

California Gardens Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the 2014 Pre-Convention Board Meeting
83rd Convention
Friday June 6, 2014
Hilton Hotel, Glendale, California
Host: San Fernando Valley District
President: Rita Desilets

President Rita Desilets called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

CGCI President 1997-1999 Beverly Brune led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sequoia Foothills District Director Judy Silguero gave the inspiration.

President Rita Desilets introduced the NGC President Linda Nelson, presented the Executive Committee and former CGCI Presidents in attendance: Beverly Brune 1997-1999, Robin Pokorski 2007-2009 and Julie West 2011-2013 and introduced the Pages.

Without objection President Rita Desilets appointed Lorraine Ornelas as Timekeeper.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst called the roll and the chair declared a quorum.

Excused: Penny Binney, Mary Brooks, Anne Capes, Diane Charbonneau, B.J. Doerfling, Dann Dunst, Helen Gates, Mary Lou Goodwin, Lynne Hansen, Wanda Hewett, Rosalie Hooper, Shane Looper, Maryanne Lucas, Nancy McDougal, Angela Michaels, Dolores Moffatt, Doris Nagy, Gertrude Paul, Lynn Rose, Dorothy Roton, Hoberley Schuler, Robert Schuler and Martha Ann Walter.

President Rita Desilets announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in June 2013 for this entire term (pages 26-27 of the 2013-2014 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*).

Without objection, minutes of the Winter Board Meeting in Glendale, California were approved as distributed March 31, 2014.

Without objection the chair appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Lorraine Ornelas, Chairman, Sue Bennett, and Greg Pokorski.

Financial Report

Treasurer Joan Patten reported:

Net Worth	
Total Cash including CD's	\$190,535.75
Other Assets including GG	\$221,857.86
Total Assets:	\$412,393.61
Of which Restricted Funds are:	\$302,793.65
Cash Balance Available	\$109,599.96

Officers Reports

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported the importance of roll call, the purpose of the voting card and to bring the bylaws that were in your packet and at the Organizational Meeting approval of the budget for next year.

Corresponding Secretary deferred her report to Convention.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported the deadline to email and file reports: Wednesday June 11, 2014. Time extended for this time due to the Tri-Refresher Course.

Third Vice-President Josie Goodenow reported.

The following numbers reflect paid 2013/2014 memberships as of May 31, 2014

273 Clubs with 18,155 members

56 Associate Plant Societies with 3,624 members

Total #s: 329 organizations with 21,779 members

Affiliates: 17

Third Vice-President Josie Goodenow moved to ratify the following:

Clubs:

Garden and Floral Arrangers Guild, Palms to Pines District, 20 members

President: Ronald Lang

The Garden Faire, Santa Clara Valley District, 10 members

President: Sheryl McEwan

Palisades Beautiful Corporation, Greater LA District, 15 members

President: John Holcomb

Green Thumb Garden Club of Milpitas, Santa Clara Valley District, 52 members

President: Linda Worth

Cool Growing Orchid Society, Orange County District, 10 members

President: Theodore Johnson

APS:

Palomar Orchid Society, 85 members

President Alex Nadzan

Tropical Plant Society of Modesto, Inc, 28 members

President: Susan Wedegaertner

The California Sierra Nevada Judging Center, 25 members

President: Susan Wedegaertner

Affiliate: Clovis Botanical Garden Committee Passed.

Name Changes: Carmel Valley Garden Associates – Carmel Valley Garden Club

Conejo Valley Organic Garden Club – Organic Garden Club of Ventura County

Las Gabrielinas of Costa Verde District – So. Coast Floral Designers. **Passed.**

Second Vice-President, First Vice-President and President deferred their reports to Convention.

Executive Committee Ratifications and Recommendations

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst moved to ratify the following dates, resignations and appointments, and approve the recommendations.

2015

February 2-5 CGCI Winter Board, Fresno Hotel and Conference Center – change in name of the hotel.

June 8 - 12 CGCI 84th Convention, Circus Circus, Reno, Nevada
Host: Golden Foothills District, Co-Chairmen: Myrtle Findley & Joan Craig.
All Passed.

1. To ratify Marlene Kinney as Water Conservation Chairman.
2. To ratify Beth Arnold as Treasurer for the 2014 CGCI Fall Board meeting.
3. To accept with regret the resignation of Maryanne Lucas as a member of the Board of Trustees (2014-2018)
4. To ratify the appointment of Mary-Jo Noth as a member of the Board of Trustees (2014-2018).
5. To ratify the appointment of Rilla Crane as a member of the Board of Trustees (2014-2020).
6. To accept with regret the resignation of Carol Mayo, Angel Fund Chairman.

7. To ratify the appointment of Patricia Claves as Angel Fund Chairman.
All Passed.

1. That Janice Wagner, 2013-2015 Wildflower Conference Registrar/Treasurer, be removed as an authorized signer on the CGCI Events account at Bank of America. Joan Patten, CGCI Treasurer, and Charlene Looper, CGCI Financial Secretary, remain as authorized signers on the account. **Passed.**

2. 2014 Fall Board Meeting registration fee be \$45 and early registration fee postmarked by August 13, 2014 be \$35, one-day fee be \$20 and early one-day registration fee postmarked by August 13, 2014 be \$10. **Passed.**

3. That CGCI Directors & Officers Liability Insurance coverage not be available to clubs, plant societies or affiliates that have any paid employees (both part-time or full-time). **Passed.**

4. That Liability Insurance coverage is not available to clubs or APS that own real estate or have primary use of, or responsibility for, gardens or additional premises liability exposures. Robin Pokorski moved to postpone consideration to the next meeting (Organizational Meeting) in order to obtain more information from Patt McDaniel. **Passed.**

5. To set the Liability Insurance rate for the 2015-2016 policy term, effective Feb 15, 2015 as follows: \$1.25 per capita for member clubs and Associate Plant Societies, (current rate: \$1.00) \$30 for each Additional Insured Certificate, (current rate: \$25)

No changes in other fees. **Passed.**

6. To offer to host the 2018 NGC Convention in the Los Angeles area. Convention Co-Chairmen: Rita Desilets and Robin Pokorski. **Passed.**

7. To accept the offer from Diablo Foothills District to host the 2015 CGCI Fall Board meeting in the Concord/Dublin area. **Passed.**

President Rita Desilets announced Julie West, 2011-2013 President has joined the Board of Trustees from 2014-2020.

