



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS INC.
PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING
CGCI 82nd CONVENTION
TUESDAY JUNE 4, 2013
CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
PRESIDENT: JULIE A. WEST
HOST: PALOMAR DISTRICT

President Julie A. West called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The Interim Recording Secretary, Margaret Strachan, was present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lorraine Ornelas, District Director of Costa Verde District.

The Inspiration was given by Bev Davies, District Director of Luther Burbank District.

President West introduced 2011-2013 Pacific Region Director Debbie Hinchey and the CGCI Executive Committee. President West introduced former CGCI Presidents Beverly Brune, Bob Gordon, Elisabeth Tufo, Robin Pokorski and Maryanne Lucas.

President West introduced the pages, the President's Page Susan Oliver and the Pacific Region Director's Page Alice Harmon.

Without objection President West appointed Robin Pokorski as timekeeper.

Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan called the roll.

Excused: Gloria Aminian, Win Archibald, Carmen Black, Evelyn Broaddus, Ruth Browning, Ron Byrd, Dorothy Dempsey, Ed Dempsey, Dann Dunst, Helen Gates, Chuck Goodwin, Helen Gregory, Lynne Hansen, Linda Hicks, Rosalie Hooper, Linda Latimer, Dana Lozano, Victoria Lucido, Carol Mayo, Nancy McDougal, Angela Michaels, Gertrude Paul, George Perko, Deanna Ridolfi, Dorothy Roton, Hoberley Schuler, Robert Schuler, Linda Simonds, Virginia Stranske, George Unrine, Judy Unrine, Martha Ann Walter.

President West declared a quorum.

President West announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in June 2012 for the remainder of this term.

The minutes of the 2013 Winter Board meeting in Auburn were reviewed by the committee of Lorraine Ornelas Chairman, Joelle Holford and Josie Goodenow and distributed on March 22, 2013. Lorraine Ornelas moved that the minutes be approved as distributed. **PASSED**

Without objection President West appointed the committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Lorraine Ornelas, Chairman; Sue Bennett, 2nd Vice President and Krystal Migliore, Buttes District Director.

• **Financial Report, Treasurer Joan Patten reported:**

Net Worth	
Total Cash including CD's:	\$ 181,904.72
Other Assets including GG:	\$ 217,501.14
Prepaid Deposits:	\$ 1,000.00
Total Assets:	\$ 400,405.86
of which Restricted Funds are:	\$ 307,243.57
Cash Balance Available	\$ 93,162.29

- **Officers Reports**

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported regarding being prepared to elect the 2013-2015 Nominating Committee tomorrow.

President West announced the deadline to email and file reports: Monday June 17, 2013.

2nd Vice President, Sue Bennett moved to ratify three new clubs and one club name change.

Oasis Garden Club - 65 members Orange County District
Los Angeles International Fern Society (LAIFS) - 145 members (club) Arboretum District
Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society - 170 members (club) San Fernando Valley District
Mission Viejo Garden Club, formerly Canyon Crest Garden Club Orange County District
RATIFIED.

President Elect Rita Desilets presented the second reading of the 2013-2015 President's Project Resolution and moved to adopt. **APPROVED.** See Attachment A.

Reports of other officers were deferred to Convention.

Executive Committee Recommendations:

Interim Recording Secretary Margaret Strachan read the following Executive Committee recommendations and moved their ratification or adoption:

Ratify the appointment of Barbara Dodge and Linda Tucker, as CGCI Delegates for Pacific Region convention held April 22-24, 2013 in Santa Rosa, California and ratify the appointment of Alexis Slafer and Josie Goodenow, as CGCI Delegates for NGC Convention held May 21-27, 2013 in Seattle, WA
RATIFIED

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That we remove 2013 Pacific Region Convention Chairman J. David West from the Bank of America checking account used for CGCI events. **PASSED.**
2. That we remove 2011-2013 Symposium Co-Chairmen Rob and Laura Crenshaw from the Bank of America checking account used for Symposium. **PASSED.**
3. That the balance in the Reforestation Board Designated Restricted Fund as of the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2013 be dedicated to Phase One of the Rattlesnake Canyon Memorial Outlook Native Habitat Restoration Project in the Mendocino National Forest. **PASSED.**
4. That we accept the request from California Organic Gardening Club to transfer from Orange County district to Arboretum District, in compliance with Article IX Section 10 of the CGCI bylaws, page 138. **PASSED.**
5. That the Liability Insurance rate for 2014-2015 be raised to \$1.00 per capita, effective February 15, 2014. Minimum for small clubs remains \$20. Additional Insured Certificate charge remains \$25 (the rate CGCI is charged by the insurance company). Late charge to remain \$20. **PASSED.**
6. CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Ratifications received from Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman Mary Jo Noth:
 - A.) Ratify the removal of Fort Bragg Garden Club and the Southwestern Judges Council from the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program because the IRS has revoked their tax exempt status. **RATIFIED**
 - B.) Ratify the request of the Riviera Garden Club to withdraw from the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. **RATIFIED**
 - C.) Approve the request of Bakersfield Green Thumb Garden Club, Desert Planters of Ridgecrest, Kids Growing Strong and North Lake Garden Club to end their membership in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program effective June 30, 2013. **RATIFIED**

7. That we accept the concept of the Golden Legacy Society brochure. **PASSED**

8. That we nominate Doris Nagy to The Circle of Poppies. **PASSED**

Standing/Special Committee Reports.

2013 Symposium --- Co-Chairman Laura Crenshaw reported.

2013 Winter Board Meeting ---Co-Chairmen Joan Craig and Myrtle Findley reported. See Attachment B.

Life Memberships --- Chairman Carlotta Wixon reported and moved to ratify the following new life members. See Attachment C.

CGCI

Marion Beecroft	Chula Vista GC	Palomar District
Elda Bielanski	Westlake Village GC	Channel Islands District
Karen Brown	Oasis GC of Indian Wells	Desert Empire District
Tonie Bruno	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley District
Laura Camara	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Stella Cabe	Walnut Creek GC	Diablo Foothills District
Sara Delperdang	Desert Crossroads GC	Roadrunner District
Sandy Duncan	Chula Vista GC	Palomar District
Tommie Gebo	Desert Crossroads GC	Roadrunner District
Launa Gould	San Clemente GC	Orange County District
Myrna Hines	Point Loma GC	Palomar District
Barbara Horton	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Diane Lane	Caruthers GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Bette Langford	San Clemente GC	Orange County District
Bette Murie	Desert Crossroads GC	Roadrunner District
Beatrice Nicholas	Sherman Oaks GC	San Fernando Valley District
Laura Rose	La Casa GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Judy Smith	Vaca Valley GC	Sacramento River Valley District
Lori Thornton	Petaluma GC	Luther Burbank District

Pacific Region

Linda Neilson	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Linda Tucker	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District

National Garden Clubs

Jane Gordon	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley District
Linda Tucker	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District

All the above new Life Members **RATIFIED**

2013 Pacific Region Convention Chairman J. David West reported. (See Attachment B)

Special Presentations

1. Anza Borrego Desert State Park, given by Sally Theriault ABDSP, after which State Parks Chairman, Janet Eyre presented Sally Theriault with a check for \$1500 from CGCI.
2. Price Sheppy, from the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy gave a presentation on CGCI's Project Mission Blue.
3. CGCI 2013 Convention Chairman, Jane McKee's presentation "The Future is Now".

President Julie A. West thanked Sally Theriault, Price Sheppy and Jane McKee for their presentations. There being no further business President West adjourned the meeting at 4:54 p.m.

