

**California Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
Minutes of the 2015 Pre-Convention Board Meeting  
84<sup>th</sup> Convention  
Tuesday, June 9, 2015  
Circus Circus Hotel Casino, Reno, Nevada  
Host: Golden Foothills District  
**President: Rita Desilets**

President Rita Desilets called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

Flower Show Symposium Chairman Mary Arakelian led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trees and Shrubs Chairman Linda Smith gave the inspiration.

President Rita Desilets introduced the 2013-2015 Pacific Region Director, Elaine Gunderson, and presented the Executive Committee and former CGCI Presidents in attendance: Mary Lou Goodwin 1991-1993, Bob Gordon 2003-2005, Elisabeth Tufo 2005-2007, Robin Pokorski 2007-2009 and Julie West 2011-2013.

The Pages for this meeting are: Pacific Region Director, Carol Pengelly, CGCI President, Jeanne Desilets and general page, Lynda Takoe.

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

**Excused:** Mary Brooks, Beverly Brune, Anne Capes, Diane Charbonneau, Bev Davies, Joyce Dean, Sara Delperdang, B.J. Doerfling, Ann Durgerian, Helen Gates, Josie Goodenow, Joelle Holford, Rosalie Hooper, Martha Hunt, Madelyn Jameson, Niarja Marchand, Nancy McDougal, Angela Michaels, Marilyn Oberti, Gertrude Paul, George Perko, Dorothy Roton, Hoberley & Robert Schuler, Margaret Strachan, Sue Swackhammer, John Vafis and Martha Ann Walter

President Rita Desilets announced that Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in June 2013 for this entire term (pages 27-28 of the 2014-2015 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*).

Without objection, minutes of the Winter Board Meeting in Fresno were approved as distributed on March 30, 2015.

Without objection President Desilets appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Krystal Migliore, and Rosa Radicchi.

**Financial Reports: May 31, 2015**

Treasurer Joan Patten reported.

Net Worth

Total Cash including CD's: \$ 181,701.10

Other Assets including GG: \$ 247,942.25

Total Assets:	\$ 429,643.35
of which Restricted Funds are:	\$ 305,124.09
Cash Balance Available	\$ 124,519.26

See Attachment A for Balance Sheet.

**Officers' Reports**

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported.  
 Communications Director, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Corresponding Secretary deferred their reports to Convention.  
 Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst announced the deadline to email and file reports: Tuesday, June 16, 2015.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President Krystal Migliore reported and moved to ratify the following clubs.

**Number paid as of May 31, 2015\***

Clubs – 284 paid – 17,734 members  
 APS - 55 paid – 3,421 members  
 Total Clubs and APS paid: 339  
 Total: Members 21,155  
 Affiliates: 10 paid

\*The above numbers were reported in the meeting, but subsequent (June 29, 2015) reporting indicates the actual numbers are 275 clubs with 17,806 members, 56 APS with 3,513 members, 21,319 total paid members, and 10 affiliates.

**Ratifications:**

**CLUB:** Boots and Pearls Gardening and Flyfishing Club,  
 10 members  
 President: Alexandra Trent, Buttes District

**APS:** Sierra Foothills Rose Society, 75 members  
 President: Linda Knowles

American Begonia Society, San Francisco Branch,  
 34 members  
 President: Gary Turner

**Motion Passed.**

The President-elect and President deferred their reports to Convention.

**Executive Committee Recommendations**

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

2015

October 29-30 Tri-Refresher, Sepulveda Garden Center; Host: Southern California Garden Club, Chairman: Robin Pokorski

2016

May 18-22 CGCI 85th Convention, Hotel Irvine, Irvine, California  
Host: Orange County District, Chairman: Annie Hall Bosche'

**Motion Passed.**

1. To accept with regret the resignation of Rilla Crane as a member of the Board of Trustees (2015-2020).

2. To ratify the appointment of Shane Looper as a member of the Board of Trustee (2015-2020).

**Motion Passed (1 and 2).**

3. 2015 Fall Board Meeting registration fee be \$45 and early registration fee postmarked by August 20, 2015 be \$35, one-day fee be \$20 and early one-day registration fee postmarked by August 20, 2015 be \$10.

**Motion Passed.**

4. To transfer \$10,000 from the Golden Gardens Board Designated Restricted Fund (line code 31006) to the Permanently Restricted Endowment Fund (line code 31805) and the balance be transferred to the Temporarily Restricted Scholarship Donations and Life Member Fund (line code 31513).

**Motion Passed.**

5. That the funds placed into the Board designated fund (line code 31014) Rattlesnake Canyon Restoration Project be restored to the Board designated fund (line code 31010) Reforestation Fund because the Mendocino National Forest is unable to move forward with this project.

