

**California Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Organizational Meeting**  
Sunday, May 22, 2016  
Hotel Irvine, Irvine, California  
Host: Orange County District  
**President: Susan C. Bennett**

President Sue Bennett called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst was present.

Board of Trustees member Joan Craig led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Timekeeper Jeanne Desilets gave the Inspiration.

President Sue Bennett introduced the Executive Committee and former CGCI Presidents in attendance: Mary Lou Goodwin (1991-1993), Bob Gordon (2003-2005), Robin Pokorski (2007-2009), Julie West (2011-2013) and Rita Desilets (2013-2015).

Woman of the Year Jane McKee, Man of the Year George Speer and Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Mary Lou Goodwin were recognized.

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

Excused: Lili Aram-Bost, Beverly Brune, Anne Capes, Nancy Compton, Lisa Cosand, Rilla Crane, Elaine Davis, B.J. Doerfling, Janet Eyre, Helen Gates, Launa Gould, Mike Gould, Lynne Hansen, Joelle Holford, Rosalie Hooper, Pat Logan, Maryanne Lucas, Claudia Marsh, Angela Michaels, Gertrude Paul, Judy Powers, Dorothy Roton, Judy Scheppmann, Hoberley & Robert Schuler, Elisabeth Tufo and Carolyn Villi.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reviewed the Rules of Order found on page 29 of the 2015-2016 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*.

Members from Orange County District were thanked for a successful Convention.

Without objection the Chair appointed the Minutes Review Committee: Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Communications Director Jane McKee, and Corresponding Secretary Carolyn Hoyum.

The 2016-2017 Board of Directors Roster was distributed and corrections were made.

It was announced that the Board of Trustees elected Julie West as Chairman and George Perko as Secretary for the next year.

**Executive Committee Recommendations**

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst presented and moved to approve the following Executive Committee Recommendations.

**1.** To approve Rita Desilets to serve concurrently as SFV District Director, Permanent Files Chairman, Advisory Council Chairman and Membership Administrative Assistant, and as a member of the Nominating Committee.

**Motion** **Passed.**

2. To add Janice Wagner, Wildflower Conference Treasurer, as an authorized signer on the Events Bank of America checking account Line Code 10106. **Motion Passed.**

3. To ratify the appointment of Sherry Molinari as Arboreta & Botanic Gardens Chairman. **Motion Passed.**

4. To ratify the appointment of Robin Pokorski and Joan Craig to the Board of Trustees for the 2016 – 2022 term.

5. To approve Gudy Kimmel to serve concurrently as Costa Verde District Director, Flower Show Committee Chairman, and Flower Show Schools Chairman.

6. To ratify the appointment of Ward Habriel as Government & Legislation Chairman.

**Motions 4, 5 and 6 Passed.**

7. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Jane Troutman as National Garden Week Chairman. **Motion Passed.**

Stagecoach Hill Azalea Reserve Chairman Mary Lou Goodwin read the second reading of the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project Resolution and moved to adopt the resolution. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment A.

Project Mission Blue Chairman Shane Looper read the second reading of the 2016-2021 Project Mission Blue Phase II Resolution and moved to adopt the resolution. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment B.

Luther Burbank District Director David West moved to seed Project Mission Blue Phase II with initial funding of \$1,000.00 representing 10% of the project's total goal, monies to come from Board-Designated Wildflower Fund Line Code 31012-1 effective July 1, 2016. **Motion Passed.**

President Sue Bennett installed new District Directors Gudy Kimmel, Costa Verde District, and Ted Benson, Roadrunner District.

Financial Secretary Rebecca Ferguson presented the 2016-2017 CGCI Budget and moved to adopt the Budget. **Motion Passed as Corrected.** See Attachment C.