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

Standing/Special Committee Reports

Board of Trustees Chairman Robin Pokorski reported.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees Chairman Robin Pokorski moved:

1. That Julie West be a third-party signer on all Vanguard Investments Accounts. **Motion Passed.**

2. That separate Vanguard applications be made for the general CGCI Endowment Fund and the CGCI Scholarship Endowment Fund. **Motion Passed.**

Bylaws and Policy Chairman Sue Bennett reported to remind members to bring Bylaw amendment sheets and voting cards to convention.

Life Membership Chairman Carlotta Wixon reported and moved the ratifications of the following new Life Members.

CGCI: Genny Deutsch, Gisela Stotmayer, Rose Robinson, Barbara Stott, Sue Bezique,, Larry Wait, Anne Smith, Ginny Nile, Maeve Clemens, Charolett Barron ,Eleanor Barbour, Cindy Hendrix, and Ruth Browning.

Pacific Region: Sherry Molinari. **Motion Passed.** See attachment A.

Sacramento River Valley District Director Jeff Higday read the first reading of **Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Resolution**. See attachment B.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:07 p.m.

Attachment A

Life Membership Report, Carlotta Wixon

We ratified thirteen new CGCI Members and one for the Pacific Region. We have twenty-one new CGCI members this year. CGCI applications have generated \$2,100.00 towards the Scholarship Fund. Encourage your members to become a Life Member themselves and it is a tax deduction donation. Send applications and checks directly to the chairman, including for Pacific Region and National. They will be forwarded to the appropriate chairmen. Send in the revised forms, available on the website under “forms and publications”. Fill out the application, write a check and send it to this chairman. Thank you for forwarding the address changes and names of deceased persons.

CGCI

Deutsch, Genny	San Carlos GC	Palomar District
Sotomayer, Gisela	Oasis GC of Indian Wells Valley	Desert Empire District
Robinson, Rose	Long Beach GC	Costa Verde District
Stott, Barbara	Amador GC	Livermore-Diablo Foothills District
Bezique, Sue	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Wait, Larry	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills District
Smith, Anne	Carlsbad GC	Palomar District
Nile, Ginny	Atherton Garden Guild	Bay Ocean District
Clemens, Maeve	Santa Rosa GC	Luther Burbank District
Barron, Charolett	Santa Rosa GC	Luther Burbank district
Barbour, Eleanor	Del Norte GC	Orange County District
Hendrix, Cindy	Petaluma GC	Luther Burbank District
Browning, Ruth	Santa Rosa GC	Luther Burbank District

Pacific Region

Molinari, Sherry	Conejo Valley GC	Channel Islands District
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Attachment B

2014-2019 Project “Rare Plant Treasure Hunt” Resolution

Whereas, California is one of the world’s great biodiversity hotspots, with more than 6,500 beautiful plant types native to this unique and wonderful land, and

- Scientists have found 2,500 of these plants to be rare, and
- More than two dozen of these have been lost to extinction, with many more in danger, and
- The California Native Plant Society, a society of gardeners, scientists, and plant lovers from across California strives to understand, protect, and celebrate these rare plants, and
- The objectives of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and in Article II of the corporation’s Bylaws, and,

Whereas, these objectives include

- Assisting in projects for the conservation of our natural resources
- Promoting, creating and furthering an interest in amateur gardening, in plant life, and in bird life, and

- Cooperating with other agencies in furthering interests including environmental awareness, and

Whereas,

- California's unique and irreplaceable plants are in need of support to survive, therefore, be it

Resolved, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. partner with the California Native Plant Society (CNPS) to adopt this fundraising project to:

- Support California's rare plants
- Train Rare Plant Treasure Hunt volunteers to discover and document rare plants throughout California (2,200 populations have been found in four years, 1/3 of these new discoveries)
- Collect seeds from rare plants so that they can be stored in liquid nitrogen and so be permanently preserved in case of disaster
- Collect tissue from rare plants for genetic sequencing by UC scientists, to more fully understand their history and better plan how we can save them
- Begin a de-extinction project, to find seeds of extinct California plants, grow the seeds to increase the number, and preserve these seeds in liquid nitrogen for eventual resurrection, and;

Resolved,

- That funding for this five-year fund raising project strive for a goal of \$3,000 in annual donations to be used for materials, travel for plant exploration, planting and training and;
- That a new Temporarily Restricted Fund be established within CGCI designated to receive donations and forward all donations received to the CNPS Rare Plant program twice a year on January 15 and June 15 and;
- That checks made payable to CGCI, be sent to the CGCI State Chairman for the project, who will keep records of the transactions for CGCI and forward the donations to the CGCI treasurer for deposit into the new Temporarily Restricted Fund established for the 2014-2019 Rare Plant Treasure Hunt Project and;
- That the project be reviewed for its viability in 2019 when it is mutually re-evaluated by CGCI and CNPS to consider renewal of the partnership and fund raising project.