



# CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

## 2006 WINTER BOARD MEETING

Saturday, January 28, 2006

Red Lion Hanalei Hotel, San Diego

President: Elisabeth A. Tufo

Host: Palomar District

### WINTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

- 1) Amenities and Protocol Chairman, Marjorie Johnson presented President Elisabeth A. Tufo who called the meeting to order at 9:10 A.M. on Saturday, January 28, 2006. The Recording Secretary was present.
- 2) George Speer, Palomar District Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mary Crowell gave the Inspiration.
- 3) President Tufo introduced the members of the Executive Committee, eight former CGCI Presidents and Pacific Region Director, Beverly Brune. Palomar District was thanked for hosting the 2006 CGCI Winter Board.
- 4) Recording Secretary, Rita Desilets, called the roll.  
**Excused:** Kathy Bramhall, Nona Carpenter, Lynne Hansen, Hannelore Kesler, Judy Laird, Joyce Marlin, Shirley McKelvey, Jean Reiley, Carol Sexton, Sharon Thorne, and Pat Tjsosaas.
- 5) The minutes of the 2005 Fall Board meeting were approved as distributed.
- 6) Members of the Minutes Review Committee were appointed: Julie West, Dorothy Dempsey and Kay Palmbaum.
- 7) In the absence of Treasurer, Carol Sexton, Financial Secretary, Geanne Brown, requested that all outstanding checks be cashed in a timely manner and presented the financial report. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (A)**
- 8) Mary-Jo Noth, Corresponding Secretary, read thank-you letters from Jean Reiley, Conejo Valley Botanic Garden and Jacquelyn Quisenberry, President of The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
- 9) **Executive Committee Reports**
  - **Diane Charbonneau**, *Golden Gardens* Editor, thanked the *Golden Gardens* staff and requested articles be submitted for the next issue, deadline extensions are available when requested.
  - **Rita Desilets**, Recording Secretary, discussed distribution of minutes and the latest Roster update.
  - **Julie West**, Third Vice-President, moved to ratify two garden clubs, two associate plant societies and three affiliates. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (B)**
  - **Maryanne Lucas**, Second Vice-President stressed the entry deadline of February 1 for most CGCI and Pacific Region Awards, including the B-4 Blue Ribbon Certificate of Achievement.
  - **Robin Pokorski**, First Vice-President, Conventions/Board Meetings Chairman, needs sites for 2009 meetings.
  - **Robin Pokorski**, CGCI Official Calendar Chairman, moved to ratify the dates on the Official Calendar. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (C)**
  - **Robin Pokorski**, Personnel Chairman, is seeking members to serve on the CGCI Board and Executive Committee. Personnel questionnaires are available by mail, email or on the CGCI website.
  - **Elisabeth A. Tufo** President's Report mentioned that a new 4"x6" Vision of Beauty Calendar is planned. Those hosting the NGC Winter Executive Board meeting were thanked. The Board members who passed away recently were remembered.

- **Presidential Citations** were presented to Robin Pokorski for Chairing the 2006 NGC Winter Executive Board Meeting in Glendale, and to Jean Reiley (absent) for hosting the 2005 CGCI Fall Board in Thousand Oaks.
- Art Loesch, Penny Pines Chairman, prepared an album containing the Penny Pines certificates for donations sent in memory of Perry Aminian. The album was presented to Gloria Aminian.

**9) Recording Secretary, Rita Desilets, read the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- **PERSONNEL**

- 1) Accept with regret the resignations of:
  - Mary Burtle – Procedure Books and CDs
  - Connie Gardner – Humboldt District Director
  - Shirley McKelvey – Convention 2006 Co-Chairman
  - Kathy de Murillo – Civic Development Chairman, NGC Project -“*Let Freedom Ring*”
- 2) Approve the appointments of:
  - Mary Waddington-Merritt – Civic Development Chairman
  - Judi Picinini – Judges Council Co-Liaison
  - Cheryl Smith – Strategic Planning Committee