Fall Board Meeting Chairman Mary Lou Goodwin, Humboldt District Director Chuck Goodwin and others presented an invitation to the Fall Board Meeting in Loleta, September 7 to 9, 2016.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski moved that a Penny Pines Plantation be purchased, from donations received at the Youth Luncheon, in honor of 2015 CGCI Youth Award Winners. **Motion Passed.**

Board of Trustees Chairman Julie West moved that a Penny Pines Plantation be purchased in honor of Pacific Region Director Kristie Livreri. **Motion Passed.**

3rd Vice President Lynne Batchelor moved that we purchase a Penny Pines Plantation in honor of CGCI's 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. **Motion Passed as Amended.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Gail Vanderhorst \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
CGCI Recording Secretary

**Attachment A**  
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**Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project Resolution**

**Whereas,**

- A two mile long hillside containing native western azaleas (*Rhododendron occidentale*) is located on Highway 101 in Humboldt County, mile post 112.5, with an exit on Kane Road near the National Garden Clubs' and the California Garden Clubs, Inc. Redwood groves in Redwood National Park; and

**Whereas,**

- In 1977 California Garden Clubs, Inc. by resolution, dedicated itself to raise money, donating the funds to the California State Parks Foundation, to help purchase this natural beauty and save it from encroaching development; and

**Whereas,**

- In 1983 the California State Parks Foundation, with help from California Garden Clubs Inc., Humboldt Area Foundation, numerous plant societies and the California Coastal Conservancy, raised \$60,000.00 to acquire the property and deeded it to the California State Parks and placed it in its care; and

**Whereas,**

- The Stagecoach Hill Azalea Project was dedicated June 4, 1984; and

**Whereas,**

- The Harry A. Merlo State Recreation Area of the California State Parks was established in 1986 to manage the area; and

**Whereas,**

- The Stagecoach Hill Azalea Area Management Plan in 1991 stated "The western azaleas of Stagecoach Hill are a valuable natural and genetic resource that shall be managed for their perpetuation by hand cutting of the vegetation, and a contract with a local nursery to collect seed and cuttings of azaleas for the propagation of azaleas to be planted in the azalea reserve shall be authorized"; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved,**

- That California Garden Clubs, Inc. adopt the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project to help provide funding to propagate 300 azaleas from cuttings and from seed to be planted in the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Management Area and;
- That this fundraising project strive for a goal of \$6,000 in donations to be used for expenses as outlined in the proposed budget and;
- That a new Temporarily Restricted Fund be established within CGCI designated to receive donations and that all donations received be forwarded to the California State Parks program twice a year on or around 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 the new Temporarily Restricted Fund established for the Stagecoach Hill Azalea Propagation Project and;
- That an initial donation of \$600.00 come from the CGCI Wildflower Fund and to be placed in the new Temporarily Restricted Fund and;
- That the project be reviewed for its viability by December 31, 2018 to evaluate the fundraising project and the success of the growing plants and to consider renewal of the partnership and fund raising project and;
- That at the conclusion of the project any remaining funds will revert to the CGCI Wildflower Fund.

**Attachment B**  
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**2016-2021 Project Mission Blue Phase II Resolution**

**Whereas**, Over one hundred square miles of parkland ranging from the San Mateo County coastline north to Point Reyes National Seashore constitutes Golden Gate National Park and Recreation Area, and

- The mission blue butterfly was placed on the Federally Endangered Species list in 1976 with less than 25,000 in population and is only located in the San Francisco Bay Area, and
- The silver lupine (*Lupinus albifrons*) that serves as one of the mission blue butterfly's host larval plants, is susceptible to the fungal pathogen *anthracnose* during heavy winter rainfall, and
- Diverse California native nectar plants are needed ensuring safe and suitable habitat exists in between the patches of host larval plants (Lupines), and
- The objectives of California Garden Clubs, Inc. (CGCI) are as stated in the Articles of Incorporation and also as stated in Article II the corporation's Bylaws, and,

**Whereas**, objectives of this corporation as stated in its Bylaws include to

- Assist in projects for the conservation of our natural resources
- Promote, create and further an interest in amateur gardening, in plant life, and in bird life, and
- Cooperate with other agencies in furthering interests in educational areas including environmental awareness, and

**Whereas**,

- The mission blue butterfly continues to be in need of financial support for its species to survive, and therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. partner with the Golden Gate National Park Conservancy (GGNPC) to extend the previously adopted fundraising project to:

