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

**Big SIR called the meeting to order at 10:05 am**

**ATTENDING:** Frank Bavarro; Manny Contino; **;** Ed Dorn; John Eleazarian; Duane Evans; Jim Forden, Ted Fox; Roy Grijalva; Bernie Hollenbeck; Bob Large; Nick Lopez; Luis Rodriguez; Ernie Sopp.: Roger Stewart

**Guest(s):** None today

**BIG SIR REPORT:** Ernie summarized what he observed at the recent ZOOM meeting that was conducted by the State Office of SIR. Advertised to be a Town Hall type meeting to discuss the future of our SIR organization. The session appeared to be more of an informational session regarding what the current state officers of SIR believed to be the necessary future character and appearance of our organization. The moderator reported that throughout the organization the chapters were losing members and the consensus of the State leadership is that this is in major part due to our image was no longer viable in todays society, particularly among middle age and senior men. The solution that they posed was to change the character of the organization from one that focused on men in their retirement years to men (and potentially women) who were of any age. They posed that this could well be accomplished by changing the essential name of the organization to one akin to a social club and hiring marketing specialists to build and promote the brand. As a means to support the cost of such support, it was proposed that the corporate designation of the organization be legally changed to one which could legally seek out sponsorships and grants. These notions were discussed by our Board at today’s meeting with limited support voiced. In September, the state leadership will be convening a meeting in Lafayette, CA to discuss, consider and vote upon whether SIR should proceed with these and/or similar actions. As Big SIR, Ernie plans to represent our Chapter in these deliberations. In view of this, he asked for guidance from the BOEC as to what should be the response for SIR 169. MSC That our Chapter responds negatively to what the SIR State Leadership is considering and will not support actions that will in effect overhaul the current nature and focus or our organization.

**LITTLE SIR. REPORT:** John Eleazarian, reported: 1) There is some question as to whether we will have a program speaker for today’s luncheon. 2) The proposed slate of Chapter officers for 2025 will be offered for discussion under Old Business at our meeting next month.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** MSC to approve as submitted**.**

**SECRETARY REPORT:** Jim Forden reported: 1) Currently, we have 157inducted and Active Members. 2) There are now a total of 18 members for which we still need personal information for the Directory. This led to a discussion as to the validity of the data which we now have on file. Examples of incorrect information were given and discussed with the conclusion that even the data on file will need to be verified before a Directory is published. The Data is also quite important for other tasks (e.g. distribution of the Newsletter, attendance calling, luncheon check in)

**TREASURE'S REPORT:** Nick Lopez distributed our Treasury Statement for August 2024 which reported luncheon receipts of $2,046.00 for the month of July. Expenses for the period totaled $2,442.82, leaving a Total of $9,618.50 which includes $100.00 of Petty Cash.

**ACTIVITIES:** Ed Dorn reported that the golf outing will be at Belmont Country Club this week, unusually in the same week as our luncheon, but required by the availability of the course. This was published earlier in an updating of our Golf Schedule. Ed reminded that the course requires that players wear proper country club attire while playing.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Substituting for Jim Hiney, who will not be attending today’s luncheon, Ed reported that there are currently 2 approved applications on file, and these men will be inducted if present at todays luncheon. Discussion followed regarding how to address the significant list of members who have been non-participants in recent luncheons. Suggested that a letter be sent to these members seeking their intent re continue membership in the Chapter.

**SUNSHINE REPORT:** Bernie Hollenbeck reported that: 1) He had called in a total of 86 for todays luncheon. 2) He then reported that there had been no recent information sent to him regarding medical related issues. 3) The wife of a member had informed him that her husband could no longer drive to the meetings, so in the future would not be attending. She did say that she would bring him on guest days, when she could attend as well.. Brief discussion followed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Ted Fox reported that he had received an email from Dave Bonetto, suggesting that members might be interested in participating in “New Wrinkles”. Ted Fox. suggested that if we find that we need someone to address the group today, we might want to ask Dave Goodwin, one of our members and who is participating as a cast member in New Wrinkles, to tell us about that program.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None to address today.

**Adjourned at 10:57 am**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:** Jim Forden, Secretary,