



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS INC.  
**PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING**  
CGCI 81<sup>st</sup> CONVENTION  
TUESDAY JUNE 5, 2012  
THE DOUBLETREE HOTEL, SACRAMENTO, CA  
**PRESIDENT: JULIE A. WEST**  
HOST: SACRAMENTO RIVER VALLEY DISTRICT

President Julie A. West called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.. The Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan was present.

Dann Dunst, Palms to Pines District Director, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Krystal Migliore, Buttes District Director, gave the Inspiration.

President Julie A. West introduced National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Shirley S. Nicolai and the Executive Committee.

President West introduced former CGCI Presidents, Mary Lou Goodwin, Beverly Brune, Bob Gordon, Elizabeth Tufo, Robin Pokorski, and Maryanne Lucas.

President West introduced Circle of Poppies member, Helen Gates.

President West introduced the pages and the President's Page, Frankie Raymond.

Without objection, President West appointed Victoria Lucido and Robin Pokorski as timekeepers.

Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan called the roll.

**Excused:** Win Archibald, Lorna Bonham, Kris Ethington, Helen Gregory, Laverne Harnes, Wanda Hewitt, Rosalie Hooper, Nancy Johnson, Dana Lozano, Carol Mayo, Nancy McDougal, Angela Michaels, Kathy Moren, Doris Nagy, Gertrude Paul, Lorraine Ramshaw, Merrilee Ray, Joyce Reid, Deanna Ridolfi, Dorothy Roton, Hoberley Schuler, Robert Schuler, Linda Simonds, Linda Smith, Virginia Stranske, Bonnie Wagner, Martha Ann Walter, Chelsea Wilson.

President West declared a quorum.

President West announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in May 2011 for this entire term.

The minutes of the 2012 Winter Board Meeting were reviewed by the committee of Lorraine Ornelas Chairman, Rita Desilets and Bev Davies and distributed on March 21, 2012. There being no further corrections the minutes of the Winter Board Meeting stand approved as distributed.

Without objection, President West appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Lorraine Ornelas Chairman; Pat Claves and Dolores Moffat.

## Financial Reports

Joan Patten, Treasurer reported. See Attachment A.

Net Worth	
Total Cash including CD's	\$252,241.73
Other Assets including <i>Golden Gardens</i>	\$133,805.66
Prepaid Deposits	\$ 2700.00
Total Assets:	\$388,747.39
Of which Restricted Funds are:	\$303,795.07
Cash Balance Available	\$ 84,952.32

## Officers Reports

Parliamentarian -- deferred to Convention  
Treasurer --deferred to Convention  
Financial Secretary --deferred to Convention  
Corresponding Secretary --deferred to Convention  
Recording Secretary --deferred to Convention  
Announced deadline to email and file reports: June 18, 2012.  
Third Vice President --deferred to convention

Second Vice President Sue Bennett reported: (See attachment B) the number of members paid as of May 31, 2012: 20, 661, and moved to ratify the following new clubs and affiliate plant societies:

### 2 Clubs

- 1) Gardeners92130 with 11 members, Palomar District;  
President – Stephanie Hall
- 2) Turlock Garden Club with 85 members, Valley Lode District;  
President – Carol McRoberts

### 2 Associate Plant Societies

- 1) Doug Frost Begonia Society with 17 members;  
President– Bobbie West
- 2) Pacific Central Judging Center with 24 members;  
President – C. Tedd Kennedy

## **RATIFIED**

First Vice President –deferred to Convention  
President West –deferred to Convention.

## **Executive Committee Ratifications and Recommendations**

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan presented the following recommendations:

### **RATIFICATIONS:**

#### Resignations

1. Anne Barrett, Website Club Liaison Chairman.
2. Emily Chase Bueermann, Publicity Chairman.
3. Jerry Thirloway, Civic Development Chairman.
4. GinaBelle Smith, Golden Gardens Circulation Chairman.
5. Hoberley Schuler, Master Gardener Liaison Chairman.
6. Carlotta Wixon, member of the Nominating Committee.