- Continue increasing lupine diversity as needed by propagating and planting pathogen-resistant summer lupine (*Lupinus formosus*) and silver lupine (*Lupinus albifrons*) throughout Golden Gate National Park and Recreation Area
- Add Phase II that includes propagating and planting twelve California native nectar plants: Coast Buckwheat (*Eriogonum latifolium*); California Phacelia (*Phacelia californica*); Checkerbloom (*Sidalcea malviflora*); Yarrow (*Achillea millefolium*); Blue-Eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium bellum*); Blue Dicks (*Dichelostemma capitatum*); Ithuriel's Spear (*Triteleia laxa*); Coyote Mint (*Monardella villosa*); Golden Aster (*Heteotheca sessiflora bolanderi*); California Horkelia (*Horkelia californica*); Narrow-Leaved Mule Ears (*Wyethia angustifolia*) and Brownie Thistle (*Cirsium quercetorum*) that adult mission blue butterflies use as nectar sources and ensures suitable habitat exists in between patches of host larval Lupines
- Support the federally endangered mission blue butterfly and projects that allow these populations to increase over the long term and;

**Resolved**,

- That funding for this five-year fundraising project strive for a goal of \$2,000 in annual donations to be used for propagation materials, planting and scientific experiments for lupine larval plants as needed and the twelve (12) native nectar plants listed;
- That the Temporarily Restricted Fund already established within CGCI be designated to receive donations and that all donations received be forwarded to the GGNPC Park Stewardship program twice a year on or around 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 existing Temporarily Restricted Fund established in 2011 for Project Mission Blue and;
- That the project is reviewed in 2021 when it is mutually re-evaluated by CGCI and GGNPC to renew the partnership and fundraising project.

**Attachment C**  
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**California Garden Clubs, Inc. Adopted Budget 2016-2017**

<b>REVENUE: 5000+</b>	<b>Revenue</b>	
5001	Contributions/Donations	\$500.00
5101	Convention Profit	\$2,000.00
<i>Dues 5200's</i>		
5201	Dues-Affiliates 11 x \$50	\$550.00
5202	DUES-APS 3500 x \$2.75	\$9,625.00
5203	Dues-Clubs 17,000 x \$2.75	\$46,750.00
5301	Fundraising Revenue	\$0.00
5401	CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Fees	\$2,000.00
5501	History Book Sales	\$0.00
5502	History Book Mailing Fees	\$0.00
5601	Interest	\$750.00
<i>Membership 5700's</i>		
	Membership	
5701	Membership Banners	\$300.00
5702	Membership Cards	\$0.00
5703	Member Award of Distinction	\$500.00
<i>Misc. Income 5800's</i>		
5801	Bad check fees reimbursements	\$0.00
5802	Principal Financial	\$0.00
5803	3 Year Calendars	\$500.00
5804	Program Speakers Refund	\$0.00
5805	NGC/PR Refund	\$0.00
5806	Penny Pines	\$68.00
5807	CGCI Hosted Meetings	\$0.00
5808	CGCI Hosted NGC/PR Conventions	\$0.00
5809a	Golden Gardens eNews - Angels Fund	\$100.00
5809b	Golden Gardens eNews - Season's Greeting	\$0.00
5809c	Golden Gardens eNews - Misc. Income	\$0.00
5901	President's Project	\$0.00
6001	Scholarship - Transfer from Scholarship Fund	\$4,000.00
6101	State Pins & Misc Sales	\$1,200.00
6201	Tours	\$0.00
6301	Yearbook Sales	\$1,000.00
	<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>\$69,843.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES: 100's-</b>		
4999	<b>Expenses</b>	
<i>Administration expenses: 100-1400</i>		
	<b>Administration</b>	
101	Auditor	\$4,500.00
201	Directors & Officers Insurance	\$2,000.00
301	Dues-NGC	\$20,500.00
302	Dues-NGC Youth	\$10.00
303	Dues-Pacific Region	\$360.00
401	Crime Insurance Package	\$1,000.00
402	Quickbooks 3 users	\$0.00
<i>Filing Fees &amp; Taxes: 500's</i>		

