



# CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

## PRE-CONVENTION MEETING

Monday, June 4, 2007

Double Tree Hotel, Bakersfield

President: Elisabeth A. Tufo

Host: Sequoia Foothills 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 Monday, June 4, 2007. Recording Secretary Rita Desilets was present.
- 2) Jackie Jackman read the inspiration and Doris Todd Brown 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. The Rules Order for Board Meetings were in effect.  
**Excused:** Virginia Bennetts, Kay Palmbaum, George Perko, Dorothy Roton, Mary Ann Salyards, Mary Tebo and Mary Varieur.
- 5) The minutes of the 2007 Winter Board Meeting were approved as distributed.
- 6) Members of the Minutes Review Committee for the Pre-Convention Meeting and were appointed: Carol Sexton, Nancy Lee Loesch and Dolores Moffat.
- 7) The Election Board was appointed: Lorraine Ornelas, Chairman; Joan Craig and Ruth Angevine, Tellers; Barbara Stevens, Clerk; Wilma Parker, Judge.
- 8) **Executive Committee Reports**
  - **Diane Charbonneau**, Golden Gardens Editor- deferred to convention.
  - **Geanne Brown**, Financial Secretary – deferred to convention.
  - **Carol Sexton**, Treasurer – deferred to convention.
  - **Mary-Jo Noth**, Corresponding Secretary- deferred to convention.
  - **Rita Desilets**, Recording Secretary - deferred to convention.
  - **Julie West**, Third Vice- President, moved to ratify four garden clubs, one Associate Plant Society and two CGCI affiliates. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (A)**
  - **Maryanne Lucas**, second Vice-President - deferred to convention.
  - **Robin Pokorski**, President-Elect- deferred to convention.
- 9) **Recording Secretary Rita Desilets read the EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**
  - 1) To pay \$402.00 for the purchase of lanyards. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED.**
  - 2) To pay \$85.00 for the purchase of poppy and other miscellaneous pins. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED.**
  - 3) To approve the purchase of 1000 CGCI life-membership certificates, cost not to exceed \$100.00. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED.**
  - 4) To approve a CGCI mission statement: California Garden Clubs, Inc. promotes gardening, floral design, civic beautification, environmental responsibility and the exchange of information and ideas. **PASSED.**
  - 5) To approve the use of the new *District Director Guidelines*. **PASSED.**
  - 6) To accept \$1857.73 received from the Orange County Floral Arts Guild due to their dissolution. Monies to be held in the General Fund until recommendation for placement comes from the Board of Trustees. **PASSED.**
- 10) **Committee Reports**
  - **Youth Activities Chairman**, Shane Looper moved to ratify two youth groups. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (B)**
  - **Advisory Council Chairman**, Bob Gordon will report at Convention.
  - **Board of Trustees Chairman**, Hoberley Schuler will report at Convention for Chairman, Virginia Bennetts.
- 11) President Tufo announced that Session II on Thursday will start at 8:30 A.M.
- 12) President Tufo adjourned the meeting at 4:15 P.M.

## 2007 PRE-CONVENTION – ATTACHMENTS

### A) Julie West – New Clubs/Associate Plant Societies/Affiliate Ratifications

<b>CLUB</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>
Redbud Garden Club	Sequoia Foothills District	27
Kids Growing Strong	Channel Islands District	16
Digging in Gardens in Sonoma (DIGS)	Luther Burbank District	15
Diamond Mountain Bloomers	Club at large in Plumas Lassen District	35
Diablo Bonsai Club	Associate Plant Society	30
San Diego County Orchid Society	CGCI Affiliate	500
Friends of Fullerton Arboretum	CGCI Affiliate	

### B) Shane Looper – Youth Group Ratifications

<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>DISTRICT</b>	<b>CLUB</b>
Hillside Gardeners of Montclair	Bay Bridges District	Sequoia Gardeners
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### Ceremonial Opening

- 1) At 5:20 P.M. Carolyn Villi, Convention Co- Chairman began the Ceremonial Opening.
- 2) The Sons of the American Revolution Color Guard presented the colors as Glenn Burroughs, Timekeeper/Properties Chairman, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) The invocation was given by Dan Schaffer.
- 4) Convention Co-Chairman, Gloria Aminian, introduced those seated at the Head Table.
- 5) A Welcome to Convention was given by Joyce Marlin, Director of Sequoia Foothills District.
- 6) Welcome to Bakersfield was given by Mayor Harvey Hall.
- 7) Robin Pokorski, President-Elect, presented a response to the Mayor.
- 8) Carolyn Villi, Convention Co-Chairman, adjourned the Ceremonial Opening at 5:35 P.M.

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Rita Desilets, CGCI Recording Secretary