- **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3) Close the CGCI Save the Bald Eagle Fund, a restricted fund, sending the \$166.00 balance to Save the Bald Eagle Project. **PASSED**
- 4) Close the CGCI World Gardening Fund, a restricted fund, sending the \$194.47 balance of to NGC’s World Gardening Fund. **PASSED**
- 5) Close the CGCI Habitat for Humanity, a restricted fund, sending the \$250.00 balance to NGC’s Habitat for Humanity Fund. **PASSED**
- 6) Close the San Simeon Selebration Fund, a restricted fund, and transfer the \$190.01 balance in the General Fund. **PASSED**
- 7) Approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to host the January 12-14, 2006 NGC Winter Executive Board meeting. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**
- 8) Approve the Executive Committee as hosts of the 2007 CGCI Winter Board in Santa Maria. **PASSED**
- 9) Approve the Financial Review for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005 sent by the Certified Public Accountant. **PASSED**
- 10) Allow up to \$1,000 for the Corresponding Secretary. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**
- 11) Change the 2006 CGCI Fall Board registration fee to \$25. **PASSED**
- 12) Budget an amount up to \$750 (including tax and shipping) for the purchase of 25 jackets for the Diamond Jubilee Designer Denim Project. **PASSED**
- 13) Lorraine Ornelas moved to approve the Jubilee Celebration logo and stationery. **PASSED**
- 14) Approve ordering 720 mugs with Jubilee logo, cost not to exceed \$1,500. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**
- 15) Approve the purchase of 1,500 8 1/2 x 11 Jubilee/membership posters, cost not to exceed \$400. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**
- 16) Approve the purchase of 5,000 two-sided, color membership brochures, cost not to exceed \$400. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**
- 17) Spend \$300 for a Jubilee Tree at the 2006 Fall Board. Monies to come from the Honor Book. **PASSED**
- 18) Advance \$500 to the Wildflower Conference 2007. Monies to come from the Wildflower Conference restricted fund. **PASSED**
- 19) Have one Winery Tour with floral designer at Ironstone Winery at Murphys on July 12, 2006. **NOT PASSED**

- **RATIFICATIONS**

- 20) Grant George Perko Limited Power of Attorney, restricted to dealings with the IRS, in regard to our Non-Profit Group Exemption. **PASSED**
- 21) Approve the appointment of Robert L. Gordon as the alternate to the alternate to the NGC's Nominating Committee. **PASSED**
- 22) To establish F.A.S.T. (Flowers at Show Time) as a CGCI Committee, with Dolores Moffat and Sane Looper as Co-Chairman. Carol Ford Benson moved to amend the motion by adding: Funds received by F.A.S.T. be placed in a CGCI restricted fund. **PASSED** The motion as amended **PASSED**.
- 23) To appoint Mary Lou Goodwin as 2006 Fall Board Co-Chairman. **PASSED**

## 12) Committee Reports

- **Advisory Council**, reported by Chairman Robert L. Gordon, discussed ways of offering leadership help and training to CGCI members.
- **Board of Trustees**, reported by Chairman Greg Pokorski, selected the CGCI Scholarship winners and worked on fine-tuning eligibility requirements. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (D)**
- **Jubilee Celebration Committee**, reported by Chairman Robert L. Gordon, urged clubs to plan Jubilee events in 2007. Marjorie Johnson will chair the Jubilee ornaments.
- **Nominating Committee**, reported by Chairman Dorothy Roton, needs to have personnel questionnaires updated. The Nominating Committee must file the slate two weeks before the 2007 Winter Board.
- **Policy Committee** – Report filed.
- **Strategic Planning Committee**, reported by Carlotta Wixon, discussed ways to get increased attendance at Conventions, need to fill District Directors positions and Board positions.
- **Youth Committee**, reported by Shirley Craver, moved for ratification of six Youth Groups. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (E)**

The meeting was recessed from 12:00 P.M. to 1:10 P.M. for lunch.

## 13) Special Presentations

**Maryanne Lucas**, Awards Chairman, presented an informative and creative Power-Point presentation on the CGCI Awards Program.

## 14) Bylaws Committee

Nancy Lee Loesch, Chairman, recognized the members of the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee recommends the following bylaws and standing rules amendments for approval by the Board of Directors for presentation at the 2006 Convention.

- **SR # 70 Now reads:** Membership chairman shall send, by July 15, copies of the current (June 1) district rosters and a list of associate plant societies to the following: corresponding secretary, yearbook chairman, *Golden Gardens* circulation chairman, liability insurance chairman and youth activities chairman. **Amend by** striking July 15 and inserting July 1. **ADOPTED**  
**To Read:** Membership chairman shall send, by July 1, copies of the current (June 1) district rosters and a list of associate plant societies to the following: corresponding secretary, yearbook chairman, *Golden Gardens* circulation chairman, liability insurance chairman and youth activities chairman.
- **Add new: SR #76** Add: 76. A club shall pay CGCI annual per capita dues, belong to a district, and be eligible for CGCI liability insurance. An associate plant society which chooses to belong to a District shall be classified as a club. **ADOPTED**

- **Article IV – Membership and Dues, Sec. 1, Now Reads:** The membership of this corporation shall consist of 5 classes: garden clubs, associate plant societies, affiliates, life members and all categories of youth gardeners. Voting memberships shall be garden clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates. Nonvoting memberships shall be all categories of youth gardeners. **Amend by** adding and life members following “youth gardeners”.