501	Attorney General	\$50.00
502	Franchise Tax Board	\$10.00
503	State Board of Equalization	\$500.00
504	Filing SECRETARY OF STATE Form SI-100(even yrs only)	\$0.00
601	Golden Gardens Subscriptions	\$0.00
701	Office Supplies	\$500.00
705	PO Box Annual Fees	\$100.00
801	Vonage 888# \$30.00 @month x 12	\$360.00
901	Website	\$2,440.00
1001	Yearbook Printing	\$5,000.00
	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$37,330.00</b>
<i>Chairman expenses:</i>		
<i>1500's</i>		
1501	Amenities & Protocol	\$50.00
1502	Arbor Day	\$50.00
1503	Arboreta/Botanic Gardens of CA	\$50.00
1504	Associate Plant Societies	\$0.00
1505	Awards Finance	\$50.00
1506	Backyard Habitat	\$50.00
1507	Blue Star Memorials - Co-Chairman	\$50.00
1508	Blue Star Memorials - Co-Chairman	\$0.00
1509	Budget & Finance (copies)	\$50.00
1510	Business Commendations & Discounts	\$50.00
1511	Bylaws & Policy (copies)	\$50.00
1512	Civic Beautification	\$0.00
1513	California Native Plants	\$50.00
1514	Natural Resources	\$50.00
1515	Educational Schools Finance	\$50.00
1516	Environmental Studies School	\$50.00
1517	Floral Design Education	\$0.00
1518	DD Mailbox Chairman	\$50.00
1519	Flower Show Awards	\$50.00
1520	Flower Show Judges Credentials	\$50.00
1521	Flower Show Schedules	\$50.00
1522	Flower Show Schools Team Chairman	\$50.00
1523	Flower Show Symposium	\$50.00
1524	Anza Borrego Desert State Park	\$50.00
1525	Gardening Study Schools	\$50.00
1526	Garden Therapy	\$50.00
1527	GGNPC Mission: Blue Project	\$50.00
1528	Memorial Gardens	\$0.00
1529	Veggies/Herbs	\$0.00
1530	Home Grown	\$50.00
1531	Honor Book	\$50.00
1532	Horticulture	\$50.00
1533	New Cultivars	\$50.00
1534	Landscape Design Schools	\$50.00
1535	Life Membership	\$50.00
1536	Master Gardener Liaison	\$0.00
1537	National Garden Week	\$50.00

1538	Shrubs/Trees	\$50.00
1539	Penny Pines	\$50.00
1540	Roses	\$0.00
1541	Program & Speaker Registry	\$0.00
1542	Memorial Funds for the Fallen	\$0.00
1543	Reforestation and Restoration	\$50.00
1544	Scholarships - Chairman	\$50.00
1545	Scholarships - Co-Chairman	\$0.00
1546	Publicity	\$0.00
1547	Sempervirens Fund	\$50.00
1548	California State Parks	\$50.00
1549	Member Award of Distinction	\$50.00
1550	Strategic Planning	\$0.00
1551	Invasive Plants	\$50.00
1552	Vermiculture/Vermicomposting	\$50.00
1553	Website	\$0.00
1554	Operation Wildflower	\$50.00
1555	Wildlife ( including Bees, Butterflies & Insects)	\$50.00
1556	Birds	\$0.00
1557	Certificates (long-term service)	\$50.00
1558	Board of Trustees including Endowments	\$50.00
1559	Legislation/Government	\$50.00
1560	Pacific Region Director's Project	\$0.00
1561	Golden Legacy Society	\$50.00
1562	PO Box Chairman	\$50.00
1563	Water Conservation	\$50.00
1564	Donation Administrator	\$50.00
1565	Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose	\$50.00
1566	Leadership Chairman	\$50.00
1567	Stagcoach Hill Azalea Reserve	\$50.00
1568	North American Butterfly Assoc. (NABA)	\$50.00
1569	Stamps	\$50.00
	<b>Chairman Expenses Total</b>	<b>\$2,650.00</b>
	<b>Chairman with Special Funding</b>	
	<i>Chairmen with Special Funding Expenses: 1600's</i>	
1601A	Awards - Chairman	\$850.00
1601B	Awards mailing/postage	\$150.00
1602	CGCI Chairman Coordinator	\$100.00
1603	District Director Coordinator	\$150.00
1604	CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman	\$400.00
1605	Membership	\$1,000.00
1606	Smokey Bear Poster Contest	\$150.00
1607	State Pins & Misc. Sales (50% of sales)	\$600.00
1608	Yearbook Chairman - including Distribution/Mailing	\$300.00
1609	Youth Activities	\$250.00
	<b>Chairmen w/Special Funding Total</b>	<b>\$3,950.00</b>