**1 through 6 RATIFIED WITH REGRET.**

Appointments

7. Robin Pokorski, *Golden Gardens* Circulation Chairman.
8. Ed Dempsey, Nominating Committee.
9. Rita Lorenz, CGCI Delegate for Pacific Region.
10. George Perko, to the Board of Trustees (Article XIV, Sec.1 and Article VII, Sec. 4(b))
11. Maryanne Lucas, to the Board of Trustees (Article VII, Sec. 4(b))

**7 through 11 RATIFIED.**

Ratification

- a. Ratify Albert Chang, CGCI Delegate for the National Garden Clubs, Inc. convention held May 16-20, 2012. **RATIFIED.**
- b. The approval of an additional \$200 for the Corresponding Secretary's Budget. **RATIFIED.**

Calendar Ratification

Gardening Study School, Series 23, Eureka. Sponsor: Humboldt District  
Chairman: Mary Lou Goodwin

Course I -- Oct. 12-13, 2012

Course II -- Jan. 4-5, 2013

Course III -- Apr. 5-6 2013

Course IV-- July 12-13 2013 **ALL COURSE DATES RATIFIED.**

Pacific Region Convention to be held in Hilton Sonoma Wine Country, Santa Rosa, CA Host: CGCI  
Symposium –May 5-7, 2013, Location to be determined.

Orange County District hosting 2013 Fall Board,  
Chairman: Annie Hall-Bosche

**ALL ABOVE CALENDAR DATES RATIFIED.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. That CGCI assist Lodi Garden Club in the amount of \$75 to purchase a Blue Star Byway marker. Monies to come from the Blue Star memorial Restricted Fund. Note: restricted fund Guidelines state "assistance in purchasing a Blue Star Marker upon approval of Board of Directors." **PASSED**
2. That the Naples Islands Garden Club be transferred to Orange County District. **PASSED**
3. That the budget for the Recording Secretary be increased, line code 1907, by \$100 for the remainder of this term. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**
4. That the subscription rate for printed hard copies of *Golden Gardens* be changed from \$5 for 100% clubs/\$6 for individuals to \$12 to be effective July 1, 2012. (Article XIII, Sec. 4 page 136). **PASSED AS AMENDED**(For presentation to the convention body for further action if *Golden Gardens* bylaw amendment does not pass).
5. That CGCI's online publication *eNews* be renamed *Golden Gardens eNews*. **PASSED**

6. That the proposed Expedia cruise, May11-18, 2013 be accepted as an official CGCI Fundraiser with no benefit to CGCI members. **PASSED**
7. That CGCI establish a Golden Legacy Society. **PASSED**

The Chair respectfully directed the Board of Trustees to meet (per Article XIV, Section 2) immediately following this pre-convention meeting to elect a chairman and secretary who shall serve for one year, and assume their duties after close of convention, and to report at the Organizational meeting.

**Standing/Special Committee Reports**

Board of Trustees Chairman, Joan Craig reported:  
 spoke in favor of proposed *Golden Gardens* bylaw amendment, (9) Article XIII.  
 Rita Desilets, Bylaws and Policy, reported.  
 Nominating Committee Chairman, Kathy Bramhall reported.  
 2012 Symposium co-Chairman Laura Crenshaw reported.  
 Winter Board Meeting 2012, Pismo Beach, Montana de Oro District Director, Linda Hicks, reported.

Life Memberships Chairman, Carlotta Wixon reported (see Attachment C).  
 Carlotta Wixon moved to ratify the following Life Members:

**CGCI:**

Adrienne Alpert	Toluca Lake G.C.	San Fernando Valley District
Pat Atassi	Woodside Hills G.C.	Bay Ocean District
Laura Burghardt	Oakdale G.C.	Valley Lode District
Connie Byres	Porterville G.C.	Sequoia Foothills District
Carolyn Daniels	Palms G.C.	Palms to Pines District
Betty Dulac	Petaluma G.C.	Luther Burbank District
Don Dulac	Petaluma G.C.	Luther Burbank District
Madelyn Jameson	West Valley G.C.	San Fernando Valley District
David Jester	Desert Planters G.C.	Desert Empire District
Rita Lorenz	Southern Cal. G.C.	San Fernando Valley District
Stephanie Mathews	San Jose G.C.	Santa Clara Valley District
Mary Lou Martinez	Walnut Creek G.C.	Diablo Foothills District
Nancy McDougal	Garden Study Club	Bay Ocean District
Barbara Post	Bay Area Floral Arrangers Guild	Bay Bridges District
Kathy Shubin	Atherton Garden Guild	Bay Ocean District
Mary Sink	Green Thumb G.C.	Luther Burbank District
Doug Spurlock	Hanford G.C.	Sequoia Foothills District
Janice Wagner	Oasis G.C.	Desert Empire District

**Pacific Region**

Albert Chang	Southern Cal. G.C.	San Fernando Valley District
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**National:**

Wanda Church #9859	Desert Planters	Desert Empire District of Ridgecrest
Colleen Simms #9864	Hanford G.C.	Sequoia Foothills District
Harriet Vallens #9869	Southern Cal. G.C.	San Fernando Valley District

**All of the above RATIFIED.**

Operation Wildflower Conference April 2012, Donna Thomas reported.