**ADOPTED**

**To read:** The membership of this corporation shall consist of 5 classes: garden clubs, associate plant societies, affiliates, life members and all categories of youth gardeners. Voting memberships shall be garden clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates. Nonvoting memberships shall be all categories of youth gardeners and life members.

- **Article IV – Membership and Dues, Sec. 2: Now Reads:** A garden club, associate plant society, affiliate, or category of youth gardeners having one or more of the objectives of CGCI shall be eligible for membership providing no sectarian, racial, or political test for membership is required. Bylaws of each membership class shall not conflict with bylaws of CGCI. Each category of youth gardeners shall be sponsored by a garden club or district, registered annually with both appropriate CGCI and NGC chairmen and the members shall have all privileges of CGCI except the right to vote and hold office. **Amend by** adding member between “by a” and “garden club”. **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** A garden club, associate plant society, affiliate, or category of youth gardeners having one or more of the objectives of CGCI shall be eligible for membership providing no sectarian, racial, or political test for membership is required. Bylaws of each membership class shall not conflict with bylaws of CGCI. Each category of youth gardeners shall be sponsored by a member garden club or district, registered annually with both appropriate CGCI and NGC chairmen and the members shall have all privileges of CGCI except the right to vote and hold office.

- **Article IV – Membership and Dues, Sec. 3(b): Now Reads:** The per capita dues of any new club or associate plant society shall accompany application for membership. At the time clubs or associate plant societies accept new members their dues shall be forwarded to the membership chairman. **Amend by** striking “~~At the time clubs or associate plant societies accept new members their dues shall be forwarded to the membership chairman.~~” substituting the following: “Clubs or associate plant societies shall forward dues on a quarterly basis for new members accepted during the previous quarter to the membership chairman.” **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** The per capita dues of any new club or associate plant society shall accompany application for membership. Clubs or associate plant societies shall forward dues on a quarterly basis for new members accepted during the previous quarter to the membership chairman.”

- **Article IV – Membership and Dues, Sec. 3(e): Now Reads:** If dues are not paid by November 1, clubs and associate plant societies become ineligible for insurance and participation in the awards program. **Amend by** adding CGCI Liability before “insurance” and CGCI before “awards program”. **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** If dues are not paid by November 1, clubs and associate plant societies become ineligible for CGCI Liability insurance and participation in the CGCI awards program.

- **Article V – Officers and Their Duties, Sec. 5: Now Reads:** The corresponding secretary shall: (a) conduct correspondence of the corporation under the direction of the president, (b) mail notices of meetings, (c) mail, following the organizational meeting, the official roster of names, addresses and phone numbers of CGCI officer, district directors and chairmen to the Pacific Region alternate director and to NGC headquarters, and subsequent changes as they occur, (d) mail, following notification from the membership and life membership chairmen, the name and addresses of CGCI president, *Golden Gardens* editor, club and associate plant society presidents, and current list of NGC life members to NGC headquarters, ATTN: Circulation, (e) supervise the mailing and count of any emergency ballot directed by the executive committee.

**Amend by** striking ~~phone~~ and inserting telephone. Add (electronic or postal) after (b) "mail", after (c) "mail", after (d) "mail" and after (e) "mailing".

George Speer moved to amend by removing the word ~~and~~, and adding a comma before (c) "telephone numbers", inserting and email addresses after "telephone numbers".

**PASSED** The amended article was **ADOPTED**.

**To Read:** The corresponding secretary shall: (a) conduct correspondence of the corporation under the direction of the president, (b) mail (electronic or postal) notices of meetings, (c) mail (electronic or postal) following the organizational meeting, the official roster of names, addresses, telephone numbers, and email addresses of CGCI officers, district directors and chairmen to the Pacific Region alternate director and to NGC headquarters, and subsequent changes as they occur, (d) mail (electronic or postal), following notification from the membership and life membership chairmen, the name and addresses of CGCI president, *Golden Gardens* editor, club and associate plant society presidents, and current list of NGC life members to NGC headquarters, ATTN: Circulation, (e) supervise the mailing (electronic or postal) and count of any emergency ballot directed by the executive committee.

- **Article V – Officers and Their Duties, Sec 7: Now Reads:** The treasurer shall: (a) receive all monies collected in the name of CGCI, (b) deposit all monies in the name of CGCI with a bank(s) authorized by the board of directors in designated general or specific accounts, (c) administer CGCI funds as authorized by the board of directors, (d) upon receipt of authorization from the financial secretary, issue checks for payment of bills, checks to be signed by the treasurer, or a designated alternate, and (e) prepare financial statements for the board of directors meetings. **Amend by** adding new (d): (d) sign all checks or designate an alternate. Re-letter (d) to (e). Strike ~~checks to be signed by the treasurer, or a designated alternate, and~~. Add new (f): and (f) upon receipt of authorization from the awards chairman, issue checks for award winners. Re-letter (e) to (g).