<i>District Director Expenses: 1700's</i>		
1701	Arboretum	\$ 100.00
1702	Bay Bridges	\$ 100.00
1703	Bay Ocean	\$ 100.00
1704	Buttes	\$ 100.00
1705	Cascade	\$ 100.00
1706	Channel Islands	\$ 100.00
1707	Costa Verde	\$ 100.00
1708	Desert Empire	\$ 100.00
1709	Diablo Foothills	\$ 100.00
1710	Golden Foothills	\$ 100.00
1711	Greater Los Angeles	\$ 100.00
1712	Humboldt	\$ 100.00
1713	Luther Burbank	\$ 100.00
1714	Mendo-Lake	\$ 100.00
1715	Montana de Oro	\$ 100.00
1717	Orange County	\$ 100.00
1718	Palms to Pines	\$ 100.00
1719	Palomar	\$ 100.00
1720	Roadrunner	\$ 100.00
1721	Sacramento River Valley	\$ 100.00
1722	San Fernando Valley	\$ 100.00
1723	Santa Clara Valley	\$ 100.00
1724	Sequoia Foothills	\$ 100.00
1725	Top O' the State	\$ 100.00
1726	Valley Lode	\$ 100.00
1727	Yosemite Gateway	\$ 100.00
	<b>Total District Directors Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>
<i>Membership 1800's</i>		
1801	Membership Banners	\$250.00
1802	Membership Cards (printing)	\$250.00
1803	Membership - posters & brochures	\$1,500.00
1804	Misc. Dues Refunds	\$0.00
1805	Zip Code Club Finder Services Renewal	\$100.00
	<b>Total Membership Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,100.00</b>
<i>Officers Expenses: 1900's</i>		
	<b>Officers</b>	
1901	1st Vice President	\$0.00
1902	Corresponding Secretary	\$150.00
1903	Financial Secretary	\$150.00
1904	Parliamentarian	\$50.00
1905	President, CA Travel & Office Expense	\$10,000.00
1906	President, NGC & Pacific Region	\$5,000.00
1907	Recording Secretary	\$50.00
1908	Treasurer	\$400.00
1909	Communications Director PROJECTOR*	\$500.00
	<b>Total Officers Expenses</b>	<b>\$16,300.00</b>
	<b>Election Year Expenses</b>	
1920	Incoming President's Honorarium	\$200.00



1921	Outgoing President's Pin	\$500.00
1922	President Elect Expenses	\$500.00
1923	President Elect, NGC & Pacific Region	\$2,000.00
	<b>Total Election Year Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,200.00</b>
	<i>Other expenses</i>	
	<i>2000-4000</i>	
	<b>Other Expenses</b>	
2101	<i>Golden Gardens eNews</i>	\$250.00
2201	Educational Pamphlets	\$500.00
2301	Financial Assistance from CPA	\$0.00
2401	Fundraising Expenses	\$0.00
2501	History Book Mailing	\$0.00
2601	Gift for NGC/PR Gift	\$0.00
2701	Member Award of Distinction	\$100.00
2801	President's Project	\$0.00
2901	Program Speakers for Convention/Board Meetings	\$500.00
3001	Promotional Materials	\$1,000.00
3101	Scholarship - 2 @ \$2000.00	\$4,000.00
3201	Tours	\$0.00
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>\$6,350.00</b>
4000	<b>Misc. Expenses</b>	
4001	NGC/Pac Region related expenses incl visits	\$0.00
4002	Bank charges	\$0.00
4003	Memorial Donations	\$250.00
4004	San Francisco Flower & Garden Show	\$0.00
4005	CA State Flower & Garden Show	\$0.00
4006	G-2 Yearbook Award	\$350.00
4007	3 Year Calendar printing (1200)	\$0.00
4008	Awards booklet	\$0.00
4009	Wax Seals	\$0.00
4010	Web Tech	\$0.00
4011	Penny Pines	\$68.00
4012	Interest transfer to Scholarship RF	\$0.00
4013	WAFA	\$0.00
4014	New Board Designated Restricted Fund Grants	\$0.00
4015	NGC Awards #20	\$100.00
4016	CGCI Hosted Meetings	\$0.00
4017	CGCI Hosted NGC/PR Conventions	\$0.00
	<b>Total Misc. Expenses</b>	<b>\$768.00</b>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$75,248.00</b>
	<b>Budgeted Revenue -(Expenses w/ elec. Yr.)</b>	<b>-\$5,405.00</b>