**Motion Passed.**

6. To authorize payment of the bill from auditor, Carolyn Mayes regarding the extra work she did for us regarding a CGCI Club using our EIN as this is \$300 over the budgeted amount of \$200.

**Motion Passed.**

7. To set the Liability Insurance rate for the 2016-2017 policy term, effective Feb 15, 2016 as follows: \$1.50 per capita for member clubs and Associate Plant Societies, (current rate: \$1.25) \$30 for each Additional Insured Certificate, (current rate: \$30) No changes in other fees.

**Motion Passed.**

8. To approve the request of the Los Angeles Cactus and Succulent Society to end their membership in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program, effective June 30, 2015.

**Motion Passed.**

President Desilets directed the Board of Trustees to meet (per Article XIV, Section 4) to elect a chairman and secretary, to advise the president of those elected and to be ready to announce those elected at the Organizational meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman Sue Bennett reported to remind members to bring Bylaw amendment sheets and voting cards to the Convention Business Meeting.

Winter Board Meeting Co-Chairman Diane Lane gave the final Winter Board Meeting report indicating that Sequoia Foothills District made a profit of \$5211.11.

Life Membership Chairman Carlotta Wixon reported and moved to ratify the following new life members. **Motion Passed.**

#### **CGCI**

Sherry Molinari	Conejo Valley GC	Channel Islands Dist.
Gwendolyn Powels	Sherman Oaks GC	San Fernando Valley Dist.
Ms. Charlie Shockley	Oasis GC of Indian Wells	Desert Empire Dist.
George Perko	Berkeley GC	Bay Bridges Dist.
Connie Mahoney	Petaluma GC	Luther Burbank Dist.
Alice Cooney	Petaluma GC	Luther Burbank Dist.
Dolores Moffat	Livermore-Amador Valley GC	Diablo Foothills Dist.
Bette Tang	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley Dist.
Margo Lachman	Atherton GC	Bay Ocean Dist.
Judy Wait	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills Dist.
Linda Holmes	Organic GC of Sacramento Co	Golden Foothills Dist.
Marlene Kinney	Walnut Creek GC	Diablo Foothills Dist.
Anne Watkins	Dos Valles GC	Palomar Dist.
Linda Tucker	La Casa GC	Sequoia Foothills Dist.
Virginia Monreal	Sequoia GC	Sequoia Foothills Dist.
Tonya Judkins	Desert Crossroads GC	Roadrunner Dist.

#### **Pacific Region**

Terri Taylor	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley Dist.
Peggy Horner	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills Dist.
Brenda Leal	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills Dist.
Kathy Lee	Dos Valles GC	Palomar Dist.

#### **National Garden Clubs**

Rosemary Ecker	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley Dist.
Sue Bennett	Roseville Better GC	Golden Foothills Dist.

President-Elect Sue Bennett presented the second reading of the 2015-2017 President's Project Resolution (with a correction since first reading) and moved its adoption.

**Motion Passed.** See Attachment B.

Pacific Region Director Elaine Gunderson addressed the body and was presented with a gift from CGCI.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

Recording Secretary

Gail Vanderhorst \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Attachment A

