**SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­** January 9, 2024

**Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:35 am**

**ATTENDING:** John Eleazarian; Duane Evans; Jim Forden; Ted Fox; Jim Hiney; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Bernie Hollenbeck; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp

**Guest(s):** None

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC Approve and accept the Minutes as submitted.

**BIG SIR REPORT:** 1)Ernie Sopp reported that he had a copy of the catering contract for 2024 to deliver to Pardinis. 2) Relayed that he had received an email from Carl Mason of State SIR which explained that going forward into 2024 that an increase in the quarterly assessment to the chapters will be set at the amount calculated for the first quarter of the year and continue at that amount for each of the remaining quarters of the year. Previously, the assessment amount was set based on the membership reported at the end of each quarter. For each chapter the approach would result in the lowering of the assessment chapter’s assessment when it reported a drop in membership and an increase in the assessment of a chapter which had reported an increase an increase in its membership. It was explained that this change in calculation of the assessments was necessitated the fact that the costs of operation had increased while there had been drops in membership statewide. Ted Fox made a motion, seconded, discussed and passed that Big SIR send an email to Mr. Mason with a copy to our regional representative, Bruce Corwin. The message to be transmitted from Chapter 169 questioned the basis for the assessment change; particularly, without a more detailed explanation of the financial circumstances which prompted the action and the notion that the chapters, who through active recruitment, were increasing membership, should be bearing the shortfall caused by the chapters who were losing membership. 3) Ernie reported that John Dehn had notified the Board that due to health issues, he is resigning from the Board. 4) Following up on an issue that he and Luis Rodriquez have been addressing as the Program Committee, Ernie reported that Paul Ogden, an emeritus professor from Fresno State, will be presenting the luncheon program for November of this year.

**LITTLE SIR REPORT:** New to his new post as Little SIR. John Eleazarian accepted the charge of locating a qualified member to fill John Dehn’s position on the Board.

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Jim Forden reported that there are currently 167 members on the Roster of our chapter.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of revenues in the amount of $3,691.00, and expenditures of $3,789.58, there is a balance of $8,245.48 in the SIR 169 checking account plus $100.00 of Petty Cash. 2) Nick will be contacting Larry Zander to arrange for the annual audit of our accounts.

**ACTIVITIES:** On behalf of Ed Dorn, who will not be at the meeting today, Jim Hiney reported that the Couples Dine out group will be going to Georges Restaurant this coming Thursday evening.

**MEMBERSHIP:** In the role of Membership Chairman, Jim Hiney reported that Dennis Beal, who attended the luncheon in November and has been approved for membership, will be inducted into the Chapter if he attends today’s luncheon.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) It is anticipated that a total of 100 will be attending todays luncheon. 2) Russell Mott currently is in a support facility do to medical issues and should be kept in our thoughts and prayers.

**OLD BUSINESS:** The Board briefly discussed the recurring problem of non-participation by members who are on the Active Roster, but not attending our luncheons and in a number of cases not responding to our efforts to contact them. Proposed that once again, through our attendance lists, caller reports and efforts to deliver the Newsletter, develop a listing of those who are not actively participating, that action be taken to notify these mendirectly**,** thatthey are being dropped from membership.

**Adjourned at 11:15 am**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary