

**California Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Pre-Convention Board Meeting**  
Wyndham Sacramento, Sacramento, California  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024  
Host: Golden Foothills District  
**President: Carol Vallens**

President Carol Vallens called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

President Carol Vallens welcomed attendees and introduced the Executive Committee.

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

Excused: Dana Boyd, Kathy Bramhall, Beverly Brune, Lisa Cosand, Joan Craig, Jana Dudley, Carolyn Fergoda, Myrtle Findley, Bob Gordon, Cher Habriel, Ward Habriel, Diane Hill, Rosalie Hooper, Gudrun Kimmel, Krystal Migliore, Jane McKee, Ellyn Meikle, Sherry Molinari, Joyce Parrot, George Perko, Rosa Radicchi, Renee Rivera, Terry Sampson, Phil Stanley, Bette Tang, Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Sharon Tooley, Emily Troxell, Elisabeth Tufo, George Unrine, Judy Unrine, Julie West

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were approved at the Organizational Meeting on June 9, 2023 for the entire 2023-2025 term. Excerpts were read by the parliamentarian.

Without objection the chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes of this meeting: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Chuck Goodwin and Marlene Kinney.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported there is a correction in the spelling of George Perko's name in the minutes of the January 29-31, 2024 Winter Board Meeting on Zoom distributed on March 10, 2024. The version posted on the website has been corrected. Without objection, the minutes were adopted as corrected.

President Carol Vallens thanked Golden Foothills District for hosting this Convention and thanked Convention Chairman Sue Bennett.

**Officers' Reports**

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported.

Corresponding Secretary Shirley Lipa deferred her report to Business Meeting #1.

Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported for Treasurer George Perko.

**Financial Report: April 30, 2024**

Net worth:

Total cash in checking/savings accounts	\$90,908	
Total other assets	\$603,806	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>		<b>\$694,714</b>
of which restricted funds are	\$439,529	
Cash Balance Available		<u><b>\$255,185</b></u>

Financial Secretary/Budget & Finance Committee Chairman Rita Desilets presented the proposed 2024-2025 budget and moved to adopt it as presented. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment A.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst deferred her report to Business Meeting #1.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President/Membership Chairman Nina Blonski reported:

Clubs	233	(13,663) members
APS'S	49	(4,005) members
Affiliates	1	
Total	283	(17,668) members

For this Club Year 2023-2024 Total Membership dollars paid in Sales Force is \$48,438.85. She moved to ratify Canopy Grove Garden Club in Escondido, Palomar District, President: Richard Cannon, 13 members as a new CGCI Club. **Motion Passed.**

The following clubs have been dropped due to inactivity: San Dieguito Garden Club, Palomar District, President: Suzanne Spector, 47 members. Vallejo Garden Club, Sacramento River Valley District, President: Nancy Piotrowski, 32 members.

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Chairmen Coordinator Marlene Kinney deferred her report to Business Meeting #1.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President/District Director Coordinator Adele Kelly deferred her report to Business Meeting #1.

President Carol Vallens deferred her report to Business Meeting #1.

### **Executive Committee Recommendations**

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst moved to adopt or ratify the following recommendations:

1. To budget \$4500 for Internet4association software (i4A), new l/c 903. **Motion Passed**
2. To pay the CGCI President's Board Meeting and Convention expenses from l/c 1905. **Motion Passed.**
3. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Julie A. West from the Board of Trustees. **Motion Passed.**
4. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Sue Bennett as Chairman of the California Consultants Council as of the close of 2024 convention. **Motion Passed.**
5. To ratify the appointment of Sue Bennett to the Board of Trustees for the remainder of the 2020-2026 term. **Motion Passed.**
6. To ratify the appointments of Lynne Batchelor and Alexis Slafer to the Board of Trustees for the 2024-2030 term. **Motion Passed.**
7. To ratify the appointment of Carol Jauregui as Buttes District Liaison. **Motion Passed.**
8. To ratify the appointment of Robin Pokorski as Club Locator Liaison. **Motion Passed.**
9. That the annual liability insurance rate for the 2025-2026 policy year be \$1.25 per member with a \$20.00 minimum per club (no change from last year). That there be no change in charges for Certificates of Insurance, Requests for Additional Insureds (\$35.00 each) or late fees (\$25.00 for insurance payments received after January 15 and \$15.00 for Additional Insured Certificate requests received less than 14 days prior to the event). **Motion Passed.**
10. To accept the invitation from Costa Verde District to host the 2024 Fall Board Meeting, September 9-11, at Harris Ranch in Coalinga with a registration fee of \$125 and a late

(registration) fee of \$165.00 postmarked after August 19, 2024. Alexis Slafer as chairman, and Cindy Kovacs as treasurer. **Motion Passed.**

11. To ratify a Flower Show School, sponsored by Southwestern Judges Council in Poway with Emily Troxell and Linda Hermezc as co-chairmen.

Course 1 February 27, 28 and March 1, 2025

Course 2 - September 18, 19 and 20, 2025

Course 3 - February 25, 26 and 27, 2026

Course 4 - September 24, 25 and 26, 2026

**Motion Passed.**

12. To ratify the following dates for a previously approved Flower Show School sponsored by Red Bluff Garden Club:

Course 1 - March 6, 7 and 8, 2024

Course 2 - August 28, 29 and 30, 2024

Course 3 - March 18, 19 and 20, 2025

Course 4 - September 3, 4 and 5, 2025

**Motion Passed.**

2024 Fall Board Meeting Chairman Alexis Slafer invited the members to the 2024 Fall Board Meeting to be held at Harris Ranch in Coalinga, September 9-11, 2024.

### **Committee Reports**

Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman Greg Pokorski reported and moved to adopt the Standing Rule changes distributed to registered board members on May 16, 2024.

**The motion passed for each of the nine proposals.** See Attachment B.

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) Chairman Sue Bennett reported and moved to ratify the removal of the following clubs from the Group Tax Exemption Program:

Knights Ferry Garden Club

San Dieguito Garden Club

Vallejo Garden Club

**Motion Passed.**

She reported that San Gorgonio Garden Club and Valley Floral Arrangers Guild had their status revoked by the IRS.

Life membership Chairman Linda Travis reported and moved to ratify the following new Life Memberships and three unnamed surprise Life Memberships:

Argie Grimshaw (Long Beach GC/Costa Verde District)

Mary Villalta Brooks (Merced GC/Yosemite Gateway District)

Suzanne Clarke (Petaluma GC/Luther Burbank District)

Wendy McKeown (Los Osos Valley GC/Montana de Oro District)

Barbara Tyler (Atherton Garden Guild/Bay Ocean District)

**Motion Passed.**

Meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

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

Recording Secretary

**Attachment A  
California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Budget 2024-2025**

Line Code	Description	Budget
<b>Revenue</b>		
5001	Contributions/Donations	500
5101	Convention Profit	500
<b>Dues</b>		
5201	Dues-Affiliates 1 x \$50 = \$50	50
5202	Dues-APS 4005 x \$2.75 = \$11,014	11,014
5203	Dues-Clubs 13,750 x \$2.75 = \$37,812.50	37,812
5301	Fundraising Revenue	0
5401	Group Tax Exemption Program Fees	1,500
5601	Interest	3,000
<b>Membership</b>		
5701	Membership Banners	150
5702	Membership Cards	0
5703	Member Award of Distinction	150
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>		
5801	Bad check fees reimbursements	0
5804	Program Speakers Refund	0
5805	NGC/PR Refund	0
5807	CGCI Hosted Meetings	1,000
5808	CGCI Hosted NGC/PR Conventions	0
5810	Class Action Settlement	0
6001	Scholarship - transfer from Scholarship Fund	4,000
6101	State Pins & Miscellaneous Sales	1,000
6301	Yearbook Sales	200
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>60,876</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
<b>Administration</b>		
101	Auditor	5,500
102	External Treasurer	3,600
201	Directors & Officers Insurance	3,000
301	Dues-NGC \$1 per capita for APS & Clubs	17,008
302	Dues-NGC Youth	10
303	Dues-Pacific Region	360
401	Crime Insurance Package	1,500
402	QuickBooks 3 users	1,100
402A	QuickBooks support	0
403	Expense-Administration	0
501	Attorney General	50
502	Franchise Tax Board	25
503	CA Dept. of Tax & Fee Admin.	300
504	Secretary of State Form SI-100 even yrs	20
505	CA Trademark/logo fee Due 8/15/27	0
506	State Raffle Permit	20
701	Office Supplies	500

705	PO Box Annual Fee	250
801	RingCentral 888# \$37.66 @ month x 12	500
802	CGCI Virtual Meetings	350
901	Website	4,000
902A	Tech Support - Mail Chimp	300
902B	Tech Support - Adobe Acrobat Pro	300
902C	Tech Support - Plug-ins	300
1001	Yearbook (Directory) Printing	3,000
	<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>41,993</b>
	<b>Chairman Expenses</b>	
1501	Amenities & Protocol	50
1503	Arboreta/Botanic Gardens of CA	50
1504	Associate Plant Societies	50
1505	Awards Finance	50
1506	Backyard Habitat	50
1507	Blue Star Memorials - Co-Chair 1	50
1508	Blue Star Memorials - Co-Chair 2	50
1509	Budget & Finance (copies)	50
1510	Business Commendations & Discounts	50
1511	Bylaws & Policy (copies)	50
1516	Environmental Schools	50
1519	Flower Show Awards	50
1520	Flower Show Judges Credentials	50
1521	Flower Show Schedules	50
1522	Flower Show Schools Team Chair	50
1523	Flower Show Symposium	50
1525	Gardening Schools	50
1526	Garden Therapy	50
1529	Veggies/Herbs/Spices/Edible Flowers	50
1531	Honor Book	50
1532	Horticulture	50
1533	New Cultivars	50
1534	Landscape Design Schools	50
1539	Penny Pines	50
1540	Roses	50
1544	Scholarships	50
1547	Sempervirens Fund	50
1549	Member Award of Distinction	50
1550	Strategic Planning	50
1552	Vermiculture / Vermicomposting	50
1553	Website	50
1555	Wildlife / Pollinators	50
1557	Certificates (long-term service)	50
1558	Board of Trustees incl. Endowments	50
1559	Legislation/Government	50
1561	Golden Legacy Society	50
1562	PO Box Chairman	50
1567	Donation Administrator	50
1569	Stamps	50
1577	Endowment Fund Promotions	50
1578	Climate Awareness	50

1581	Black Point Historic Garden Project	50
1582	Conejo Valley Botanic Garden Project	50
	<b>Total Chairman Expenses</b>	<b>2,150</b>
	<b><i>Chairman Expenses with Special Funding</i></b>	
1535	Life Membership	100
1601A	Awards	850
1601B	Awards mailing/postage	350
1602	Chairmen Coordinator	100
1603	District Director Coordinator	100
1604	Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman	100
1605	Membership-Including mailing membership cards, new club packets	600
1606	Smokey Bear Poster Contest	175
1607	State Pins & Misc. Sales (50% of sales)	500
1608	Yearbook Chairman - including distribution/ mailing	1,500
1609	Youth Activities- Awards, Admin, Essay, Hort. & Liaisons	250
1610	Procedure Committee	100
1611	Social Media	375
	<b>Total Chairman with Special Funding</b>	<b>5,100</b>
	<b><i>District Director Expenses</i></b>	
1701	Arboretum	100
1702	Bay Bridges	100
1703	Bay Ocean	100
1704	Buttes	100
1705	Cascade	100
1706	Channel Islands	100
1707	Costa Verde	100
1708	Desert Empire	100
1709	Diablo Foothills	100
1710	Golden Foothills	100
1711	Greater Los Angeles	100
1712	Humboldt	100
1713	Luther Burbank	100
1714	Mendo-Lake	100
1715	Montana de Oro	100
1717	Orange County	100
1718	Palms to Pines	100
1719	Palomar	100
1720	Roadrunner	100
1721	Sacramento River Valley	100
1722	San Fernando Valley	100
1723	Santa Clara Valley	100
1724	Sequoia Foothills	100
1725	Top O' the State	100
1726	Valley Lode	100
1727	Yosemite Gateway	100
	<b>Total District Director Expenses</b>	<b>2,600</b>
	<b><i>Membership</i></b>	
1801	Membership Banners	150
1802	Membership Cards (printing)	0
1803	Membership - Printing bookmarks, brochures	1,500

1804	Misc. Dues Refunds	0
1805	Organization Locator Service	375
	<b>Total Membership Expenses</b>	<b>2,025</b>
	<b>Officers Expenses</b>	
1901	1st Vice President (year before Pres-Elect)	0
1901A	2nd Vice President	250
1901B	3rd Vice President	250
1902	Corresponding Secretary	100
1903	Financial Secretary	100
1904	Parliamentarian	50
1905	President, CA Travel & Office	10,000
1906	President, NGC & Pacific Region	5,000
1907	Recording Secretary	50
1908	Treasurer	300
	<b>Total Officers Expenses</b>	<b>16,100</b>
	<b>Election Year Expenses</b>	
1920	Incoming President's Honorarium	200
1921	President's Pin	500
1922	President Elect Expenses	500
1923	President Elect, NGC & Pacific Region	3,500
	<b>Total Election Year Expenses</b>	<b>4,700</b>
	<b>Other Expenses</b>	
2101	Golden Gardens eNews	50
2201	Educational Pamphlets	100
2601	Gift for NGC/PR	100
2701	Member Award of Distinction	150
2901	Program Speakers for Convention/Board Meetings	1,000
3001	Promotional Materials	250
3101	Scholarships- 2 @ \$2000	4,000
	<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>5,650</b>
4001	<b>Misc. Expenses</b>	
4002	NGC/Pac Region related expenses incl visits	1,000
4002A	Bank charges	25
4003	PayPal Merchant Fees	50
4004	Memorial Donations	250
4007	#54 Yearbook Award	350
4012	Interest transfer to Scholarship	0
4014	Miscellaneous Board Authorized (A thru M)	0
4014O	Tree for Arbor Day	100
4014S	NGC Path of Success Paver	0
4015	NGC Award sponsored CB-1 (formerly #20)	100
4016	CGCI Hosted Meetings	0
4017	CGCI Hosted NGC/PR Conventions	0
4101	Pacific Region Director from CGCI	0
	<b>Total Misc. Expenses</b>	<b>1,875</b>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>77,493</b>
	<b>Revenue Less Expenses</b>	<b>-16,617</b>

**Attachment B**  
**CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**Proposals from the BYLAWS & POLICY COMMITTEE**  
for the Board of Directors at the Pre-Convention Board Meeting,  
Tuesday, May 21, 2024, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Key - underline means insert words. ~~Strikeouts~~ mean omit words.

CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
<b>Proposal #1</b> 2. The order printed in the <i>Yearbook, Manual &amp; Roster</i> shall be the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy.	Delete Standing Rule 2. <del>2. The order printed in the <i>Yearbook, Manual &amp; Roster</i> shall be the Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy.</del>	No Standing Rule 2.

Rationale: The Articles of Incorporation and Policy are not currently included in the Yearbook and are available on the website. It does not really matter what the order is for the bylaws and standing rules, and does not require a governing rule.

CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
<b>Proposal #2</b> No current Standing Rule wording. Move text from Policy.	New Standing Rule 9. <u>All awards shall be given on merit; there is no limit to the number which may be won by an individual, garden club, council, associate plant society or district.</u>	9. All awards shall be given on merit; there is no limit to the number which may be won by an individual, garden club, council, associate plant society or district.

Rationale: Move provision from Policy to give it more emphasis in the Standing Rules.

CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
<b>Proposal #3</b> 21. Districts are encouraged to compile a yearbook or roster listing names and addresses of district officers and chairmen, clubs within the district, dates of district meetings, presidents' conferences, other pertinent information.	21. Districts are encouraged to compile a yearbook or roster listing names and addresses of district officers and chairmen, clubs within the district, dates of district meetings, <del>presidents' conferences,</del> <u>and</u> other pertinent information.	21. Districts are encouraged to compile a yearbook or roster listing names and addresses of district officers and chairmen, clubs within the district, dates of district meetings, and other pertinent information.

Rationale: Presidents' conferences in districts are past practices that no longer generally exist.



<b>CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #4</b> 33. The full balance sheet and income statement of the treasurer, as presented at each meeting of the board of directors, shall be attached to the minutes.	33. <del>The full balance sheet and income statement</del> <u>financial report</u> of the treasurer, as presented at each meeting of the board of directors, shall be <del>attached to</del> <u>included in</u> the minutes.	33. The financial report of the treasurer, as presented at each meeting of the board of directors, shall be included in the minutes.

Rationale: The full balance sheet and income statement have not been presented at board meetings for some time. The Treasurer’s financial report is included in board meeting minutes.

<b>CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #5</b> 35. Any motion that would propose a bylaw change or involve an unbudgeted expenditure shall be submitted in writing to the executive committee for consideration before being presented to the voting body.	35. <u>All motions directing the expenditure of CGCI monies shall specify from which designated fund and line code the monies shall be paid.</u> Any motion that would propose a bylaw change or involve an unbudgeted expenditure shall be submitted in writing to the executive committee for consideration before being presented to the voting body.	35. <u>All</u> motions directing the expenditure of CGCI monies shall specify from which designated fund and line code the monies shall be paid. Any motion that would propose a bylaw change or involve an unbudgeted expenditure shall be submitted in writing to the executive committee for consideration before being presented to the voting body.

Rationale: Move text from Policy (Finances) to give it more visibility in the Standing Rules.

<b>CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #6</b> 50. Scheduled dates of all CGCI board meetings, PRGC and NGC annual meetings shall be posted on the website.	50. Scheduled dates of <del>all</del> CGCI <del>board meetings</del> , PRGC and NGC <u>board meetings</u> and <del>annual meetings</del> <u>conventions</u> shall be posted on the website.	50. Scheduled dates of CGCI, PRGC and NGC board meetings and conventions shall be posted on the website.

Rationale: CGCI annual meetings/conventions were not previously included in this rule.

<b>CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #7</b> 51. Board meetings and conventions procedure book shall be updated annually by the state boards and conventions Procedure Chairman and posted on CGCI’s website. Current information	51. <u>The Events Coordinator shall ensure that Board Meetings and Conventions procedure book files shall be updated reviewed</u> annually <del>by the state boards and conventions Procedure</del>	51. The Events Coordinator shall ensure that Board Meetings and Conventions procedure files shall be reviewed annually and posted on CGCI’s website. Feedback from the host meeting chairmen on

from the district chairman on duties, procedures, and finances shall be included in the books.	<del>Chairman</del> and posted on CGCI's website. <del>Current information</del> <u>Feedback from the district host meeting chairmen</u> on duties, procedures, and finances shall be included in the books. <u>obtained.</u>	duties, procedures, and finances shall be obtained.
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Rationale: Clarify that the person in the position of Events Coordinator has this responsibility, there are two separate procedure computer files (not books) and the host meeting chairman/chairmen may be from host clubs or host districts.

<b>CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #8</b> 90. Job descriptions in the <i>Yearbook, Manual &amp; Roster</i> may be changed only with the informed consent of the president and the chairman involved.	Delete Standing Rule 90. <del>90. Job descriptions in the <i>Yearbook, Manual &amp; Roster</i> may be changed only with the informed consent of the president and the chairman involved.</del>	No Standing Rule 90.

Rationale: These have not been included in the last couple of Yearbooks, and will be included in the procedures currently being drafted by the Procedures Committee.

<b>CGCI Standing Rules Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #9</b> 101. No member shall circulate at any time letters or bulletins to the general public concerning policy or procedure without first having had such material approved by the executive committee and the board of directors. Copies of such material shall be sent to members of the executive committee prior to circulation.	101. No member shall circulate at any time letters or bulletins to the general public concerning policy or procedure without first having had such material approved by the executive committee <del>and the board of directors. Copies of such material shall be sent to members of the executive committee prior to circulation.</del>	101. No member shall circulate at any time letters or bulletins to the general public concerning policy or procedure without first having had such material approved by the executive committee.

Rationale: It is not time-effective to obtain full board approval for such infrequent occurrences. The last sentence is redundant; it is implied that the Executive Committee has been sent the material in order to review and approve it.

**All nine of the above proposals passed.** See page 3 of these minutes.

**California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Minutes of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Convention**

May 21 – 22, 2024

Wyndham Sacramento, Sacramento, California

Host: Golden Foothills District

**President: Carol Vallens**

**Business Meeting #1**

President Carol Vallens called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m. The Recording Secretary was present.

Advisory Council Chairman Lynne Batchelor gave the Inspiration.

President Carol Vallens introduced the 2023-2025 Executive Committee and former presidents in attendance: Robin Pokorski (2007-2009), Rita Desilets (2013-2015), Sue Bennett (2015-2017), and Lynne Batchelor (2021-2023).

President Carol Vallens recognized those members of the Circle of Poppies in attendance: Chuck Goodwin, Beverly Switzer, Charlotte Tucker, Carolyn Villi and Carlotta Wixon-Welker.

President Carol Vallens recognized those serving with her on the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors and the Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Board of Directors.

President Carol Vallens introduced her page for this Convention, Jeanne Johnson; Amenities and Protocol Co-chairmen Jeanne Johnson and Linda Smith; and the Timekeeper, Bette Langford.

Credentials Chairman Greg Pokorski gave the preliminary credentials report and moved its adoption with a voting strength of 88. **Motion passed.**

President Carol Vallens declared a quorum present.

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the preliminary registration report of 130 registered.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski read the Convention Rules of Order (on pages 13-14 of the Convention Program booklet) and moved their adoption. **Motion passed.**

Convention Chairman Sue Bennett moved to adopt the Convention Program with corrections. **Adopted as corrected.**

President Carol Vallens thanked Golden Foothills District (with Annette Choate as Director) for hosting the 2024 CGCI Convention.

Without objection the chair appointed the following members to review the minutes of this meeting: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Chuck Goodwin, and Marlene Kinney.

President Carol Vallens announced that the minutes of the 2023 Pre-Convention Meeting, Convention, Post-Convention Meeting and Organizational Meeting were approved at the 2023 Fall Board Meeting at Harris Ranch in Coalinga.

Convention Chairman Sue Bennett welcomed attendees to Convention.

**Officers' Reports**

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported. See Attachment A.

Corresponding Secretary Shirley Lipa reported. See Attachment A.

Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported for Treasurer George Perko who was absent.

**Financial Report: April 30, 2024**

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of which restricted funds are	\$439,529	
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Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported. See Attachment A.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported that reports are due to this chairman by May 29 with a maximum of 300 words.

3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President Nina Blonski reported. See Attachment A

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Chairmen Coordinator Marlene Kinney reported. See Attachment A.

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President/District Director Coordinator Adele Kelly reported. See Attachment A.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst presented the Report of the Board of Directors.

Meeting recessed at 4:51 p.m.

**Business Meeting #2**

Meeting reconvened on Wednesday, May 22 at 9:04 a.m.

President Carol Vallens reported.

**Committee Reports**

Advisory Council Chairman Lynne Batchelor reported. See Attachment B.

Awards Committee Chairman Pat Clayes reported. See Attachment B.  
She also reported for *Golden Gardens* at this time.

Board of Trustees Secretary Sue Bennett reported for Chairman Julie A. West. See Attachment B.  
She also reported for GTEP and the CCC at this time.

Budget & Finance Committee Chairman Rita Desilets stated she filed her report. See Attachment B.

Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman Greg Pokorski reported. See Attachment B.

He presented seven Bylaws amendment proposals (recommended by the Board of Directors at the Winter Board Meeting on January 31, 2024 and distributed with the Call to this Convention on March 29, 2024.) He moved the adoption of these proposed changes. **All seven proposals passed with more than a two-thirds vote.** See Attachment D.

Life Memberships Chairman Linda Travis reported.

Nominating Committee Chairman Lynne Batchelor reported. See Attachment B.

President's Project Chairman Terri Taylor reported.

Procedures Committee Chairman Robin Pokorski reported (in a skit with committee members Launa Gould and Alexis Slafer). See Attachment B.

Scholarship Committee Chairman Martha Smyser reported. See Attachment B.

Strategic Planning Committee Chairman George Speer reported.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski moved to **elect** Ashley Cote, Donna Payton, Adele Kelly, Diane Lerner, Linda Smith and Carolyn Villi as **delegates** to the Pacific Region Convention August 21-23, 2024 in Anchorage, Alaska. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting recessed at 10:49 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 11:01 a.m.

*Golden Gardens eNews* Writer-at-Large Nancy Compton conducted the **Memorial Service.**

### **Chairman Reports**

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President/Chairmen Coordinator Marlene Kinney introduced those chairmen who reported. See Attachment B.

Meeting recessed at 11:44 a.m.

### **Business Meeting #3**

Meeting reconvened at 1:48 p.m.

President Carol Vallens presented Certificates of Recognition to Sue Bennett, Annette Choate, Cynthia Jackson, Ceres Garden Club, Terri Taylor, Milly Benson, Jennifer Waite, Jan Goehring, Nina Blonski and Robin Pokorski.

Chairman reports continued.

### **District Director Reports**

1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President/District Director Coordinator Adele Kelly introduced those directors who reported. See Attachment C.

Pacific Region Garden Clubs Awards Chairman Lynne Batchelor presented Pacific Region awards.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski moved to **elect** Dyana Madro as an additional **delegate** to the Pacific Region Convention in Alaska, August 21-23, 2024. **Motion Passed.**

2025 Convention Chairman Launa Gould invited members to the 93<sup>rd</sup> CGCI Convention to be hosted by San Clemente Garden Club in Orange County; location to be determined.

Credentials Chairman Greg Pokorski gave the final credentials report with a voting strength of 92 and moved for its adoption. **Motion passed.**

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the final registration report with 130 registered.

Registrar Robin Pokorski read the Courtesy Resolution on behalf of Joan Craig and moved its adoption. **Motion passed.** See Attachment E.

Announcements were made.

President Carol Vallens congratulated Adele Kelly on becoming President-elect.

Meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m. Sine die.

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

## **Attachment A Officers' Reports**

### **Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski**

This officer served as Convention Credentials Chairman again this year. It seems that many do not read the Call to Convention or information on the Registration Form as many Registration Forms were received indicating that the registrant was a club president or delegate but no Credentials Form was submitted. After contacting those clubs that did not submit Credentials Forms, forms were finally received for most registrants. Remember that you cannot just say you are representing your club in an official voting capacity without the club advising and confirming that you were elected or appointed as an official representative.

Most clubs are missing the opportunity to participate in the governance of this organization. Aside from board members, only 28 clubs in 14 districts are officially represented. Not a great record considering we have 237 clubs and 46 APSs in 26 districts.

This officer has continued to review meeting agendas and minutes, has participated in monthly informal Executive Committee meetings and monthly Bylaws Committee meetings, conducted a parliamentary workshop at the virtual Winter Board Meeting and will conduct a parliamentary workshop at this convention tomorrow.

This officer receives and addresses parliamentary inquiries from clubs, districts and board members.

Parliamentary Procedure is a continuous learning experience and we can all increase our knowledge and ability to use it by practicing application of parliamentary procedure in meetings and attending educational programs such as those offered at these state meetings.

By coming together and learning together, we can all do more to benefit our garden clubs.

Thanks to President Carol for the opportunity to serve her and CGCI in this role.

### **Corresponding Secretary, Shirley Lipa**

During the first year of this secretary's term of office, the following cards have been sent:

- 7 Condolence cards
- 2 Get Well cards
- 1 Happy Birthday card

Using Mail Chimp the following messages were sent:

- The minutes of the 2023 State Convention, the 2023 Fall Board Minutes, and the 2024 Winter Board Minutes
- The Call to the 2023 Fall Board Meeting
- The Call to the 2024 Winter Board Meeting
- The Call to the 2024 State Convention
- The Proposed Bylaws and Policy Amendments
- GTEP Renewal Reminder

I want to thank Jane McKee for all the training, help, and guidance she has provided this officer.

**Financial Secretary, Rita Desilets**

Your Request for Payment forms will be processed quickly, but please use the correct line code, stay within the budget and include receipts.

Please complete the Word Document found on the website and send it as a Word Document, not a PDF. Your receipts can be scanned and sent as a separate PDF or you can snail mail them.

June 15 is the last day to submit bills. Help is a phone call or email away, so please ask for assistance.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Vice-President/Membership, Nina Blonski**

Current Membership

Number Paid as of May 17, 2024

		Members
Clubs	233	(13,663)
APSS	49	(4,005)
Affiliates	1	
Total	283	(17,668)

For this Club Year 2023-2024 Total Membership dollars paid in Sales Force is \$48,438.85

CGCI has one new Club,

CGCI ratified the Canopy Grove Garden Club in Escondido, Palomar District at the board meeting.

President: Richard Cannon, 13 members.

The following Clubs have been dropped due to inactivity.

San Dieguito Garden Club, President: Suzanne Spector, 47 members, Palomar District

Vallejo Garden Club, President Nancy Piotrowski, 32 members, Sacramento River Valley District

Reminding clubs to:

#1. Go to the CGCI website and update their contact information.

#2. Fill out renewal membership form by selecting your club and district from the drop-down menu.

#3. Mail in your check with form to address on the form. July 1 is the deadline.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Chairmen Coordinator, Marlene C. Kinney**

CGCI Chairmen met on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.

This Chairmen is pleased to report that 37 chairmen were present at the Chairmen’s meeting.

Chairmen were asked to break into groups, based on their committee listing, starting on page 5 of our current yearbook. Each group held open discussion and shared ideas of future goals for their chairmanship. Confirmation of those giving oral reports were done and a reminder their report should be no longer than 3 minutes. A written report no longer than three hundred words is due one week following the close of convention (May 29, 2024). Please send your report to our recording secretary Gail Vanderhorst and a copy to our President, Carol Vallens.

This concludes my report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President/District Director Coordinator, Adele Kelly**

The District Directors’ Forum was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2024. There were eleven district directors, five alternate district directors, two district director liaisons, and four guests present.

President Carol Vallens opened with a welcome message to all present. Smokey Bear Poster Contest Chairman, Charlotte Tucker, spoke and encouraged all districts and clubs to appoint chairs to support the poster award program. This chairman followed by discussing the new 2024 Awards Manual on CGCI’s website and discussed various reminders to pass onto their clubs such as Contact Information



Form updates, club dues and upcoming schools. They were also provided with an updated District Director Guidelines handout. The meeting concluded with an open discussion on districts going inactive and the potential consequences of doing so. This chairman reminded district directors to share the Meeting Information Summary distributed following convention with their club presidents.

Since CGCI's Winter Board meeting, this Chairman attended a district meeting in February for the Diablo Foothills District in Walnut Creek. The purpose of the meeting was to encourage the district to find a district director and treasurer who could help keep the district viable. A Zoom meeting in April followed with President Carol Vallens, Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski and this chairman. It was held with the current district director, treasurer and club presidents in the district. We answered questions and discussed the consequences of going inactive. Sadly, Diablo Foothills District has chosen to go inactive because no one wants to step up into leadership positions at the district level. The majority of the district funds will be given to other 501c3 organizations as required in their bylaws. On a positive note, this chairman and President Carol Vallens attended two Zoom meetings with the Palms to Pines members to help them navigate their reorganization. They now have a member who will soon be stepping forward as the new district director. Finally, as district director liaison for two districts, this chairman will continue to work closely with the Mendo-Lake and Luther Burbank Districts who have no district director and are struggling to remain viable.

On Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Business Meeting #3 the following district directors or their representatives gave oral reports:

- Buttes – Carol Jauregui
- Cascade – Judy Paul
- Channel Islands – Darcey Lober
- Costa Verde – Alexis Slafer
- Golden Foothills – Annette Choate
- Humboldt – Maria Krenek
- Montana de Oro – Ashley Cote
- Orange County – Launa Gould
- Palomar – George Speer
- Roadrunner – Robin Pokorski
- Sacramento River Valley – Ron Byrd
- San Fernando Valley – Martha Smyser
- Santa Clara Valley – Roseann Costabile
- Sequoia Foothills – Paul Vander Werf

## **Attachment B Committee and Chairmen Reports**

### **Advisory Council, Lynne Batchelor**

The Advisory Committee met via Zoom on May 13 in response to two requests from the Bylaws & Policy Committee for our input. Present at this meeting were Sue Bennett, Rita Desilets, Robin Pokorski and Lynne Batchelor.

The first issue we were asked to consider involved some suggested changes to CGCI Policies. We agreed with the premise of streamlining Policy perhaps with the idea of making it only a statement of our organization's philosophical underpinnings. We are in favor of removing redundant items, moving items of procedure to their appropriate location and adding important items to either Bylaws or Standing Rule as appropriate. One of our members asked for the Bylaws committee to review and clarify the item relating to associations. We approved all the other suggestions unanimously as presented.

The second item we considered was the future elimination of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President position. The committee was equally divided on this issue with Lynne and Robin believing that it may encourage more candidates with a 6-year rather than an 8-year time commitment. We also believe that a more structured mentoring program could be instituted and that duties of the Vice Presidents could be strategically assigned to help with this transition. Sue and Rita feel that the 6 years of Vice-Presidential training are necessary.

We reported our findings on both items to the Bylaws and Policy committee.

Your Advisory Committee is still mindful of its duty to forward names of potential candidates to the Nominating Committee.

We are always willing to provide our input whenever needed.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

### **Awards, Pat Clayes**

The members of the Awards Committee are: Judy Bates (Certificates); Emily Troxell (Flower Show Awards); Elisabeth Tufo (Sponsors-Finance); Lisa Cosand (Youth Awards); Charlotte Tucker (Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest); Michele Blomberg (Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Assistant).

We received 176 award applications for the 2023 awards year. 22 judges and their committee members judged these entries. 42 adult entries were sent to PRGC. 18 entries were sent to NGC. Only 2 poetry contest, 1 sculpture contest, and 1 pollinator poster contest entries were sent to PRGC for the youth. 54 entries for the Smokey Bear Poster Contest were sent to Pacific Region – from only 8 clubs.

The award results from PRGC and NGC will be announced at the Fall Board Meeting where winning certificates will be given to the district directors.

There is a "new and improved" awards manual on the website. Please check it out. It now contains all of the evaluation forms, so one no longer has to go to the website to find the evaluation forms.

Our webmaster has permitted this chairman to edit the awards page on the website. This will make it easier for when items need to be fixed or added. The Excel Sheet of award submissions will be placed on the website under the Awards Section in a few days.

As I mentioned at Winter Board, the electronic submissions worked extremely well, except for the two photograph and the Flower Arranger of the Year awards. The Awards Committee has decided to return to hard copy submissions for these awards – Awards #37, #40, and #41.

### **Blue Star Markers, Northern California, Maria Krenek**

We have three Blue Star markers applications to report; two in Northern California and one in Southern California that have been received. They are from the Chicago Park Garden Club (Dedication on 11 November 2024); Escalon Farmington Community Garden Club (Dedication on 9 November 2024) and the Southern California Garden Club (Dedication scheduled for 11 November 2024). There are no updates on these except that the applications have been sent to the National Garden Clubs (Constance) for forwarding to Sewah to make and ship the plaques in time for the ceremonies. We hope to attend these ceremonies in November.

In addition, we encourage all the garden clubs to consider new markers/sites and to spend a little time giving those markers already in place a bit of care and attention.

As always, George and I are ready to help in any way we can to accomplish the goals of each club and their markers. We honor those who have served. Remembrance is our special acknowledgement.

### **Board of Trustees, Julie A. West**

5 of 6 members of the Board of Trustees met via Zoom May 17, 2024 with George Perko, CGCI Treasurer and Financial Advisor, as guest. Year-to-date financial records from July 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024 were analyzed. The endowment funds with Vanguard were reviewed and the CGCI Endowment (67.7% stocks/32.3% bonds) will be re-balanced in accordance with the parameters established by Standing Rule 45. \$8,150 was recommended by George Perko, to be moved from the High Dividend Yield Index Admiral Fund to Total Bond Market Index Admiral Fund that will re-balance the CGCI Endowment to 60% Stocks/40% Bonds. The recommendation was approved. CGCI's Important Papers/Documents is still a work in progress being updated from 2019.

### **Budget & Finance Committee, Rita Desilets**

The members of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Rita Desilets, George Perko, Sue Bennett, Adele Kelly, Launa Gould and guest Jane McKee attended via Zoom on May 8, 2024. President Carol Vallens also attended.

Jane McKee discussed the benefits of a new database, replacing Salesforce.

We reviewed the financial records from July 2023 to April 2024 as well as the status of two US Bank CDs and the new B of A CD.

CGCI paying the President's expenses for Board Meetings and Conventions was approved. The agenda also included: GTEP and changes to the 2024-2025 Budget.

### **Bylaws & Policy Committee, Greg Pokorski**

The members of your Bylaws & Policy Committee are Lynne Batchelor, Nina Blonski, Chuck Goodwin, Jeanne Johnson, Marlene Kinney, George Speer and this chairman. Additionally, ex-officio member Carol Vallens attends most meetings, as does 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Adele Kelly.

The committee met by Zoom nine times since last convention. The committee reviews CGCI's bylaws, standing rules and policy on an ongoing basis and reviews suggestions for changes which may be submitted by anyone in the organization. Please use the Amendment Request webform on the CGCI website to submit your suggestions.

We hope you know that these governing documents are posted on the website under About CGCI, Governing Documents. These will be updated soon after convention to reflect changes made at convention.

Our committee submitted proposed policy changes to the Advisory Committee for comment and to the Executive Committee for approval at Monday's Executive Committee meeting.

Nine Standing Rule amendments were approved by the board of directors yesterday.

Proposed amendments to bylaws are submitted to and/or generated by this committee and then submitted to the board of directors at the Winter Board Meeting. Proposals passed at that meeting are recommended to the voting membership at convention. Those proposals recommended by the board of directors on January 31, 2024 were included in the Call to Convention, distributed on March 29, and are posted on the website. You were asked to bring a copy to this meeting. (Our Page has some copies if you need one). The current bylaws are also posted on the website and are on pages 53 to 71 of the 2023-24 *Yearbook, Manual & Roster*. A two-thirds vote is required to adopt the proposed changes, which become effective immediately upon approval.

Madam President, on behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, and as recommended by the board of directors at the 2024 Winter Board Meeting, I move to adopt the following bylaws proposals. **(See Attachment D. All seven proposals presented were adopted.)**

#### **Cactus & Succulents, Ellyn Meikle**

The California Garden Clubs, Inc.'s Cactus and Succulent Committee\* continues to collaborate on landscaping public and private gardens and educating with information and care of cactus and succulents.

An ongoing project, El Retiro Park's succulent garden in Torrance, is coordinated and maintained by Phyllis DeCresenzo. Her husband, Robert, and I assist her with maintenance. Mark Horn continues upkeep on several properties throughout the South Bay. Braulio Mena supports education and administration for a variety of clubs. All of us maintain an array of gardens at our personal residences.

As a committee, we collaborate on educational articles that have been published in many Costa Verde District garden club and society newsletters, in addition to California Garden Club, Inc. *Golden Gardens* newsletter and Facebook posts.

#### **Club Locator Liaison, Robin Pokorski**

Club Locator Liaison is a brand, spanking new chairmanship created by President Carol Vallens. So maybe a little background is in order. National Garden Clubs, Inc. has a place on its website to indicate interest in finding a garden club in a person's area. These requests go to our NGC headquarters and are forwarded to the appropriate state for follow-up. With so much time on my hands, I begged President Carol to let me at them!

A few weeks ago, this chairman developed a template for response and started answering the inquiries every Friday copying in the local district director and any club presidents that are around the inquirer. So far, 18 of our districts have had one or more requests for information. I am aware that several directors and club presidents are reaching out to these people. I am grateful!

To date, I have responded to nearly 50 inquiries. Two want to form garden clubs – one is working on her paperwork to submit to our Membership Chairman, the rest want to find a garden club in their area. How sad am I when I have to say, the nearest club to you is 50 miles away.

It started so simply just one, maybe two inquiries. We now average 10 a week. That tells me there are people out there – lots of them – that are trying to find us. Let's be sure we can be found! Publicize your club – your projects – your activities!

Thank you, President Carol for the opportunity to serve CGCI in this capacity.

### **Environmental School, Cynthia Jackson**

I am happy to report that thanks to the efforts of the "Dynamic Duo" aka Berni Hendrix and Barbara Hawkins, that our most recent environmental school has come to a successful conclusion. As a result, we have 15 new and 1 provisional Environmental Consultants! Special thanks to the Ceres Garden Club, who hosted the school.

Going forward, I would like to see more schools and reverse what seems to be a trend of not having schools. I need to discover what obstacles, barriers &/or misconceptions are contributing to this trend and eliminate them, to the extent that I can. I am also working with the other schools chairs (Alexis & Greg) to develop a survey on this topic, but you don't have to wait for the survey, you can always share your thoughts and ideas with me.

I would also like to touch bases with the other environmentally related committees e.g. Climate Awareness, Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose, Pollinators & Insects, Vermiculture within CGCI to see if there are common goals, synergies to promote environmental education.

### **Event Coordinator, Robin Pokorski**

I have the pleasure of serving as your Events Coordinator. This chairmanship was created by President Carol to mentor those clubs and districts considering hosting a CGCI event. This chairman maintains and has already updated the Meeting Procedures manuals that may be found on the website.

Help is available in hotel negotiations as well as ideas for venues and the needs each event requires. Hosting an event is a wonderful bonding mechanism for your club or district as well as a potential fundraiser.

The offers have been flooding so please see me if your club or district might be interested in hosting one of the few remaining meetings that still need hosts. The joy of working together on a group project is invaluable.

Try it, you'll like it!

Thank you, President Carol, for the opportunity to serve you and CGCI as your Events Coordinator.

### **Gardening Schools, Greg Pokorski**

Clubs and/or districts are needed to sponsor and conduct NGC Gardening Schools. This chairman is happy to provide information and walk you through the process. Schools can be in the classroom or conducted by Zoom.

This Chairman is frustrated and disappointed that recent schools promotion has not produced results. Schools programs/workshops were presented at:

1. The California Consultants Council (CCC) meeting at the 2023 Fall Board Meeting
2. The 2024 virtual Winter Board Meeting
3. At Palomar District's meeting in February
4. At Montana de Oro District's virtual meeting in the spring

This Chair is an officer of the CCC and drafted bylaws amendments that were approved at Monday's CCC meeting where I shared my sad report (above). That has led to one expression of interest in Gardening School by a Palomar District club.

We have not added new Consultants since our last California school in 2020 and we have lost Consultants each year due to lapses and deaths. We now have 68 Gardening Consultants including 7 Emeritus Consultants, 8 Provisional Consultants and 53 active Consultants (38 regular and 15 Master). Another 6 Consultants may lapse if they do not refresh before the end of this year.

There continue to be Zoom opportunities for our Consultants to refresh and for students to take courses for the first time. These include a 9/30 to 10/2/2024 Florida Zoom Course 1.

Take a look at the schools exhibits here and contact your schools chairmen for more information. Attend NGC Schools for personal enrichment and conduct schools for club/district enrichment.

### ***Golden Gardens, Pat Clayes***

Members include Writers-at-Large – Nancy Compton, Cheryl Habriel, Phil Stanley, and Bette Tang. Proofreaders: Sue Bennett, Judy Bates, and Julie West. Photographer: Brad Welles

Thank you writers-at-large, proofreaders, and our photographer for all of your help with the *Golden Gardens* issues.

Please note that all garden club members are welcome to submit articles for *Golden Gardens*, and all chairmen are encouraged to submit articles, especially about their chairmanships. Thank you to the chairmen who have given articles to me.

This chairman is very pleased that her suggestion to the Bylaws Committee passed – *Golden Gardens* is back to its original name – *Golden Gardens*!

### ***Insects & Pollinators, Donna Payton***

-Sold native plants at monthly garden club monthly meetings and at the annual plant sale open to the public. Sold out quickly at the annual plant sale. Lesson learned. Profits from plant sales donated to Poway Valley Garden Club.

-Sold native bee houses at our annual plant sale which we had constructed.

-Had an educational booth on gardening for pollinators and other beneficial insects, at the San Diego County Fair, with activities for children, including wildflower seed planting.

-Gave talks to three local garden clubs on eco-friendly gardening, sold native plants afterward. Plan to do more educational presentations on gardening for insects.

Conducted an educational workshop on native bees f/b a construction project building native bee houses which attendees took home. Remainder decorated and sold at the club's plant sale in April.

-Hosted talk by an entomologist on insects, including pollinators

-Fellow club members and I volunteered at a booth at the Farmers Market to celebrate CA Arbor Day in March. 50 oak seedlings offered for free. Had activities for children and families. We will be hosting another booth on June 22, 2024 for Pollinator Week.

-Hosted a backyard bird walk f/b a PPT presentation about local birds with a member of the Audubon Society.

-Hosted a Golden Hour event for club members to bird watch to see daytime and nighttime birds out together.

-Hosted an educational workshop on differentiating between invasive weeds and native plants at my home with PPT f/b hands on exam.

-Have shared articles in local publications on gardening for wildlife.

-Am currently researching and installing plants beneficial to bumblebees in my garden. Will share that information with club members.

### **Landscape Design Schools, Alexis Slafer**

This chair is pleased to report that Landscape Design School, Series 28, hosted by Southern California Garden Club. This school, being held in North Hills, will be an in-person school and will be completed during the summer.