George Perko moved to amend (d) to read sign all checks or, in the absence of the treasurer designate an alternate from the bank's signature card. The motion was withdrawn.

Carol Ford Benson moved to strike in (b) a before "bank(s)" and insert comma in (d) after "checks", strike in (d) ~~or designate an alternate~~, replace in (e) ~~for~~ with in after "checks"

**PASSED**

The amended article was **ADOPTED**.

**To Read:** The treasurer shall: (a) receive all monies collected in the name of CGCI, (b) deposit all monies in the name of CGCI with bank(s) authorized by the board of directors in designated general or specific accounts, (c) administer CGCI funds as authorized by the board of directors, (d) sign all checks, (e) upon receipt of authorization from the financial secretary, issue checks in payment of bills, (f) upon receipt of authorization from the awards chairman, issue checks to award winners, and (g) prepare financial statements for the board of directors meetings.

- **Article VIII – Executive Committee, Sec. 3: Now Reads:** The committee may conduct business by mail or conference telephone when necessary. Any action taken shall be announced and made a part of the minutes of the next executive committee meeting. **Amend by** adding (electronic or postal) after "mail". Strike ~~conference telephone~~ and insert telephone conference. **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** The committee may conduct business by mail (electronic or postal) or telephone conference when necessary. Any action taken shall be announced and made a part of the minutes of the next executive committee meeting.

- **Article IX – Districts and District Directors, Sec. 6: Now Reads:** The director shall file with the state membership chairman by July 10 a legible list of all clubs, affiliates and youth gardeners in the district, with names, addresses, phone and email numbers of club presidents and treasurers, affiliate presidents and treasurers and youth gardener leaders. The list must follow the format of the state roster. **Amend by** striking ~~phone~~ and inserting telephone numbers. Strike ~~email numbers~~ and insert email addresses.

George Speer moved to amend the proposal by striking: ~~The list must follow the format of the state roster~~. **PASSED**. The amended article was **ADOPTED**.

**To Read:** The director shall file with the state membership chairman by July 10 a legible list of all clubs, affiliates and youth gardeners in the district, with names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of club presidents and treasurers, affiliate presidents and treasurers and youth gardener leaders.

- **Article XI – Annual Meetings, Sec. 4: Now Reads:** The voting membership at all conventions shall consist of members of the board of directors, club, associate plant society, and affiliate presidents, or their alternates, and delegates or alternates of member clubs. Members of the board of directors are entitled to one vote each by virtue of their office and their vote shall not be counted in the voting quota of their respective clubs. There shall be no proxy vote. **Amend by** adding and associate plant societies after “clubs”. ~~Strike by virtue of their office.~~ **ADOPTED**  
**To Read:** The voting membership at all conventions shall consist of members of the board of directors, club, associate plant society, and affiliate presidents, or their alternates, and delegates or alternates of member clubs and associate plant societies. Members of the board of directors are entitled to one vote each and their vote shall not be counted in the voting quota of their respective clubs. There shall be no proxy vote.
- **Article XI – Annual Meetings, Sec. 5: Now Reads:** Member clubs shall be entitled to representation by the club president or alternate and additional delegates as follows:
  - Clubs of 25 members or less, one delegate
  - Clubs of 26 to 50 members, two delegates
  - Clubs of 51 to 100 members, three delegatesIncrease one delegate for every 50 additional members or portion thereof.  
**Amend by** adding and associate plant societies after “clubs”.  
Beverly Brune moved to amend by removing “Clubs of”. **PASSED.** The amended article was **ADOPTED.**  
**To Read:** Member clubs and associate plant societies shall be entitled to representation by the club president or alternate and additional delegates as follows:
  - 25 members or less, one delegate
  - 26 to 50 members, two delegates
  - 51 to 100 members, three delegatesIncrease one delegate for every 50 additional members or portion thereof.
- **Article XI – Annual Meetings, Sec. 6: Now Reads:** Club presidents shall send the names of delegates and alternate delegates to the credentials chairman at least 21 days prior to the convention. **Amend by** adding: and associate plant society after “club”. **ADOPTED**  
**To Read:** Club and associate plant society presidents shall send the names of delegates and alternate delegates to the credentials chairman at least 21 days prior to the convention.
- **Article XII – Finances, Sec. 3: Now Reads:** Presidents of all adult clubs, associate plant societies, affiliates, and district directors shall receive *Golden Gardens* during their term of office, subscription to be paid from the General Fund. **Amend by** striking: ~~adult~~ and inserting member. Add and after “societies”. Change comma to semi-colon after “affiliates”.  
Pat Claves moved to amend by inserting District directors, before “Presidents”; changing Presidents to presidents; keeping and after “societies”; striking ~~and District directors~~; striking the ~~comma~~ after “societies”. **PASSED.** The amended article was **ADOPTED.**  
**To Read:** District directors, presidents of all member clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; shall receive *Golden Gardens* during their term of office, subscription to be paid from the General Fund.

- Article XIV – Board of Trustees, Sec. 2: Now Reads:** Immediately following the post-convention meeting in an odd-numbered election year and immediately following the pre-convention meeting in an even-numbered, non-election year, the president shall call a meeting of the board of trustees to elect a chairman and secretary who shall serve for one year and may be reelected for an additional term. Four members shall constitute a quorum. If the chairman is unable to represent trustees at board meetings, the secretary may act as an alternate. Board of trustees shall meet upon call of the chairman, or secretary acting in absence of the chairman. **Amend by** inserting the/The before “trustees” and “board of trustees”. Change: ~~Board~~ to board. **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** Immediately following the post-convention meeting in an odd-numbered, election year and immediately following the pre-convention meeting in an even-numbered, non-election year, the president shall call a meeting of the board of trustees to elect a chairman and secretary who shall serve for one year and may be reelected for an additional term. Four members shall constitute a quorum. If the chairman is unable to represent the trustees at board meetings, the secretary may act as an alternate. The board of trustees shall meet upon call of the chairman, or secretary acting in absence of the chairman.
- Article XIV – Board of Trustees, Sec. 3: Now Reads:** After the following reviews, board of trustees shall make recommendations in writing to the executive committee before any action by the board of directors: (a) review of investments, (b) review of new gifts or donations to assure the best resolution for the donor and the corporation, (c) review of existing gifts or donations to assure that the administration of the funds is as directed by the grantors, and (d) monitor the bank accounts in regard to the FDIC \$1000,000 limit. **Amend by** adding the before “board of trustees”. **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** After the following reviews, the board of trustees shall make recommendations in writing to the executive committee before any action by the board of directors: (a) review of investments, (b) review of new gifts or donations to assure the best resolution for the donor and the corporation, (c) review of existing gifts or donations to assure that the administration of the funds is as directed by the grantors, and (d) monitor the bank accounts in regard to the FDIC \$100,000 limit.
- Article XIV – Board of Trustees, Sec. 5: Now Reads:** Board of trustees chairman shall report to the board of directors at all board meetings and conventions. **Amend by** adding the before “board of trustees”. Change ~~Board~~ to board. **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** The board of trustees chairman shall report to the board of directors at all board meetings and conventions.
- Article XV – Advisory Council: Now Reads:** Former state presidents shall comprise the advisory council, which shall meet at the call of the chairman or 2 members of the advisory council for the purpose of discussing policies and procedures. The immediate past president shall act as the chairman. Four members shall constitute a quorum. **Amend by** striking ~~State~~ and inserting CGCI. Strike ~~2~~ and insert two. **ADOPTED**

**To read:** Former CGCI presidents shall comprise the advisory council, which shall meet at the call of the chairman or two members of the advisory council for the purpose of discussing policies and procedures. The immediate past president shall act as the chairman. Four members shall constitute a quorum.
- Article XVI – Liability Insurance, Sec.1: Now Reads:** Liability insurance shall be maintained for clubs and associate plant societies who choose to have this insurance. Rate to be recommended by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors. **Amend by** striking ~~have~~ and inserting purchase. Insert at the fall board meeting after “board of directors”. Insert Annual before “rate to be recommended”. Carol Ford Benson moved to amend by striking ~~who chose~~ and inserting qualifying for and choosing to and striking: ~~Rate to be~~ and inserting The annual rate shall. **PASSED**. The amended article was **ADOPTED**.

**To Read:** Liability insurance shall be maintained for clubs and associate plant societies qualifying for and choosing to purchase this insurance. The annual rate shall be recommended by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors at the fall board meeting.

**Article IV – Membership and Dues, Sec 3(c): Now Reads:** Affiliates shall pay annual dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) for memberships of 50 or less, or twenty dollars (\$20.00) for memberships in excess of 50. **Amend by** striking ~~ten dollars (\$10.00) for memberships of 50 or less, or twenty dollars (\$20.00) for memberships in excess of 50.~~ Insert fifty dollars (\$50.00) regardless of size. Carol Ford Benson called for the question. **PASSED. ADOPTED**  
**To Read:** Affiliates shall pay annual dues of fifty dollars (\$50.00) regardless of size.

- **Article V – Officers and Their Duties, Sec. 10: Now Reads:** The parliamentarian shall have the right to vote by ballot on all matters concerning which (she or he) is not serving as parliamentary law advisor. **Amend by** striking ~~by ballot.~~ Carol Ford Benson moved to change ~~concerning~~ to upon. **PASSED**  
It was moved to change “upon” to except those where and delete ~~not~~. **PASSED** The amended article was **ADOPTED**.

**To Read:** The parliamentarian shall have the right to vote on all matters except those where (she or he) is serving as parliamentary law advisor.

- **Article VII – Board of Directors, Sec. 1; Now Reads:** Composition of the CGCI board of directors shall be: (a) officers, (b) district directors, (c) members of the nominating committee, (d) members of the board of trustees, (e) members of the advisory council, and (f) chairmen of standing and special committees. One-third shall constitute a quorum. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote. **Amend by** adding new (f) members of bylaws committee, (g) members of Circle of Poppies, and (h) chairmen of standing and special committees. **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** Composition of the CGCI board of directors shall be: (a) officers, (b) district directors, (c) members of the nominating committee, (d) members of the board of trustees, (e) members of the advisory council, (f) members of bylaws committee, (g) members of Circle of Poppies, and (h) chairmen of standing and special committees. One-third shall constitute a quorum. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote.

- **Article VII – Board of Directors, Sec. 5: Now Reads:** Post-convention meetings shall be held in odd-numbered, election years to ratify appointments of the parliamentarian, standing and special committee chairmen and any new members of the board of trustees. Those eligible to attend the post-convention meetings shall be the officers and district directors, or assistant directors, and, after ratification, the district director coordinator and the parliamentarian. **Amend by** striking ~~standing and special committee chairmen~~ and insert all appointed chairmen. Remove commas before and after “and”. **ADOPTED**

**To Read:** Post-convention meetings shall be held in odd-numbered, election years to ratify appointments of the parliamentarian, all appointed chairmen and any new members of the board of trustees. Those eligible to attend the post-convention meetings shall be the officers and district directors, or assistant directors and after ratification, the district director coordinator and the parliamentarian.

- **Article XI – Annual Meetings, Sec. 11: Now Reads:** Financial records of the convention shall be maintained under the direction of the district convention chairman and shall be audited by a qualified individual approved by the board of directors. Copies to be filed with the president, financial secretary, treasurer, and boards and conventions coordinator within 90 days of the close of convention. **Amend by** striking ~~audited by a qualified individual approved by the board of directors.~~ Insert reviewed by a member of the CGCI Finance and Budget Committee. Strike ~~to~~ after “copies” and insert shall. **ADOPTED**



**To Read:** Financial records of the convention shall be maintained under the direction of the district convention chairman and shall be reviewed by a member of the CGCI Finance and Budget Committee. Copies shall be filed with the president, financial secretary, treasurer, and boards and conventions coordinator within 90 days of the close of convention.

- **Article XII – Finances, Sec 7 (a-d): Now Reads:** The following are budgeted from the General Fund: (a) president’s allowance of up to \$2,500.00 for verified expenses incurred for state travel and office expenses, (b) president’s allowance of up to \$4,000.00 annually for verified expenses incurred in attending two meetings of NGC and on Pacific region meeting, (c) president-elect’s allowance of up to \$1,000.00 for verified expenses incurred in attending one meeting of NGC and (d) when the Pacific Region director is from California, \$1,000.00 annually for verified expenses. **Amend by** changing: (a) \$3,000.00 (b) \$5,000.00 (c) \$1,500.00 (d) \$1,500.00.

Rosa Radicchi moved to change (d) to read: (d) an allowance of up to \$1,500.00 annually for verified expenses when the Pacific Region Director is from California. **PASSED** The amended article was **ADOPTED**.

**To Read:** The following are budgeted from the General Fund: (a) president’s allowance of up to \$3,000.00 for verified expenses incurred for state travel and office expenses, (b) president’s allowance of up to \$5,000.00 annually for verified expenses incurred in attending two meetings of NGC and one Pacific region meeting, (c) president-elect’s allowance of up to \$1,500.00 for verified expenses incurred in attending one meeting of NGC and (d) an allowance of up to \$1,500.00 annually for verified expenses when the Pacific Region Director is from California.

- **Article XII – Finances, Sec 7 (a-d): (Second Proposed Change)**  
**Amend by** adding annually after \$3,000.00. Add: including mileage allowance in accordance with current IRS mileage standard after “state travel and office expenses”.

