



Branch Business...

The Big Sir of each SIR branch is a pivotal figure in the conducting of all branch business. Many day to day decisions are made without getting Executive Committee approval. There are a number of items involving the branch that need an official vote by the Executive Committee especially when money is involved. In getting this approval, the Branch Executive Committee needs to follow a formal procedure. The following example illustrates the Branch Executive Committee in action.....

PROBLEM.. There is a need for a new American flag and stand for the Branch luncheon meetings.

BIG SIR.. "We need a new flag to use during our luncheon meetings. The one that I have in mind will cost about \$40. with a pole and stand."

EXCOM MEMBER.. "I move that our branch spend up to \$50. for a new American flag."

ANOTHER EXCOM MEMBER.. "I second the motion."

BIG SIR.. "It has been moved and seconded that..... Is there any discussion concerning this motion?" Details of the motion are discussed. This is the most informal part of this order of business. After all points of the purchase are discussed—the Big Sir states, "Is there a call for the question?" (The question is the vote.. yes or no.)

EXCOM MEMBER.. "Call for the question."

BIG SIR or SECRETARY.. The motion is restated. This is for the Executive Committee to have a clear understanding of the motion and for the secretary so that he will be able to write the motion clearly into the monthly Branch minutes. It is time to vote... Only elected officers of the Executive Committee vote...

BIG SIR.. "All in favor of this motion signify by saying aye..(count).

Those opposed signify by saying nay..(count). The motion is..... Mr.

Secretary please record."

All of the details concerning the purchase are carried out by the Big Sir or by a member delegated by the Big Sir.

After the purchase, the transaction is reported to the Executive Committee usually at the next meeting. The Branch Treasurer reimburses the purchaser and retains the purchase receipt.