The total number of active Landscape Design Consultants now stands at 68 -- this number includes Master and Provisional consultants. Please be sure to check your date of good standing and make sure to refresh before December 31st. If you are concerned about your current Consultant status, please ask this chairman.

There have been and continue to be many school and refresher opportunities across the country...it is so easy to attend a Landscape Design School or to refresh via Zoom. Just look on the NGC website for an upcoming event that fits your schedule. Or, even better, attend the school being planned by SoCal Garden Club.

The dates are:

- Course 1 -- June 21 & 22
- Course 2 -- July 12 & 13
- Course 3 -- July 26 & 27
- Course 4 -- August 9 & 10

Please encourage your club or district to sponsor a landscape design school. Our Landscape Design Consultants are the perfect people to act as local school chairs. Also, look to our Consultants with their expertise to act as speakers at your programs. And, this chair is happy to help in any way to plan and host a Landscape Design School -- it will be a lot of fun...and "pain free". Just contact this Chair...

### **Liability Insurance, Launa Gould**

The Liability Insurance Chairman is responsible for processing all insurance requests by making sure documents are in order before sending on to the Insurance broker for processing.

Liability Insurance workshops were held at Winter Board (virtual) and in person at Convention, May 22, 2024, to educate members about the process.

General Liability Insurance. To date, 260 clubs have renewed with 7 that have not renewed.

To date, there has been 137 Additional insurance certificates processed. Additional Insurance requests for meeting places and events have increased because of litigation and liability.

I look forward to helping you with your insurance needs.

### **New Cultivars, Judy Powers**

Fragrance for Your Yard

Flavorette Honey-Apricot rose is from Proven Winners and was developed not only for its fragrance but also for culinary use. The “petals contribute a sweet, fruity flavor and fragrance to salads, desserts, tinctures and infusions.” A soft orange color, Flavorette Honey-Apricot is a rebloomer growing 5 to 8 feet tall and three to four feet wide in Zones 4-8. This rose blooms all summer without deadheading as well as being disease resistant.

Oxford Rose is bred in New Zealand by Mike Athy. This new release from Jackson & Perkins is only available in North America directly from them. They consider this the more disease resistant introduction in more than 10 years. Oxford Rose is a climbing rose, repeat bloomer from late spring to late fall, growing 10 feet tall and 4 feet wide. It can be grown without a support or trained to a trellis, arbor, or other support. Full sun and moist well-drained, rich soil in Zone 5-9.

Eau De Parfum Berry rose is a climbing rose. This rose has large rich, deep pink-purple flowers and is also a shrub rose that repeats its bloom during the growing season. This plant is from Monrovia’s Eau De Parfum series which includes Bling, Blush, Bubbly, and Rose. The shrub roses are rounded 4 feet tall and wide.

The last fragrant rose is called Romanpica Ball Gown Rose. It’s a mid-pink rose having lots of petals, more than a hundred per bloom which helps get its name as it has a rounded shape. This very fragrant rose is a hybrid tea rose. Ball Gown grows to 6 feet tall and 2-3 feet wide. It can be pruned to 10-18 inches and likes Zone 6-11.

All of these roses like full sun, regular water, good soil, and fertilizer.

### **Nominating Committee, Lynne Batchelor**

The Nominating Committee meets via zoom at least monthly to brainstorm names of leaders and report on recruitment progress. Serving on the nominating committee are Jeanne Johnson and Charlotte Tucker representing the northern area, Jana Dudley and Milly Benson representing the central area, Alexis Slafer and Robin Pokorski representing the southern area, and George Speer serving as the alternate. Jana is not able to attend but will the rest of the committee please stand so that everyone knows who to consult about state leadership opportunities.

We are actively pursuing candidates. Since Winter Board we have contacted every District Director to ask if they were willing to be interviewed. In addition, we requested every District Director to send an email to clubs and to include in their district newsletter a call for candidates. For those districts without a director, every club president was called and asked if they would like to serve and we requested that they distribute a call for candidates via email and newsletter to their members. We also made contact via phone calls, email and in person with other potential candidates.

We composed a list of interview questions and a pre-interview questionnaire which we asked candidates to complete in order to save time at the convention. We will interview four potential candidates here. Those candidates whom we will present on our slate will be asked to provide additional paperwork.



We will conduct interviews at Fall Board and are requesting a two-hour time allotment. If we have additional candidates after that time, we will hold interviews via zoom. Our completed slate will be presented at Winter Board.

If you are thinking about serving or know someone who is, please reach out to any member of our committee. At this time, we are only asking for your consent to be interviewed and you are not making a multi-year commitment. The future success of CGCI depends upon securing effective leadership. You are all a vital part of the recruitment team, so get out there and encourage members to step into leadership.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

### **Procedures, Robin Pokorski**

I'm on a Committee

Oh, give us some pity, we're on a committee,  
Which means that from morning to night,

We attend, and amend, and contend, and defend  
Without a conclusion in sight.

We confer and concur, we defer and demur,  
And reiterate all of our thoughts.

We compose and propose, we suppose and oppose,  
And the points of procedure are fun!

We resolve and absolve, but we never dissolve,  
Since it's out of the question for us.

What a shattering pity to end our committee,  
Where else could we make such a fuss?

The Punctuation, no I mean, Procedures Team of Launa Gould, Alexis Slafer and this chairman are having such fun. We have divided all the chairmanships into three general groups. We have settled on a template for the procedure books and have written "units" that are applicable to multiple chairmanships and can be dropped into individual procedure books as appropriate. We meet via Zoom several times a month. We are working our way through each and every chairmanship. Once we think we have a near-final draft, we send the procedures to the current and/or prior chairmen to review for input. When we approach you to review our work, please give us your input in a timely fashion.

### **ALEXIS AND LAUNA ENTER MOANING THE WORDS**

#### **COMMA, PERIODS, UNDERLINING, SEMI-COLONS, CAPITALS, BOLDING**

We have found we are punctuation nerds – we agonize over commas, underlining, periods, bolding, semi-colons, and capitalizing. We struggle with staying in the third person voice, we vacillate between bullets and dashes. BUT we are making progress!

**Join me in front and stay there until the end**

**(which is not far off)**

You've heard of a 3 Musketeers candy bar - maybe you remember the old TV show My Three Sons – surely you are aware of the planting system of the 3 Sisters – 3 branches of government – the 3 stooges – the 3 little pigs – we have our own set of 3 – The Three Ities.

Madame President, would you be so kind as to join me here as we crown our Three Ities.....there is, of course,

Alexis Slafer - The Queen of Clarity whose favorite saying is “I’m not sure that’s clear enough” and then we have Launa Gould - The Queen of Brevity, whose favorite saying is “can we eliminate a few words?”

and of course, there’s me - The Queen of Levity, whose favorite saying is, “well, it looks like we’re almost done!”

Thank you, President Carol, for the opportunity to serve you and CGCI as your Procedures Committee Chairman.

### **Registrar, Robin Pokorski**

This registrar is soooooo tired.....For a couple years I've been blaming it on iron poor blood, lack of vitamins, dieting and a dozen other maladies. Now I found out the real reason. I'm tired because I'm overworked. The population of this country is 237 million. 104 million are retired. That leaves 133 million to do the work. There are 85 million in school, which leave 48 million to do the work. Of this, there are 29 million employed by the federal government. This leaves 19 million to do the work. Four million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 15 million to do the work. Take from the total the 14.8 million people who work for State and City Government and that leaves 200,000 to do the work. There are 188,000 in hospitals, so that leaves 12,000 to do the work. Now, there are 11,998 people in Prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work. You and me . . . and you're sitting there not registering early enough.

So many things depend on your timely registration. Meal tickets, badges, registration packets, the number of programs that need printing, the number of centerpieces to be made, invitations to sit at honor tables to be issued, honor invitations to bring blessings, and inspirations.

Please consider the CALL your invitation to an event with a specific RSVP date and show your courtesy to your hosts in responding sooner than later. A firm “final date to register” is on all registration forms. This convention we received nearly a dozen after the deadline registrations. When you receive the CALL, register right away, otherwise we think you don’t like us!

The package plan includes everything except tours and raffle tickets – the registration fee is included in the package plan already. Remember that in our garden club world, the rule of thumb is to never make a check payable to an individual. Generally the registration checks will be made payable to the host club or district but check the bottom of your registration form – it will always indicate to whom the check should be made payable.

We continue to improve this registration process and welcome your input. Thank you, President Carol for the opportunity to serve CGCI in this capacity.

### **Scholarships, Martha Smyser**

The Scholarship Committee consists of the Board of Trustees and myself. We met on Zoom during the Winter and voted to award four scholarships and to recommend students for a Pacific Region Scholarship and National Garden Club scholarships.

The Robert L Gordon Scholarship is awarded to CHEYANNE MACAGNO, a junior at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo studying Environmental Management and Protection in the Natural Resources Management and Environmental Sciences Dept. She grew up in the Central Valley surrounded by diverse ecosystems and many natural wonders. From an early age she found herself captivated by the intricate relationships between organisms and their environment. She is deeply engrossed in a research project exploring the impact of solar farms on local flora and fauna. She hopes to attend graduate school.