IRS Group Tax Exemption Chairman Mary-Jo Noth reported: (see Attachment C) moving that three following clubs be removed from the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program because of IRS revocation of tax exempt status:

Casta Del Sol Heritage G.C.	Orange County District
Colfax G.C.	Golden foothills District
Inland Empire Master Gardeners	Palms to Pines District <b>PASSED</b>

Mary-Jo Noth moved that the following club be removed from the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program because the IRS had not accepted the club into the CGCI group exemption:

Trinity G.C.	Cascade District <b>PASSED.</b>
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### **New Business**

The Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Resolution was read for the first time by Janet Eyre, State Parks Chairman, (See Attachment D)

There being no further business and no objection, the 2012 Pre-Convention Board Meeting of California Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned by President Julie A. West at 3:05 p.m.

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Margaret Strachan, Interim Recording Secretary	7-17-2012 Date
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# Attachment A

8:36 AM  
06/01/12  
Cash Basis

## California Garden Clubs, Inc Balance Sheet As of May 25, 2012

	May 25, 12
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts	
10101 · BofA Business MMA 4096 .20%	42,559.42
10102 · BofA CGCI Checking 12962	27,752.10
10103 · G Gardens BofA Checking 06688	24,001.75
10105 · Symposium BofA Checking 17584	5,122.57
10106 · Events BofA Checking 75519	5,185.33
<b>Total 10100 · Cash in Checking Accounts</b>	<b>104,621.17</b>
10300 · Certificates of Deposit	
10302 · L Burbank CD899-2 5/25/13 .98%	61,335.41
10303 · L Burbank CD075-3 3/27/13 1.03%	30,378.95
<b>Total 10300 · Certificates of Deposit</b>	<b>91,714.36</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>196,335.53</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>196,335.53</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
18000 · Prepaid Deposits	2,700.00
18500 · US Bank CD7664 4/8/14 4.00%	90,215.85
19000 · CGCI Endowment	
19010 · Principal Endowment-CGCI	33,000.00
19050 · Allowance for Change in FMV	67.84
<b>Total 19000 · CGCI Endowment</b>	<b>33,067.84</b>
19500 · Scholarship Endowment	
19510 · Principal Endowment-Scholarship	64,755.00
19550 · Allowance for Change in FMV	1,673.17
<b>Total 19500 · Scholarship Endowment</b>	<b>66,428.17</b>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>192,411.86</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>388,747.39</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets	
30700 · General Activities	
30701 · Available General Activities	102,451.91
30710 · CGCI Endowment Transfer	-30,000.00
<b>Total 30700 · General Activities</b>	<b>72,451.91</b>
31000 · Board Designated Net Assets	
31001 · Blue Star Memorial	3,275.30
31002 · Educational Schools	13,461.40
31003 · F.A.S.T.	1,000.00
31006 · Golden Gardens	24,001.75
31007 · Honor Book	9,858.25
31009 · Liability Insurance	55,990.83
31010 · Reforestation Fund	4,505.00
31011 · Symposium	
31011-1 · Symposium Reserve	14,515.62
31011-2 · Symposium Checking	5,122.57
<b>Total 31011 · Symposium</b>	<b>19,638.19</b>
31012 · Wildflower Conference	
31012-1 · Wildflower Conf Reserve	7,122.96
31012-2 · Wildflower Conf Checking	5,185.33
<b>Total 31012 · Wildflower Conference</b>	<b>12,308.29</b>

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California Garden Clubs, Inc  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 25, 2012

	May 25, 12
31013 · Youth Fund	2,242.48
<b>Total 31000 · Board Designated Net Assets</b>	<b>146,281.49</b>
<b>Total 30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	<b>218,733.40</b>
<b>31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets</b>	
31501 · Awards	9,564.76
31503 · E. Miller Memorial Fund	3,250.00
31504 · H. Minor Memorial Fund	4,213.65
31505 · V. Bennetts Memorial Fund	475.00
31508 · Gardening Consultants Council	1,034.05
31509 · Judges Council	1,169.47
31510 · Landscape Design Council	1,606.34
31511 · President's Project	5,887.30
31512 · Project Mission Blue	3,740.00
31513 · Scholarship Donations Life Mbr	6,875.00
31514 · Endowment Marketing & Publicity	755.00
31515 · DFGC Memorial for the Fallen	5,650.00
<b>Total 31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>44,220.57</b>
<b>31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets</b>	
31801 · Copeland Fund	12,238.01
31805 · Endowment - CGCI	33,000.00
31806 · Endowment CGCI to Tnsf	750.00
31810 · Endowment -Scholarship	64,755.00
31811 · Endowment S/ship to Tnsf	2,550.00
<b>Total 31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets</b>	<b>113,293.01</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>12,500.41</b>
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>388,747.39</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>388,747.39</b>

## **Attachment B**

### **Membership Chairman's Report 2012 CGCI 81<sup>st</sup> Pre-Convention, Sacramento, CA**

As of May 31, 2012, **280 clubs** with **17,039** members; **53 associate plant societies** with **3,622** members, total membership **20,661**.

It is my pleasure to introduce four new additions to CGCI:

#### **2 Clubs**

- 3) Gardeners92130 with 11 members, Palomar District;
  - a. President – Stephanie Hall
- 4) Turlock Garden Club with 85 members, District: Valley Lode District;
  - a. President – Carol McRoberts

Madam President, I move to ratify these two new clubs.

#### **2 Associate Plant Societies**

- 1) Doug Frost Begonia Society with 17 members;
  - a. President– Bobbie West
- 2) Pacific Central Judging Center with 24 members;
  - a. President – C. Tedd Kennedy

Madam President, I move to ratify these two new APS'

Thank you,

Sue Bennett,  
CGCI Membership Chairman



## Attachment C

### **CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program:**

#### **Mary-Jo Noth, Chairman.**

Flora Dora Design Guild, Paradise Garden Club, and Vallejo Garden Club were notified that the CGCI Board of Directors approved their acceptance as CGCI subordinates at the Winter 2012 meeting. The IRS revoked the tax-exempt status of 3 more clubs in February, and they were notified and removed from the Program. The "Current IRS List" was corrected, new subordinates added, and mailed to the IRS before the deadline. An exhibit was prepared and displayed at Convention. All cash receipts have been processed. Yearbook and website information and procedures are being updated.

### **Life Memberships, Chairman Carlotta Wixon.**

This chairman is very pleased to report that since the convention last year, we have received thirty nine (39) new Life Members, with half coming since the Winter Board Meeting.

Promoting Life Memberships can be financially rewarding for your district. The G-12 award is a fifty dollar (\$50.00) National award and the two (2) CGCI G-13 awards are twenty five dollars (\$25) each.

This chairman awards a certificate to each district that welcomes at least two new CGCI Life Members. The applications for the three (3) Life Memberships may be found on the CGCI website, from your district directors or from this chairman. If you are not presently a Life Member and would like to become one, we can start the process.

To encourage new Life Memberships, this chairman has submitted articles to the Golden Gardens magazine and had an informational display board up at Board Meetings and Conventions. District Directors and other officers have received revised Life Membership applications for CGCI, Pacific Region and National, which have been placed in their files.

### **Names to be ratified:**

#### **CGCI:**

Adrienne Alpert	Toluca Lake G.C.	San Fernando Valley District
Pat Atassi	Woodside Hills G.C.	Bay Ocean District
Laura Burghardt	Oakdale G.C.	Valley Lode District
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Mary Lou Martinez	Walnut Creek G.C.	Diablo Foothills District
McDougal	Garden Study Club	Bay Ocean District
Barbara Post	Bay Area Floral	Bay Bridges District
	Arrangers Guild	
Kathy Shubin	Atherton Garden	Bay Ocean District
	Guild	
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**Pacific Region**

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San Fernando Valley District

**National:**

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Colleen Simms #9864

Harriet Vallens #9869

Desert Planters

Hanford G.C.

South Cal. G.C.

Desert Empire District of Ridgecrest

Sequoia Foothills District

San Fernando Valley District

## **Attachment D**

### **Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Resolution**

WHEREAS, the interest and support of California Garden Clubs, Inc. was historically given to the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park of California for thirty-seven years (1969 through 2006), and

WHEREAS, years of declining California State Parks budgets and deferred maintenance have left the three-acre desert garden surrounding the Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Visitor Center, in need of serious restoration efforts, and

WHEREAS, the maintenance staff at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park has determined a new irrigation system including a new pump, PVC pipe and fittings with a new landscape plan for replacement and maintenance of specimen plants is urgently needed with an estimated total project cost of \$15,000, and

WHEREAS, California Garden Clubs, Inc. has been asked to participate in this refurbishment project,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that California Garden Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors at an official meeting in Sacramento, CA, June 7, 2012, do authorize and recommend that clubs and districts financially support the opportunity to restore the Anza-Borrego Visitor Center Desert Garden at Anza-Borrego Desert State Park by sending donations to the CGCI Restricted Fund, Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, noting "ABDSP Visitor Center Garden" on the check's memo line, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution appear in *Golden Gardens*, the CGCI eNewsletter and be posted on the CGCI website.

Janet Eyre  
CGCI State Parks Chairman  
June 5, 2012