Submitted

7-16-2013

Margaret Strachan, Interim Recording Secretary

Date

Pre-Convention Board Meeting 2013, Attachment A

**2013-2015 President's Project Resolution
Habitat for Humanity Landscaping**

Whereas, one of California Garden Clubs, Inc.'s (CGCI) objectives is the betterment and beautification of the community; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity's mission is to lift working families out of an endless cycle of poverty housing so they can build a brighter economic future; and

Whereas, Habitat for Humanity Affiliates are the agencies that provide affordable housing in small neighborhoods and connect families to social services that provide education and self-sufficiency; and

Whereas, there are forty-nine Habitat for Humanity Affiliate offices located throughout the state of California; and

Whereas, in May of 1999, a partnership was formed between National Garden Clubs, Inc. and Habitat for Humanity, emphasizing enhancement of the environment by landscaping Habitat for Humanity homes with hardy native trees, shrubs and plants that also attract butterflies; and

Whereas, the goal of this president's project is to encourage districts and garden clubs to become involved in the landscaping of Habitat for Humanity homes; and

Whereas, a Habitat for Humanity Landscaping Grant Program shall be established for the 2013-2015 term of office to financially aid clubs and districts seeking funding of up to \$250 to complete a landscaping project; and

Resolved, California Garden Clubs, Inc. adopt "Habitat for Humanity Landscaping" as the 2013-2015 President's Project; and

Resolved, donations from individuals, clubs, districts and businesses shall be held in a CGCI Restricted Fund – "Habitat for Humanity Landscaping" until such time as grant applications are approved and the monies distributed; and

Resolved, all CGCI clubs and districts submit a description of their Habitat for Humanity Landscaping project so a record can be maintained of the scope of CGCI's participation; and

Resolved, any funds remaining in the CGCI Restricted Fund – "Habitat for Humanity Landscaping" as of June 30, 2015 shall be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

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2013 CGCI WINTER BOARD MEETING REPORT

The 2013 Winter Board Meeting was held February 6-8, 2013 at the Holiday Inn in Auburn. 120 attended from the entire state. Over 40 additional Golden Foothills District members assisted in the 4-day event.

We held a slightly used book sale making \$682 for the President's Project. Five District Clubs also sold garden club items.

Robin Pokorski's 12-days of Springtime was a huge hit. The mushroom workshop was also very successful. What did the CGCI members tell us they liked the best? The FOOD and the BEGIN FAMILY CONCERT.

The profit that was made for the Golden Foothills District was \$2,208.95.

Thank you all for coming and making this CGCI Winter Board Meeting a memorable event.

Joan Craig and Myrtle Findley
CGCI Winter Board Meeting, Co-Chairmen.

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2013 PACIFIC REGION CONVENTION

A successful Convention was enjoyed by 114 who registered. 424 meals were served. 166 hotel rooms were utilized. Tours and workshops were full. Net proceeds totaled \$6,130.14 split 80/20.

The Design Banquet was the hit of the convention. Nancy Colvin mesmerized the crowd with her fabulous 16 designs and entertaining stories.

Bill McNamara of Quarryhill Botanical Garden was the featured luncheon speaker and led the tour that afternoon. Bill was awarded National Garden Club's Award of Excellence the highest award NGC can give to an individual not a member of a garden club at the NGC Convention in Seattle.

J David West, Chairman

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Pre-Convention Board Meeting 2013, Attachment C

LIFE MEMBERSHIP CONVENTION REPORT June 3-7, 2013

This past year we have received thirty six (36) new CGCI members, five (5) for Pacific Region and four (4) for National applications.

This chairman mentioned that each district with at least two new Life Members would receive a certificate. Congratulations to the twelve (12) districts receiving a certificate with Diablo Foothills District topping the list with nine (9) new members.

The goals for this year are to continue to process as many new applications as possible. It is an honor to be a Life Member, and this chairman wants YOU to be a Life Member, if you are not one already. Just pick up the application(s) needed from your district director, your club president or on our website.

This chairman mentioned that a letter would be sent to those districts that have not had any new Life Members since this chairman took this position in 2003.

This chairman and the Yearbook Committee thanks those of you that have sent us corrections or deletions from the Life Membership roster.

Carlotta M. Wixon, Life Membership Chairman.

New Life Members were presented for ratification (see Minutes).