The Lynne Batchelor Scholarship is awarded to MARANDA HAWKINS, a junior at the University of San Diego who is majoring in environmental and Ocean Sciences. She was born and raised in San Diego and developed a great passion for conservation, nature and education. She would like to work with a local environmental organization after graduation and would love to build her own nonprofit organization focusing on sustainable and living resources such as community gardens a thrift store and a community kitchen.

The Alberta Thiry Scholarship is awarded to TATUM JO GOGNA, a sophomore at the University of Nevada studying Science & Economics in the Agriculture Department. She is a resident of Lodi, CA. She has a long history with the Future Farmers of America and recently received the highest honors from the FFA. She has a part time job as a florist at a shop in Reno and loves doing both floral design and learning how the business is managed. She serves as an Ambassador for the University and mentors incoming students. She hopes to have a career in agricultural education

The first Glenn & Anne Capes Memorial Scholarship is awarded to DINO SANTIA, a junior at Cal Poly Humboldt who is pursuing a degree in Rangeland Resource Science with a concentration in Soil Science and a minor in Botany. He is delighted to be at Cal Poly because the program provides the interdisciplinary perspective on land management he seeks. Prior to coming to Cal Poly he worked as a crew leader with the Utah Conservation Corps and as a botany tech with the Great Basin Institute. He is particularly interested in researching a group of fungi. He is fascinated with the connection between life within the soil and the plants that grow in it. He hopes to go on to graduate studies.

ARIANNA BLANDON won a \$1,000 scholarship from Pacific Region Garden Clubs. She is a sophomore at Saddleback College studying Environmental Policy Analysis and Planning. She plans on studying at either UC Davis or Cal State Long Beach this fall and then hopes to attend law school so that she can pursue a career in environmental law and work in the government sector toward policy or regulation efforts. She has been deeply involved in ecological restoration efforts both on and off campus, promoting the use of native plants and the removal of invasive species.

Due to their schedule we still don't know how our three students fared with National Garden Clubs. I'll publish and update in *Golden Gardens* once we learn how they fared.

Donations welcome! The President's Project.....

### **Social Media, Pat Claves**

Facebook continues to be another vehicle for CGCI to educate the public and relay important information to our members. We are getting lots of new followers every week.

Chairmen: Please continue to send information to me to post on our Facebook page.

District Directors: Please ask your clubs to send their newsletters to me. I also need district newsletters. It is important that clubs and districts participate in the exchange of information and ideas – one of the elements in CGCI’s Mission Statement.

This chairman was invited to speak at a past Strategic Planning Committee meeting. The committee members were informed that I thought it necessary that CGCI establish an Instagram account and find a suitable administrator. This might be a good vehicle to get younger people interested in gardening, floral designing, etc. In case you didn’t know, Britannica.com says that Instagram is an “online social media platform and social network service for photograph and video sharing.”

**Youth Coordinator, Lisa Cosand**

There are two jobs of the youth coordinator:

Encourage the clubs to register their youth groups of both kinds: either hands on active or monetary support. Thank you to several clubs who have already gone to the website and registered your group. This lets us know how many of our adult clubs are sponsoring and helping with the youth clubs.

The second job is to encourage entries in the youth contests. We have new themes to inspire the kids:

Poetry contest theme is: “My Garden has vegetables to spare that I can share.” This could be with the neighbor or the local deer.

Essay contest is: “Vegetables I would like to Grow”. There could be some interesting combinations as cotton candy carrots.

Please encourage youth to enter the contests and receive part of the \$1200 of prizes.

Lisa Cosand, 818 929 2841

## **Attachment C District Director Reports**

### **Bay Ocean District Director, Nancy McDougal**

Our mixture of clubs has carried out activities focused within their special purposes--- many as small traditional mixed-interest clubs, though three focus on particular kinds of plants, and four in wider approaches to gardening activities—periodic design programs, a yearly design event, a public garden, meeting & lecture venue and a coordinator of garden interest through touring.

Outreach into our communities is strong with two clubs having local spring garden tours, two opening their flower shows to the public and all of them propagating & selling plants for their own sales or in concert with other local groups. Club members especially successful in growing or design have been encouraged to share their knowledge as programs for other clubs, discovering otherwise hidden talents throughout our wider membership. The Arboretum Society continues sponsoring its monthly public lectures and several other Clubs have combined their various program outreach projects through our communally supported Garden Center facility.

### **Buttes District Liaison, Carol Jauregui**

Here is an update on two of the clubs in the Buttes District. Bidwell Designer has had 25 consistent members for the last 3 years. Members are 70 and up. The high point has been 100% participation. The low was the loss of Erna Garten, a founding member, active until age of 99. Our dues and 1-2 silent auctions each year, fund our need to pay to use a meeting hall. Their treasurer is challenged using the web forms on the CGCI website CA Dept of Justice. The Colusa club has gone from 54 to 80 members this year! They are rethinking their civic beautification with new projects.

### **Cascade District Director, Judy Paul**

We have been busy here in the north state! We held an information meeting on our new Cascade District Website and what needed to be done by each club. We are now almost ready to have all the websites open and ready to use! Our final “tutorial” meeting is scheduled for May 30<sup>th</sup>. We know this will be a valuable tool for increasing interest and membership in our clubs, as well as coordinating our events.

As Director, I also planned and scheduled a training/question/answer meeting for our Presidents which was held March 28<sup>th</sup>. We had a similar meeting with club Treasurers on April 18<sup>th</sup>. The response was great, and positive feedback was voiced by those who attended. The spring time brings many Plant Sales, and each of our six clubs had one. The weather was cold, rainy, and windy on some scheduled days, but we prevailed and did well in Red Bluff, Redding, Anderson Valley, and Lake California. A couple of clubs rescheduled, so two more sales are scheduled for June 1.

Red Bluff hosted a NGC Flower Show School, Course I, March 6-8th, 2024, so we are off to a great start! Twenty people attended, with 12 of them taking the exams. Course II is scheduled for August 28-30<sup>th</sup>. Redding had a very nice spring luncheon with plants, silent auction baskets, and more March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We had two NGC Flower Shows, one in April, one in May at the Tehama District Fair which was just held in early May, with over 400 entries. It was a lovely show!

We will have an end of the year/planning pot-luck meeting for early June to pass out CGCI awards, meet some new officers, and give big thanks to those who are leaving their positions!

### **Costa Verde District Director, Alexis Slafer**

Costa Verde is taking advantage of each and every opportunity to enhance and enrich our District.

This District Director is reporting it's growing in strength and enthusiasm. The members of the 6 District clubs, are dedicated to revising the District bylaws -- a daunting task.

The experimental event, Welcoming the San Fernando Valley District members to our "home" at the South Coast Botanic Garden was a great success. Costa Verde provided lunch and heard about the history (going from a quarry to a landfill to a botanic garden and highlighting some of the plants in the garden) and plans for the future...before lunch. It was a wonderful chance to get to know other garden club members in such an outstanding environment. Next year Costa Verde will visit the San Fernando Valley District...

The May bus trip to the Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden at Cal State, Long Beach...was perfect. We couldn't have asked for a better day. Now we are excited and looking forward to hosting the CGCI 2024 Fall Board Meeting -- as we plan our tasks.

Our theme says Costa Verde District is A Great Place To Grow...and we're doing just that.

### **Golden Foothills District Director, Annette Choate**

Dear Madame President, and club members, I have 10 clubs in the Golden Foothills district. This spring they have all been busy with different fundraisers. Plant sales, card making, and AGG club earning commission from a month of sales on apples at a local food co-op. Three of the clubs give out grants to nonprofits. One gave a \$1,000 scholarship to a student pursuing a horticulture degree. Several are involved in their downtown beds or city beautification projects or working on veteran's gardens. All my clubs state that membership has grown. We have 375 members in 10 clubs across 3 counties. Auburn Golden Gardeners club has hosted 13 foster youth 13-21 to help in the senior garden with the seniors. The boys had a good day. It was so successful that Placer County Kids at Risk asked them to do it again. Divide Garden club had a successful booth in Georgetown on Earth Day at their library and had an adopt a worm program. The Chicago Park club has their wonderful Victorian tea and vintage fashion show yearly which you saw demonstrated here at the convention. They did Mondays table arrangements. Auburn Arrangers Guild; a small but mighty club has the most district board members and members here helping with the convention. They did Wednesdays table centerpieces. Colfax Garden club did the mini garden centerpieces on awards night. We do thank you all for coming to the Golden Foothills in the flats of Sacramento. Respectively submitted, Golden Foothills District Report

### **Greater Los Angeles District Director, Joyce Parrott**

Greater Los Angeles District: The District met once during the current fiscal year, and is targeting a Fall '24 date to meet again. Some current activities, with a focus on "firsts" for the clubs included: Culver City Garden Club took their first bus trip since the pandemic to the San Diego Botanical Garden; they are also preparing for their 71<sup>st</sup> Annual Garden Show in June. For the first time post pandemic, Pacific Palisades Garden Club has returned to a combination of in-person and Zoom meetings; and they hope to resume their always-popular garden tour next year. Los Angeles Garden Club activities included a docent-guided tour of the Heritage House and Gardens (Riverside), a Spring Garden Tour/Scholarship Fundraiser, and the awarding of two \$750 scholarships to Mt. San Antonio College Horticulture students. Ikebana International LA Chapter received floral instruction in the Wafu Ikebana School, which is not known in Los Angeles; so the event was well attended by both locals and people from as far as Santa Barbara. For their Spring Ikebana Exhibition at the LA

Arboretum, they did publicity throughout the garden; and felt this helped with attendance. The Geranium Society held a scaled-back “Geranium Gathering” instead of their more formal “Geranium Conference”, and enjoyed the change of pace. Their annual show and sale on Mother’s Day weekend was again a success.

