

SIR Branch 8 BEC Minutes
Date: September 14, 2026

Attending:

	Dan Smith, Big Sir	X	Terry Baldwin, Assistant Treasurer
X	Thom Watkins, Little Sir	X	John Vallor, Attendance Sec.
X	Carl Ludwig, Secretary	X	Arte Chan, Asst. Membership Sec.
X	Peter Shapiro, Treasurer	X	Mike Frey, Director & ACC Member
X	Rich Knowles, Membership Sec.		Leo Dominguez, Asst. Secretary
X	Manuel Dominguez, Asst. Attendance Sec.		Open Position, Public Relations/Marketing
X	Terry Mason, Director		Peter Jordan, Asst. Secretary
X	Tomas Draeger	X	Tom DiGrande, ex-officio

Big Sir Report- Thom Watkins

- Secretary will voice record all BEC meetings
- Some open 2027 Director positions now filled; see Nominations Committee section below
- Photo posting issue remains on hold pending SIR Inc direction
- Dan Smith has assumed the task of managing the Clayton Octoberfest event
 - Mike Frey is repurposing last year's flyers with feedback from last year's supporters
 - Constant Contact request for volunteers to go out again
 - "Hubby Day Care" idea to be advanced for booth and general marketing
- Committee to study our Database Software update has not met recently – no change
 - Web-based interface of SIR Inc home grown alternative is a plus
 - Rich Knowles to talk with Alan Bebe to get more background

Little Sir Report- Thom Watkins

- We have 72 paid sign-ups for the Happy Fall Y'all event
- Looking for man with truck to help ferry supplies

General Announcements- Thom Watkins

- A. Greeters- Tom DiGrande continues to look for a permanent replacement to head this task
- B. Director Follow-Up Program- Rich Knowles continues to track.
 - a. New members should be contacted by their sponsor during the 90-day follow-up period. Rich will add this task to his spreadsheet

New/Old Business-

- A. Constant Contact went to all members advertising CPR Certification Training
- B. Luncheon Comment Cards – To better understand comments noted in these cards, responders should be specific in their comments, particularly when expectations are not met. Names on cards should be voluntary only.
- C. Branch 8 support for upcoming Measure W was voted by BEC as "no"
- D. Foreign Travel insurance through SIR Inc will no longer be available to members. Take Travel as a sponsored activity from our website

- E. Membership has wondered if our introduction of buffet style lunches is to be expanded next year. We should survey our membership to get their input, then use this information in negotiating lunch rates for the 2027 contract with Boundary Oaks.

Board Reports

1. Treasurer Report- Peter Shapiro
 - a. Attachment 1
 - b. Peter Shapiro asked that all expenses in 2026 needing reimbursement be submitted to him asap
 - c. Any expenses anticipated in 2027 should be submitted to Terry Baldwin asap
 - d. Move to Accept/Second/Approved by BEC (MTA/2nd/APP)
2. Secretary Report- Carl Ludwig
 - a. Attachment 2
 - b. Carl noted that the format for subsequent BEC meeting minutes will be in a streamline format. Board Reports referenced by the minutes will be included as attachments
 - c. (MTA/2nd/APP)
3. Membership- Rich Knowles
 - a. Attachment 3 – includes guests, applicants, & orientations
 - b. current membership stands at 215
 - c. (MTA/2nd/APP)
4. Attendance- John Vallor
 - a. Attachment 4
 - b. John asked if all his advance emails noting attendance-in-progress were needed, including the final Saturday report. Answer: Rich Knowles needs the names of guests on Saturday but not the whole report. John will provide a modified report on the final Saturday before the meeting.
 - c. (MTA/2nd/APP)

Committee Reports

- Recruiting/Nomination- Tom DiGrande
 - Tasks to be handled by committee until leadership is established
 - The draft business plan for marketing developed by Terry Baldwin should be advertised
 - Will Tony DeLosada lend his former expertise/leadership to the committee?
 - As A/V setup tasks are now in hand, Garland Bell is open to a BEC Directorship
 - Tom DiGrande will submit Garland's name to be Director in 2027
- Activities Coordinator- Mike Frey
 - The possible addition of AI Use as an activity is in development by Derek Southern
 - Ron Rizzo will make a final effort to promote "Film Buff" as an activity, but will be removed from consideration if further interest cannot be established

- Member Relations- none
- Publicity and Marketing- none
- Systems Support- none
- Hotline- none
- Member Feedback- Jim Sowell
 - Five response cards were completed last month. Many comments were generic in nature, reinforcing the need for more specificity in comments

Final Remarks-

- Manuel Dominguez noted that the signup sheet for the October lunch will include the option to bring a spouse/significant other with the admonition that the member will need to pay for both individuals attending

Close and Adjourn 10:15 a.m.

Next meeting – October 12, 2026

Attachment 1



SIR Branch 8 -
Treasurer's Report - 2

Attachment 2



BEC Meeting Minutes
August 10 2026.pdf

Attachment 3



Membership Report
2026-09.docx

Attachment 4



2026 SEP
ATTENDANCE REPORT

Meeting Agenda



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