## Balance Sheet as of May 31, 2015

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06/04/15  
Cash Basis

### California Garden Clubs, Inc

## Balance Sheet

As of May 31, 2015

	May 31, 15
<b>ASSETS</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>	
<b>Checking/Savings</b>	
10100 - Cash in Checking Accounts	
10101 - BofA Business MMA 4096 .05%	50,182.61
10102 - BofA CGCI Checking 12962	27,993.89
10103 - G Gardens BofA Checking 06688	19,483.98
10105 - Symposium BofA Checking 17584	5,124.84
10106 - Events BofA Checking 75519	4,000.00
<b>Total 10100 - Cash in Checking Accounts</b>	<b>106,785.32</b>
10300 - Certificates of Deposit	
10302 - L Burbank CD899-2 6/2/15 .88%	94,399.76
<b>Total 10300 - Certificates of Deposit</b>	<b>94,399.76</b>
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<b>201,185.08</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>201,185.08</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>	
18000 - Prepaid Deposits	1,000.00
18500 - US Bank CD7664 3/8/19 1.49%	97,249.94
19000 - CGCI Endowment	
19010 - Principal Endowment-CGCI	25,264.00
19050 - Allowance for Change in FMV	2,774.53
19110 - Vanguard Endowment-CGCI	12,136.00
19150 - Allowance for Change FMV Vgd	-2.94
<b>Total 19000 - CGCI Endowment</b>	<b>40,171.59</b>
19500 - Scholarship Endowment	
19510 - Principal Endowment-Scholarship	49,407.00
19550 - Allowance for Change in FMV	7,133.96
19610 - Vanguard Endowment-Scholarship	33,216.01
19650 - Allowance for Change FMV Vngd	279.77
<b>Total 19500 - Scholarship Endowment</b>	<b>90,036.74</b>
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>228,458.27</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>429,643.35</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	
<b>Equity</b>	
30500 - Unrestricted Net Assets	
30700 - General Activities	
30701 - Available General Activities	103,944.73
<b>Total 30700 - General Activities</b>	<b>103,944.73</b>
31000 - Board Designated Net Assets	
31001 - Blue Star Memorial	3,738.43
31002 - Educational Schools	13,099.66
31006 - Golden Gardens	19,483.98
31007 - Honor Book	7,328.30
31009 - Liability Insurance	49,238.54
31010 - Reforestation Fund	2,600.00
31011 - Symposium	
31011-1 - Symposium Reserve	14,515.62
31011-2 - Symposium Checking	5,124.84
<b>Total 31011 - Symposium</b>	<b>19,640.46</b>
31012 - Wildflower Conference	
31012-1 - Wildflower Conf Reserve	13,730.68
<b>Total 31012 - Wildflower Conference</b>	<b>13,730.68</b>

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California Garden Clubs, Inc  
**Balance Sheet**  
As of May 31, 2015

	<u>May 31, 15</u>
31013 · Youth Fund	2,042.48
31014 · Rattlesnake Canyon Project	6,809.09
<b>Total 31000 · Board Designated Net Assets</b>	<u>137,711.62</u>
<b>Total 30500 · Unrestricted Net Assets</b>	241,656.35
<b>31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets</b>	
31501 · Awards	9,958.81
31503 · E. Miller Memorial Fund	3,250.00
31504 · H. Minor Memorial Fund	3,713.65
31509 · Judges Council	1,069.47
31511 · Presidents Projects	
31511B · 2013-15 President's Project	6,934.89
<b>Total 31511 · Presidents Projects</b>	6,934.89
31512 · Project Mission Blue	1,546.04
31513 · Scholarship Donations Life Mbr	5,600.00
31514 · Endowment Marketing & Publicity	841.91
31516 · Anza-Borrego Desert Project	2,605.00
31517 · Scholarship Endowment Income	5,744.88
31518 · Sempervirens Fund	1,410.00
31519 · California Consultants Council	4,314.81
31521 · Rare Plant Treasure Hunt	350.00
<b>Total 31500 · Temp Restricted Net Assets</b>	47,339.46
<b>31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets</b>	
31805 · Endowment - CGCI	37,400.00
31810 · Endowment -Scholarship	82,623.01
31811 · Endowment S/ship to Tnsf	50.00
<b>Total 31800 · Perm Restricted Net Assets</b>	120,073.01
<b>Net Income</b>	20,574.53
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>429,643.35</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>429,643.35</u></u>

**Attachment B**  
**President's Project Resolution**

*Encouraging Future Gardeners*

Whereas, National Garden Clubs, Inc. provides many educational opportunities for youth at the pre-school, elementary, middle and high school level; The purpose of the youth gardening programs is to introduce gardening, conservation, protection of wildlife, recognition of plants, trees and shrubs, basic flower arrangements, and a love and appreciation of nature; The goal is that they will be future citizens who will be responsible and capable with greater self-expression, dignity, integrity and knowledge of their environment; and

Whereas, California Garden Clubs, Inc. has been supporting youth gardening groups in California since 1931 and the goals and development are consistent with those of NGC; and

Whereas, The goal of this project is to raise awareness of CGCI by distributing/ mailing an "*Encouraging Future Gardeners Kit*"; and

Whereas, A letter promoting CGCI and a questionnaire will be sent to established youth organizations such as 4-H groups, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, after school programs, Community Gardens and CGCI youth groups; and

Whereas, The kit will contain donated seeds, printed instructions, a fabric pot and a reporting form. Ideas on how children can make their own pot(s) using recycled material will also be included, thus the child can learn the art of growing plants while being eco-friendly; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. adopt "*Encouraging Future Gardeners*" as the 2015-2017 President's Project; and

Resolved, That donations from individuals, clubs, districts and businesses shall be held in a CGCI Restricted Fund – "*Encouraging Future Gardeners*" until such time the monies are used to purchase material for gardening kits and mailings; and

Resolved, That any funds remaining in the CGCI Restricted Fund – "*Encouraging Future Gardeners*" as of June 30, 2017 shall be donated to the CGCI Youth Awards Program.