George Perko moved to change the proposed amendment to read: including mileage reimbursement in accordance with the current IRS business mileage rate. **PASSED**

George Speer moved to combine these changes with the previous section. **PASSED** The amended article was **ADOPTED**.

**To Read:** The following are budgeted from the General Fund: (a) president’s allowance of up to \$3,000.00 annually for verified expenses incurred for state travel and office expenses including mileage reimbursement in accordance with the current IRS business mileage rate, (b) president’s allowance of up to \$5,000.00 annually for verified expenses incurred in attending two meetings of NGC and one Pacific region meeting, (c) president-elect’s allowance of up to \$1,500.00 for verified expenses incurred in attending one meeting of NGC and (d) an allowance of up to \$1,500.00 annually for verified expenses when the Pacific Region Director is from California.

**15) Chairman Coordinator, Greg Pokorski, introduced Committee Chairmen reporting.**

- **Life Membership Chairman, Carlotta Wixon, moved to ratify seven new CGCI Life memberships, three Pacific Regions Life memberships and two NGC Life memberships. SEE ATTACHMENTS (F)**

The meeting was recessed at 5:00 P.M.

The meeting resumed at 9:03 A.M. on Sunday, January 29, 2006.

**16) Principal Financial Grant Program “Let Freedom Ring”- Marilyn Oberti, assisted by Joan Craig, announced the winners of the Grants. Checks were presented by President Elisabeth A. Tufo.**

**17) Jubilee Celebration Committee Chairman**, Bob Gordon, explained the rewards for each level of sponsorship as suggested by the Budget and Finance Committee:

\$75 – A souvenir Jubilee Christmas ornament

\$250 – An ornament, dinner for two with CGCI President at the Convention

\$500 – ornament, dinner with CGCI President at the Convention, and a CGCI life membership

\$1000 – An ornament, a CGCI life membership, and a wine-tasting black-tie dinner for two with the CGCI President at Convention

Bob Gordon moved to accept the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation.

**PASSED.**

**18) Committee Chairmen's Reports** continued.

**19) District Director Coordinator**, Hoberley Schuler, introduced District Directors reporting.

**20)** Following announcements, President Tufo adjourned the meeting at 10:47 A.M.

Submitted,

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Rita Desilets  
CGCI Recording Secretary

## 2006 WINTER BOARD MEETING – ATTACHMENTS

### A) Carol Sexton – CGCI Account Balances Report as of 12/31/05

#### ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
B of A CD-Cert. of Deposit	83,085.58
B of A Checking-Checking Account	50,535.84
Desert Community Bank CD #1-Cert of Deposit	59,967.77
Desert Community Bank CD #2-Cert of Deposit	17,482.75
Desert Community Bank Savings-Savings	24,059.85
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$235,131.79

#### Other Assets

Golden Gardens-B of A checking account	14,938.73
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotel & Meeting Deposits	3,950.00
TOTAL Other Assets	18,888.73

TOTAL ASSETS \$254,020.52

#### RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS

Awards-Restricted	7,741.69
Blue Star Memorial-Restricted	2,072.77
CGCI Jubilee Grant Program-Restricted	10,125.00
CGCI Magazine File Boxes-Restricted	256.28
CGCI Save the Bald Eagle-Restricted	166.00
CGCI Scholarship Fund-Restricted	52,908.33
CGCI World Gardening-Restricted	194.47
Donor Christy Fitz Mem. Fund-Donor Restricted	1,410.01
Donor Copeland Fund-Donor Restricted	11,860.04
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
Gold Honor Book-Restricted	9,971.86
Habitat For Humanity-Restricted	250.00
Junior Gardeners-Restricted	371.32
Landscape Design School-Restricted	4,379.54
Liability Insurance-Restricted	30,678.56
Life Membership Scholarship-Restricted	3,750.00
Permanent Files-Restricted	2,500.00
San Simeon Selebration-Restricted	190.01
Symposium Reserve-Restricted	13,137.62
Wildflower Conference-Restricted	5,133.66
Youth Conference Fund-Restricted	572.66
Youth Gardener Grant-Restricted	900.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED ACCOUNTS	\$181,493.52

NET OF ASSETS & RESTRICTED FUNDS \$72,527.00

LESS OTHER ASSETS (GG & Prepaid Deposits) \$18,888.73

NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS AVAILABLE \$53,638.27

**B) Julie West – New Clubs/Affiliate/Associate Plant Society Ratification**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
Petaluma Rose & Garden Club	10	Luther Burbank District
Davis Garden Club	12	Sacramento River Valley District
<b>Associate Plant Societies:</b>		
Long Beach Amateur Orchid Society	50	
Orange County Camellia Society	22	
<b>Affiliates:</b>		
Contra Costa Rose Society	40	Diablo Foothills District
Rim of the World Interpretive Association	71	Palms to Pines District
Inland Valley Native Plant Gardening Club	15	CGCI affiliate

