



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC. PRE-CONVENTION MEETING

Thursday, June 1, 2006

Convention, Double Tree Hotel, Ontario
President: Elisabeth A. Tufo

Host: Roadrunner District and Palms to Pines District

PRE-CONVENTION MEETING

- 1) Amenities and Protocol Chairman, Marjorie Johnson presented President Elisabeth A. Tufo who called the meeting to order at 3:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 1, 2006. Recording Secretary Rita Desilets was present.
- 2) Anne Capes, Cascade District Director, read the inspiration and Ed Dempsey led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) President Tufo introduced the members of the Executive Committee.
- 4) Recording Secretary, Rita Desilets did not call the roll. The Chair declared a quorum was present.
Excused: Geanne Brown, Doris T. Brown, Joan Craig, JoAnn Gould, Lynne Hansen, George Perko, Jean Reiley, Barbara Stevens, Betty Taylor, Mary Tebo.
- 5) The minutes of the 2006 Winter Board Meeting were approved as distributed.
- 6) Parliamentarian Wilma Parker did not read the Rules of the Convention since they were included in the Call to Convention.
- 7) Members of the Minutes Review Committee for the Pre-Convention Meeting and Post-Convention Meeting, were appointed: Chairman, Wilma Parker, Shane Loooper and Lorraine Ornelas.
- 8) Treasurer, Carol Sexton, presented the financial report. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (A)**
- 9) In the absence of Financial Secretary Geanne Brown, Carol Sexton requested that bills attached to a voucher be sent to the Financial Secretary and checks be sent to the Treasurer by June 20, 2006. Bills for ink cartridges will not be reimbursed. \$.07 per copy will be allowed for in-home printing.
- 10) Corresponding Secretary Mary-Jo Noth read a letter from NGC President, Kitty Larkin, thanking CGCI for hosting the NGC Winter Executive Committee Meeting, Information about the CGCI Fall Board in Fortuna was distributed.
- 11) The **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION** to ratify Helen Gates as a member of the Circle of Poppies was read by the Recording Secretary. **PASSED.**
- 12) **Executive Committee Reports**
 - **Diane Charbonneau**, *Golden Gardens* Editor will report later.
 - **Mary-Jo Noth**, Corresponding Secretary, report filed.
 - **Rita Desilets**, Recording Secretary, report filed.
 - **Julie West**, Third Vice-President, moved to ratify four new garden clubs, one associate plant society. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (B)**
 - **Maryanne Lucas**, Second Vice-President – report filed.
 - **Robin Pokorski**, First Vice-President– deferred to Convention
- 13) **Recording Secretary Rita Desilets read the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**
 - **PERSONNEL**
 - 1) Accept with regret the resignation of:
 - Marcie Beller – *Golden Gardens* Circulation
 - Maryanne Lucas – Diamond Jubilee Committee
 - Beverly Ann Miller- Photography Chair
 - Robin Pokorski – Strategic Planning Committee

- 2) Approve the appointment of:
Edris Edgar – Photography Chair
Joelle Holford – *Golden Gardens* Circulation
Maryanne Lucas – Strategic Planning Committee
Jane McKee – National Garden Week Chair
Marilyn Oberti – Jubilee Committee
Judy Unrine – Habitat for Humanity Chair
David West – Board of Trustees (2006—2012)
Judy Picinini – Jubilee Committee

PASSED.

- 3) District Directors:
Karin King – Humboldt District
Sheila Newell & Dorothy Peterson – Sacramento River Valley District

PASSED.

• **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4) To close the Youth Conference Fund – Restricted containing \$572.66 and the Youth Gardener Grant – Restricted Fund containing \$900 and transfer the monies to the General Fund. **PASSED.**
5) To register the CGCI logo and *Golden Gardens* logo at a cost of \$70 each by June 6, 2006, good to 2016. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED.**

• **RATIFICATIONS**

- 6) To ratify Gloria Aminian and Judy Unrine as CGCI Delegates to the NGC Convention. **PASSED.**
7) To ratify the appointment of Robert L. Gordon as the alternate to the NGC Nominating Committee. **PASSED.**
8) To ratify the appointment of Robin Pokorski as the Alternate to the Alternate to the NGC Nominating Committee. **PASSED.**
9) To ratify Jean Reiley as a delegate to the 2006 Pacific Region Convention in Boise. **PASSED.**

14) COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Advisory Council Chairman**, Robert L. Gordon reported.
- **Board of Trustees Chairman**, Greg Pokorski reported Virginia Bennetts will be the new chairman and Hoberley Schuler will be Secretary. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (C).**
- Life Membership Chairman, Carlotta Wixon moved to ratify new life memberships. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (D)**
- **Policy Committee Chairman**, Robin Pokorski, no report.
- **Strategic Planning Committee Chairman**, Maryanne Lucas, reported.
- **Winter Board 2006**, hosted by Palomar District, Jane McKee reported for Barbara Stevens.

- 15)** Following announcements by Convention Chairman, Marcie Beller, President Tufo adjourned the meeting at 4:05 P.M.

