.

Item five on the old business list was the proposal to utilize KVPR advertising to attract new members. Bob Price presented details about how the advertising program would be used. The basic proposal is 14 fifteen second ads would occur during a one-week period at various times during the week. The cost would be \$150. Russ Conrad and Bruce Corwin volunteered to develop our fifteen second messages. It is estimated that we need to commit to a 4-week period for \$600, and then, evaluate the program's effectiveness. If the program is productive, we would agree to another 4-week period. It was suggested that we wait until Spring to begin the ads.

The last old business topic was the progress involved to update the Branch 159 Standard Operating Procedures. The committee given this assignment reported that the modifications had been completed and emailed to all of the Branch 159 BEC members for review. After a short discussion, Duke Marshall moved and Russ Conrad seconded a motion to accept the revised Standard Operating Procedures. The vote was unanimous. Bruce Corwin said that Gary Morgan can now post the new items on the website.

The first new business listing involved a clarification of information provided in the February edition of the newsletter from the President of the State SIR organization. In that newsletter, it was stated that if SIR members use Medicaid with a supplemental policy, they could monetarily benefit from an association with the Grouper organization. The letter should have stated Medicare instead of Medicaid. However, the State SIR organization is still investigating an involvement with Grouper. More information will be provided when it is available.

The last new business item involved locating our branch equipment. We have branch property held by various members, and it is necessary that we locate and inventory our assets. Bruce Corwin is pursuing this information.

Microphone time at our meeting today will include Hector Leyva and Ron Wilson.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Secretaries Robert Scott and Brett Bayley