**C) Official Calendar Dates for Ratification – Robin Pokorski, CGCI 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President**

**Conventions/Board Meetings Chairman**

2007 Winter Board Meeting – January 25—27 – CGCI Executive Committee host

2007 Convention – June 4-7 - Sequoia Foothills District

Chairman: Gloria Aminian Registrar: Carol Sexton Auditor: Robin Pokorski

2007 Fall Board Meeting – Costa Verde District host – Diane Charbonneau, Chairman

2008 Winter Board Meeting – Cascade District host

**Jubilee Events**

July 10 CGCI Winery/Design Tour – South Coast Winery Resort & Spa

July 12 CGCI Winery/Design Tour – Ironstone Winery

July 14 CGCI Winery/Design Tour – Bruotoca Winery

**Flower Show School Symposium**

July 27-30, 2006 San Mateo Marriott Hotel, San Mateo

Chairman: Shane Looper Registrar/Treasurer: Gayle Davis

**Environmental Schools**

Riverside - Course III & IV canceled

**D) Board of Trustees – Greg Pokorski**

The Board of Trustees and the Scholarship Chairman constitute the CGCI Scholarship Committee. At each Winter Board Meeting this committee reviews scholarship applications that have been submitted for the coming school year. All members of the Scholarship Committee were present at our January 26 meeting where we reviewed nineteen eligible scholarship applications.

Scholarship winners are:

Jared Sisneroz of Hanford	\$1,500 CGCI Scholarship
Gwen Tindula of Nipomo	\$1,000 CGCI Scholarship
Christina Menezes of Atwater	\$1,000 CGCI Scholarship
Amanda Thorsson of Petaluma	\$1,000 CGCI Scholarship
Marisa Brooks of Merced	\$1,000 Wil J. Tebo Scholarship

Based on current and previous review of scholarship applications, the Board is going to work in the next few months to fine-tune some of the scholarship eligibility criteria so we can be more certain that our scholarship recipients are going to be pursuing studies that are in alignment with the goals and objectives of CGCI.

CGCI currently provides scholarships for high school seniors or students who have completed one or more years of college. Because we are seeing a number of these young students who don't declare majors when they enroll in school or who sometimes switch majors, the Scholarship Committee has decided to change the eligibility requirement to conform to the practices of Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc. so that our future scholarships will be available only for the Junior and Senior years of college and/or for graduate work. We will develop information about these changes as we revise the scholarship applications for 2007 and will share this at Convention and/or Fall Board.

Thanks to Scholarship Chairman Rosalie Hooper for all her hard work in promoting the scholarship program, obtaining the applications, and organizing them for review at this meeting. Thanks to the members of the Board of Trustees (Virginia Bennetts, Beverly Brune, George Perko, Dorothy Roton, and Hoberley Schuler) for their time and insightful review of these applications.

**E) Shirley Craver, Youth Group Ratifications**

<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
Sacramento River Valley	Davis Garden Club	Marguerite Montgomery Elem. Sch.
Golden Foothills	Roseville Green Thumb GC	Centipede's at Twelve Bridges Elementary School
Desert Empire	Desert Planters GC of Ridgecrest	Pierce Elementary Preschool
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Costa Verde	Hermosa Garden Club	Hermosa Valley School
Luther Burbank	Santa Rosa Garden Club	Backyard Gardeners at Matanzas Elementary School

**F) Carlotta Wixon: Life Membership Ratifications**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>
<b>CGCI</b>		
Irene Anderson	San Pedro G.C.	Costa Verde District
Lois Culver	Stockton G.C.	Valley Lode District
Erlene Finn	Cactus Wren G.C.	Roadrunner District
Dorothy Hill	Chicago Park G.C.	Golden Foothills District
Naomi Horton	Stockton G. C.	Valley Lode District
Katie Quinn	Lewiston G.C.	Cascade District
Lois Scammon	Catheys Valley G.C.	Yosemite Gateway District
<b>PACIFIC REGION</b>		
Shirley Craver	Desert Planters G.C.	Desert Empire District
Evelyn Broaddus	Ukiah G.C.	Mendo-Lake District
Pat Zarnowski	Southern California G.C.	San Fernando Valley District
<b>NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS</b>		
Joan Berg	Southern California G.C.	San Fernando Valley District
Evelyn Broaddus	Ukiah G.C.	Mendo-Lake District