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
CGCI Recording Secretary

Pre-Convention 2006 – Attachments

A) Carol Sexton, CGCI ACCOUNT-Selected Accounts Balance Sheet as of 5/31/06

ASSETS

Bank Accounts	
B of A CD-Cert. of Deposit	85,911.48
B of A Checking-Checking Account	17,074.21
Desert Community Bank CD #1-Cert of Deposit	60,378.23
Desert Community Bank CD #2-Cert of Deposit	17,649.73
Desert Community Bank Savings Account	24,178.72

TOTAL Bank Accounts **205,192.37**

Other Assets

<i>Golden Gardens</i>	9,224.65
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotel & Meeting Deposits	2,450.00

TOTAL Other Assets **11,674.65**

TOTAL ASSETS **216,867.02**

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Awards-Restricted	4,790.77
Blue Star Memorial-Restricted	2,178.57
CGCI Jubilee Grant Program-Restricted	419.00
CGCI Magazine File Boxes-Restricted	256.28
CGCI Scholarship Fund-Restricted	51,508.33
Donor Christy Fitz Mem. Fund-Donor Restricted	1,410.01
Donor Copeland Fund-Donor Restricted	11,885.04
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund-Donor Restricted	4,500.00
Donor Helen Minor Mem. Flr. Sc-Donor Restricted	5,213.65
Donor Wil J. Tebo Scholarship-Donor Restricted	2,311.03
Educational Schools Fund-Restricted	7,900.00
Flower Show School-Restricted	338.11
Gardening Consultants Coun.-Restricted	449.65
Gardening Study-Restricted	2,211.26
Honor Book-Restricted	9,601.36
Junior Gardeners-Restricted	371.32
Landscape Design School-Restricted	4,379.54
Liability Insurance-Restricted	19,905.81
Life Membership Scholarship-Restricted	4,500.00
Permanent Files-Restricted	2,500.00
Symposium Reserve-Restricted	12,137.62
Wildflower Conference-Restricted	4,033.66
Youth Conference Fund-Restricted	572.66
Youth Gardener Grant-Restricted	900.00

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS **154,273.67**

NET OF TOTAL ASSETS AND RESTRICTED FUNDS **62,593.35**

LESS OTHER ASSETS(Golden Gardens & Prepaid Deposits) **11,674.65**

NON RESTRICTED OPERATING FUNDS AVAILABLE AS OF 05/31/06 **\$50,918.70**

Pre-Convention 2006 – Attachments (cont.)

B) Julie West, New Club/Affiliate Ratifications

CLUB	DISTRICT
Moreno Valley GC	Palms to Pines District
Marina Tree and GC	Santa Clara Valley District
Vaca Valley GC	Sacramento River Valley District
Caruthers GC	Sequoia Foothills District
ASSOCIATE PANT SOCIETY	
American Begonia Society – Mabel Corwin Branch	

C) Greg Pokorski, Board of Trustees

The Board met at this convention (and at the Fall and Winter Board Meetings) and will follow up to obtain additional information regarding several items discussed. Members will coordinate with the Scholarship Chairman during the summer to make revisions to the 2007 Scholarship Application. Virginia Bennetts was elected Chairman and Hoberley Schuler elected Secretary for the next year. Greg Pokorski and Beverly Brune, having completed their six-year terms, will be leaving the Board at the end of convention. Robert Gordon and Dave West will be joining the Board following convention.

D) Carlotta Wixon; Life Membership Ratifications

CGCI	CLUB	DISTRICT
NAME		
Hari Multani	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley District
Wanda Church	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest	Desert Empire District
Linda Reagan	San Clemente GC	Orange County District
Mary Merritt	Santa Rosa GC	Luther Burbank District
Jane Harper	Santa Rosa GC	Luther Burbank District
Beverly Davies	Petaluma GC	Luther Burbank District
Linda Smith	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Judy Merritt	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Robert Brune		Channel Islands District
Mary Duke Ramsey	Arrowhead GC	Palms to Pines District
Pat Lowe	Pleasant Valley GC	Channel Islands District
Bart O'Brian	none	none
Edith Fodrea	Sherman Oaks GC	San Fernando Valley District
Shirley Clemmons	Desert Crossroads GC	Roadrunner District
Win Archibald	Petaluma GC	Luther Burbank District
Lucille Apcar	Butterfly GC	Yosemite Gateway District
Suzanne Paul	Walnut Creek GC	Diablo Foothills District

PACIFIC REGION

NAME	CLUB	DISTRICT
Pat Zarnowski	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley District

NATIONAL

NAME	CLUB	DISTRICT
Joan Berg	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley District
Carol Alstot	La Casa GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Judy Unrine	Rivera Garden Club	Costa Verde District

CEREMONIAL OPENING

- 1) The Ceremonial Opening began at 5:15 P.M. on Thursday, June 1, 2006 with the entrance of the Color Guard from Upland VFW Post 10489, and the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2) The Invocation was given by The Reverend Richard Wood, Lucerne Valley Community Church.
- 3) Convention Chairman, Marcie Beller, welcomed all to the Convention and introduced those seated at the head table: CGCI President Elisabeth A. Tufo; Pacific Region Director Beverly Brune; Palms to Pines District Director Patricia Claves; Roadrunner District Director Linda Riddle; CGCI First Vice-President Robin Pokorski; CGCI Second Vice-President Maryanne Lucas, CGCI Third Vice-President Julie West; and The Honorable Jon Harrison, Mayor of Redlands.
- 4) First Vice President Robin Pokorski read greetings from The Honorable Mayor of Ontario, Paul F. Leon, who was unable to attend.
- 5) Patricia Claves introduced The Honorable Jon Harrison, Mayor of Redlands, who welcomed all to the Inland Empire.
- 6) Roadrunner District Director, Linda Riddle gave the response.
- 7) The Ceremonial Opening concluded at 5:30 P.M.

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
CGCI Recording Secretary