**SIR 169 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES Date:­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­** February 13, 2024

**Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:06 am**

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

**Guest(s):** Roger Stewart

**BIG SIR REPORT:** 1)Ernie Sopp reported that via Zoom, he had contacted Bruce Corwin, our Regional Director, and conveyed that SIR 169 takes issue with the recently announced changes that the State SIR had implemented in the determination of assessments and the manner in which assessments will be calculated this year. Ernie explained that he told Corwin that our chapter objected to the changes in that we believe that they are not equitable and were implemented without reasonable consultation with the Chapters and their constituent membership. 2) Ernie praised Ted Fox for the outstanding work he has done in the publication of the Newsletter, as exemplified by its latest edition. 3) He further reported that a commitment had been secured with Scott & Linda Phillips to provide the program for our luncheon in July.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC Approve and accept the Minutes with the following corrections: Ed Dorn was not in attendance, so was removed from the list of those cited as having Attended and the reference to “John” Dehn in the Little SIR report, we corrected to “Paul”Dehn.

**LITTLE SIR REPORT:** Little SIR John Eleazarian: 1) Announced that in accordance with his responsibilities as Little SIR, he had located a qualified member to fill Paul Dehn’s position on the Board. Roger Stewart, who has been

active in Chapter 169 since July of 2017, was introduced as our newest BEC member. 3) John then reported that there was still a need to secure a speaker for our October meeting this year, but will continue the search. Suggested was the head of the OSHER program at Fresno State. Some years ago, a person from this office spoke at one of our luncheons addressing issues and programs of particular interest to people who are in their senior years. .

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Jim Forden reported: 1) There are currently 163 members on the Roster. of our chapter. 2) The effort to obtain the necessary personal information from members for our Roster and Directory was approaching completion with only about 40 who have yet to provide the needed data.

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** Nick Lopez: 1) Reported that after posting of Income in the amount of $3,959.00, and expenditures of $2,894.70. there is a balance of $9,410.08 in the SIR 169 checking account plus $100.00 of Petty Cash. 2) Larry Zander completed his annual audit of the SIR169 accounts, with praise given to the Treasurer for a fine and accurate accounting of the chapter’s finances

**ACTIVITIES:** Ed Dorn: 1) Announced that the Couples Night Out group will be meeting at the Palms Restaurant on Thursday of this week. A sign up sheet for this event will be on the resource table today, along with contact information regarding the SIR Diners and Date Night outings. 2) Ed expressed concern, first that some of the golfers who have been playing in our weekly outings, have not been participating in the luncheons and other activities of our Chapter. Further, he observes that there are others who use our golf system only to enjoy a lesser cost membership in the NCGA. He emphasized our continuing need to require those who want to participate in our golf outings and other recreational activities, be active participants in our luncheons, pay dues to the chapter. Motion made, discussed, seconded and carried that any person who fails to keep current on the payment of the SIR169 dues, will not be eligible to participate in any activities of our Chapter. Ed offered to send a reminder re this requirement to those who have been participants in the golf outings. While endorsing the spirit or Ed’s concerns and willingness to be proactive in its continuing application, Jim Hiney reminded that any disciplinary actions, particularly expulsion from the Chapter, remains the responsibility of the Board.

**MEMBERSHIP:** In the role of Membership Chairman, Jim Hiney once again 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) There is now a team of 17 callers and It is anticipated that a total of 133 will be attending todays luncheon. 2) With a note of sadness, Bernie announced that Carl Hernandez has passed away. Ed Harris has medical issues which may prevent him from further participating in our activities; and Manny Contino, Dennis Soliday and Marshall Goodwin are being called upon to address serious medical issues.

**NEW BUSINESS:** In considering possible future topics of interest to our membership, some discussion ensued re the promotion of political views by persons who we invite to be presenters at our luncheons. We were reminded that there are provisions in the SIR Bilaws which caution against inviting or supporting any political agendas in our programs.

**OLD BUSINESS:** No additional and continuing issues to address at this time.

**Adjourned at 11:15 am**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary