



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
Pre-Convention Board Meeting

June 6, 2008

77th Annual Convention

Hilton Woodland Hills, CA

President: Robin Pokorski

Hosts: San Fernando Valley District

President Robin Pokorski called the meeting to order at 3:15 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ed Dempsey, Treasurer

The Inspiration was given by Ruth Brooker, Mailbox Chairman

President Pokorski introduced the Executive Committee seated at the head table; former CGCI Presidents Mary Lou Goodwin, JoAnn Gould, Beverly Brune, Robert Gordon, and Elisabeth Tufo, and special guest, NGC President Barbara May

Recording Secretary Jane McKee called the roll and a quorum was established.

Excused: Catherine Accardi, Virginia Bennetts, Carol Ford Benson, Joan Blankenship, Lorna Bonham, Doris Todd Brown, Geanne Brown, Eileen Fiumara, LaVerne Harms, Betty Hedtke, Rosalie Hooper, Jackie Jackman, Judy Laird, Sandi Lord, Carol Mayo, Helen Miller, Sheila Newell, Wilma Parker, Joan Patten, George Perko, Lydia & Roy Reibel, Betty Rohan, Dorothy Roton, Hoberley & Robert Schuler, Mary Tebo, Sharon Thorne, Carolyn Villi

Recording Secretary Jane McKee read the following Executive Committee recommendations

1. To recommend Martha Ann Walter to the Circle of Poppies. **Passed**
2. To recommend Gertrude Paul to the Circle of Poppies. **Passed**

President Pokorski announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting, June 2007 for this entire term.

President Pokorski thanked San Fernando Valley District for hosting the convention.

George Speer, Chairman of the Minutes Review Committee moved to approve Minutes of 2008 Winter Board Meeting, corrected as follows:

Page 4 under Bylaws, the third amendment [to Article XII Section 5] is recorded without the strike throughs and italics. Should read:

Article XII Section 5

~~Net proceeds from conventions shall be placed in the General Fund.~~

Half of the net proceeds from conventions shall be placed in the General Fund and the remaining half may be retained by the Host District(s) or Host Club(s). Rationale: specifies distribution of proceeds from conventions. **APPROVED.**

President Pokorski appointed the committee to approve the minutes of the convention: Joelle Holford, Financial Secretary, Chairman; Rose Mary Gaspari, Golden Foothills District Director; and Lynne Hansen, Webmaster.

Financial Reports: See Attachment A

Treasurer, Ed Dempsey announced that CGCI accounts, including CDs have been disbursed to three different financial institutions to remain within the FDIC limits and that a CGCI credit card has been obtained to be used for CGCI hotel and meeting deposits.

Correspondence: Corresponding Secretary Pat Claves read thank you notes from Santa Rosa Garden Club and Trinity Gareden Club for grants received; Scholarship recipient, Lisa Baray; and from Bob Gordon for establishing CGCI scholarship at CalPoly San Luis Obispo

Recording Secretary Jane McKee read the following Executive Committee recommendations

Ratifications:

1. Accept with regret the resignation of Ann-Marie Ashbaugh, Invasive Plants Chairman. **PASSED**
2. Accept with regret the resignation of Elin Doehne, Wildflowers Chairman **PASSED**
3. Accept with regret the resignation of Edris Edgar, Blue Star Memorials Chairman, Southern California representative **PASSED**
4. The appointment of Joyce Dean as Scholarship Co-Chairman **PASSED**
5. The appointment of Mallory Hartt as Container Gardening Chairman **PASSED**
6. The appointment of Angela Michaels as Invasive Plants Chairman **PASSED**
7. The appointment of Beverly Brune as member of Board of Trustees **PASSED**
8. To pay \$488.61 for Corresponding Secretary's administrative expense (postage). Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**
9. To donate \$100 to the North American Butterfly Associations' Biennial Members meeting in exchange for display table space. Monies to come from the General Fund (publicity budget) **PASSED**

Recommendations:

1. To accept Palomar District's offer to host 2010 Winter Board Meeting **PASSED**
2. To accept Valley Lode District's offer to host 2010 Fall Board Meeting **PASSED**
3. To accept Orange County District's offer to host 2011 Winter Board Meeting **PASSED**
4. To accept Palomar District's offer to host 2013 Convention **PASSED**
5. To approve Gina Belle Smith and Cathy Biggins as co-chairmen and Bev Davies as registrar of the 2011 Convention **PASSED**
6. To increase Smokey Bear Poster Contest award from \$10 to \$25 for first place in each section, effective July 1, 2008. Monies to come from the Honor Book Fund. **PASSED**
7. To make available the \$1500 remaining in the NGC/Principal Financial Group Blue Star Marker grants fund to clubs to refurbish 10-12 original markers (\$250 for Highway markers; \$100 byway markers), work to be completed by June 1, 2009. **PASSED**

All Officer's Reports and Committee Reports were deferred to Convention.

Invitation to the Fall Board Meeting 2008: Myrtle Findley and Joan Craig announced that the hotel room cost will be \$99 instead of \$109 and that the registration fee will be \$145.00 prior to July 1 and \$160 after that date.

President Pokorski adjourned the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

Submitted

Jane McKee
CGCI Recording Secretary

CGCI Financial Statement
6/1/08

ASSETS-Cash & Bank Accounts

CD #1 (BA 6854)	44,279.66	
CD #2 (LB 49052-5)	92,191.73	
CD #3 (WF 2245)	92,203.71	
Cash-Checking	35,754.57	
TOTAL		264,429.67

ASSETS-Other

Golden Gardens Account	23,313.15	
Prepaid Deposits-Hotels & Meetings	4,500.00	
TOTAL		27,813.15

TOTAL ASSETS**292,242.82****Restricted Funds**

Awards	4,853.56	
Blue Star Memorial	2,288.80	
Blue Star Principal Financial	3,300.00	
CGCI Scholarship Fund	63,288.59	
Donor Christy Fitz Mem. Fund	1,410.01	
Donor Copeland Fund	12,015.04	
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund	3,250.00	
Donor Helen Minor Mem Flr Sch	4,713.65	
Donor Wil J. Tebo Scholarship	1,400.45	
Educational Schools Fund	7,825.00	
Flower Show School	620.79	
Gardening Consultants Council	798.65	
Gardening Study	2,211.26	
Habitat for Humanity	55.00	
Honor Book	7,296.09	
Landscape Design Council	2,027.48	
Landscape Design School	4,115.31	
Liability Insurance	53,103.42	
Reforestation Fund	2,760.00	
Symposium Reserve	12,109.50	
Wildflower Conference	7,482.07	
Youth Fund	2,443.98	
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS		199,368.65

Total Assets less Restricted Funds**92,874.17****Funds available for operation:****\$92,874.17 - \$27,813.15****65,061.02**