

SIR Branch 93
BEC Meeting Minutes
Starbucks, 2104 Sutterville Road, Sacramento 95822
Monday, September 21, 2026, at 8:35 AM

BEC Members Present:

Big Sir (BS) Connor Chin, Little Sir (LS) Glenn Bielefelt, Jack Reefer (Member Relations and Sunshine), Craig Chalmers (Director, Nominator, and Sub-Secretary), Don Nevis (Director and Dining Out), Bob Luttrell (Treasurer), and Dave Pevny (Secretary); Alan Baker (Membership and Travel) will be out-of-state until the Fall, but will be communicating membership information via email. Guests in attendance included Bob Schrumpf (Branch 69 Big Sir) and Mark Steffans (State SIR VP).

1. The meeting was called to order by Big Sir Connor Chin and Little Sir Glenn Bielefelt at 8:35 AM, and was held at Starbucks at 2104 Sutterville Road in Sacramento.
2. (a) This special meeting of our Branch 93 was called in order to discuss the future of our Branch, including the issue of whether to disband or to merge with Branch 69. (b) LS Glenn previously sent an email to BEC members summarizing the issues, which BS Connor verbally summarized at the outset of this meeting. Issues include declining attendance at our meetings as well as declining participation in our golf tournaments, and difficulty in finding members to step up as officers in our Branch. Additionally, our current venue does not have adequate parking, and is not large enough to accommodate us if we do grow our membership. (c) BS Connor also mentioned that we could meet with Branch 69 on their lunch day, and get counted as part of their lunch total which could lower the cost of their plated lunch at the Dante Club. (d) Mark Steffens stressed the importance of filling positions on the BEC, which we have had difficulty doing. (e) LS Glenn made a motion to send a ballot to all members in good standing by October 1st, voting on whether to merge with Branch 69, and noting that ballots not returned be counted as a vote in favor of merging. The motion passed unanimously by the BEC. BS Connor will send out the ballots via email (with paper ballots going to the three members without email), and they will be returned to PBS Don Nevis. The “return by” date is October 21. (Note that Secretary Dave will be out-of-state the first half of October.) (NOTE: subsequent information informs us that at least 33.3% of the membership need to vote in order for the vote to be “legal”, and 80% of the voted ballots would need to be voted “yes” in order for the proposal to pass. *Counting votes not returned as a YES or NO is not allowed. The ballot distribution and counting will incorporate these requirements.*) (Also note that the subsequent revised “return by” date is October 18, 2026.)
3. Regular business followed the discussion of disbanding or merging Branch 93 with Branch 69. (a) BS Connor announced that Form 28 for September will be submitted on time. Our checkbook balance is over \$3,000. (b) The minutes were approved for our August 17, 2026, BEC meeting. (c) Jack R. indicated that he is willing to be our

Little Sir if needed, if we don't merge with Branch 69. (d) BS Connor reported that our 4th quarter assessments will be paid in October. (e) We will hold off on collecting dues until after the vote on merging. (f) LS Glenn reported that the State SIR membership decline is significant. (g) LS Glenn reported on the Christmas party, indicated that we need reservations by October 15 to assure that we have significant participation to meet our required attendance at Vince's. (h) It was noted that our golf awards luncheon is scheduled for November 18, two days after the regular meeting date in November. In response to the question as to whether we should combine the two lunches, BS Connor said that they won't be combined.

4. Membership News/Addendum Recommended by BS Connor, and approved by email vote of the BEC subsequent to the BEC meeting: (a) Larry Turner attended the September 21st luncheon and paid his \$20.00 2025-2026 membership dues at the check-in desk, was approved by the BEC, so he can be included in the year-ending 2026 September roster; he also received his free lunch. (b) Tony Pablo paid his late membership dues for 2025-2026, and was approved by the BEC for reinstatement in the year-ending 2026 September roster.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Dave Pevny
SIR Branch 93 Secretary