**Montana de Oro District Director, Carolyn Fergoda**

**Cayucos Garden Club** - 22 members, President, Lori Traylor

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday, May through September

Location: homes of members, varies with projects);

Time: 12 noon.

Activities:

Many varied projects; We meet at different locations (homes) depending on what we are doing, usually at 12 noon. Our plant sale is at 915 and 921 Ocean Avenue on Friday and Saturday, August 30th and 31st from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. On Sunday, we leave left-over plants for people to pick up and put money in a can or donate them. We are funding 9 scholarship this year.

**Central Coast Cactus and Succulent Society** - 176 members, President, Harry Harlow

Meetings: 2nd Sunday,

Location: Odd Fellows Hall, San Luis Obispo,

Time: 2 PM

Activities:

Regular shared potlucks or catered lunches; featured speakers on plants, agricultural, and ecological matters affecting plant growth, commercial and residential, a lending library, “brag” plants, plant of the month, annual shows and sales and Nipomo High School (May each year), sales of club tee shirts and other merchandise; raffles;

**Floral Design of San Luis Obispo** - 11 members, President, Linda Hicks

Meetings: 4th Wednesday, SLO Nazarene Church

Location: SLO Nazarene Church

Time: 1 PM

Activities:

Regular monthly meetings. The Floral Design Club members work with the Morro Bay Art Museum, “to do art and flowers.”

**Lompoc Valley Botanical & Horticultural Society** - 45 members, Presidents, Mimi Erland & Warren Arnold

Meetings: 3rd Sunday,

Location: the May 19: Windmill Nursery in Buellton followed by a tour of the nursery.

Other locations: over the summer: one day of 3-4 members’ gardens tours;

Activities:

September 15th: Chaparral Garden on the Allan Hancock Lompoc Campus, followed by a guided tour describing the local plants.

October 26th: On National Make a Difference Day, public invited to weed, trim, and mulch at our Drought Tolerant Demonstration Garden.

November 17: Annual Plant and Seed Exchange with Tool Sharpening provided.

**Los Osos Valley Garden Club** - 100 members, President, Wendy McKeown, (incoming, Ashley Cote).

Meetings: 3rd Sunday,

Location: First Baptist Church of Los Osos

Time:

Monthly programs on gardening topics, member talks; nursery and garden visits, officer elections; a garden makeover at the South Bay Community Center Garden with complete new garden design and many new plants; performed regular monthly pruning, weeding and cleanup at the Los Osos Library

and South Bay Community Center gardens; maintained planter (cont.) at the Los Osos Valley Post Office entrance; informational table at the Los Osos Baywood Park Oktoberfest providing garden information and information about Garden Club membership

**Multiflora Garden Club** - 51, President, Aurelia Wick.

Meetings: 2nd Wednesday,

Time: 12 noon

Location: Paso Robles Centennial Park

Activities:

Regular potluck meetings with speakers on topics related to growing vegetables and all kinds of plants (including succulents and orchids); topics include but are not limited to pests, pollinators, irrigation, etc.; tours of nurseries and members' gardens; new officers election, annually; new members' tea in the spring. MFGC funds college scholarships each year.

### **Orange County District Director, Launa Gould**

Successes:

- plant sales, flower shows, boutiques
- educational monthly meetings
- club aprons for sale
- teaming with outside organizations for donations and work.

Interesting Activities:

- Golf cart in community's 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade to promote club.
- Decorated boat in holiday boat parade to promote club.
- Made ornaments for Meals on Wheels during holidays.

Orange County School Projects:

- Elementary School has an on-site farm
- A Therapeutic Garden tended by children with special needs
- \$500 grants given to schools that apply -7 of 10 so far this year.
- Therapy Garden was established for developmentally challenged students with a grant from the Home Depot Foundation and many other businesses.

Challenges: Finding people to fill positions on the board.

### **Palomar District Director, Sharon Tooley**

Our District is thriving! We have 27 clubs with 2,549 members and a new club that was ratified at the May, 2024 convention. All our clubs are active with the usual meetings, flower shows, tours, community gardens and plant sales.

One of our clubs, Mission Hills hosts a garden tour every year. This year the tour is called "Another Day in Paradise" and will feature 12 gardens, including a local school's organic Gecko Garden. Local musicians and artists will be at the gardens in this historic part of San Diego. As a past docent at this tour, I answered more questions about architecture than about plants. The proceeds from this tour help with concerts in the park, community gardens and scholarships.

As a District we have raised and donated almost a thousand dollars towards Carol's President's Project for scholarships, and we have helped Descanso Garden Club in our district with five hundred dollars towards their scholarship program.

I am very proud of our Palomar District and look forward to my sixth and final year as District Director - Sharon Tooley.



**Valley Lode District Director, Paula Elias**

The Valley Lode District with 19 clubs and 1200 members has had a successful season contributing to our communities all while having fun. Our Modesto Garden Club celebrated its 100 year with many other clubs reaching 70 plus years anniversary.

Over the year our clubs have had plant sales, garden tours, garage sales, and game days to raise funds for scholarships. Clubs awarded \$48,000 in scholarships this year with VLD to soon award their first \$1000 scholarship. Our clubs held meetings, planned field trips, conducted schools and flower shows. We supported community and school gardens. VLD clubs are on track into donate 100 Penny Pines this year! It has been a grand year.

For our district, in addition to holding three general meetings hosted by clubs, we also developed our own Lifetime Award with proceeds supporting the new district VLD scholarship. We raised \$900, which is 18 new district Lifetime Members. We are hoping to gain two more before June to cover the VLD scholarship.

Gap funds if needed will come from our investment.

Thankfully our investment is doing well up 60% after a few years of concern. Knock on wood.

VLD will have a new website by the end of 2024.

We have a nomination committee of our club VPs who will uncover new nominations for the next term of the VLD board. We are doing what we can to have a full new board including the next director as I made a commitment to serve only one term. Keep your fingers crossed. When everyone takes a turn, it's easier on all of us.

**Attachment D**

This document was distributed with the Call to the 2024 Convention on March 29, 2024 and posted on the CGCI website. All proposals passed by two-thirds vote.

See pages 2, 3, 9 and 10 of these minutes.

**CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**

**Proposed Bylaws Amendments for Consideration of the Membership  
(Convention Body)**

**– Probably at Business Meeting #2 on Wednesday, May 22, 2024;  
Recommended by vote of the Board of Directors  
at the Winter Board Meeting, January 31, 2024**

Key - underline means insert words. ~~Strikeout~~ means omit words.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendments</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendments</b>
<p><b>Proposal #1</b> <i>Golden Gardens eNews</i></p> <p>ARTICLE VI NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 2 Nominating Committee, D. Duties, 4</p> <p>ARTICLE XII – FINANCES, Sec. 3 and Sec. 10 (c)</p> <p>ARTICLE XIII – <i>GOLDEN GARDENS Enews</i>, heading and Sec. 1, and Sec. 3 First Sentence and (a) and (b)</p>	<p><i>Golden Gardens <del>eNews</del></i></p> <p>ARTICLE VI NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 2 Nominating Committee, D. Duties, 4</p> <p>ARTICLE XII – FINANCES, Sec. 3 and Sec. 10 (c)</p> <p>ARTICLE XIII – <i>GOLDEN GARDENS <del>Enews</del></i>, heading and Sec. 1, and Sec. 3 First Sentence and (a) and (b)</p>	<p><i>Golden Gardens</i></p> <p>ARTICLE VI NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 2 Nominating Committee, D. Duties, 4</p> <p>ARTICLE XII – FINANCES, Sec. 3 and Sec. 10 (c)</p> <p>ARTICLE XIII – <i>GOLDEN GARDENS</i>, heading and Sec. 1, and Sec. 3 First Sentence and (a) and (b)</p>

*Rationale:* Delete “eNews” in all nine places where it appears in bylaws and standing rules. The term “eNews” was coined when there were print and digital versions of *Golden Gardens*. There has not been a print version of the publication since Spring 2013. Therefore, the term “eNews” is unnecessary. *Golden Gardens* is the historical name of CGCI’s official publication.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendments</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendments</b>
<p><b>Proposal #2</b> ARTICLE XV – ADVISORY COUNCIL Former presidents shall comprise the advisory council, which shall meet at the call of the chairman or two members of the advisory council for the purpose of discussing policies and procedures. The</p>	<p>ARTICLE XV – ADVISORY <del>COUNCIL</del> <u>COMMITTEE</u> <del>Former presidents shall comprise the advisory council, which shall meet at the call of the chairman or two members of the advisory council for the purpose of discussing policies and procedures. The immediate past president shall act as chairman.</del></p>	<p>ARTICLE XV – ADVISORY COMMITTEE A. The Advisory Committee shall consist of the former presidents of CGCI. The committee shall consider topics affecting CGCI and submit recommendations to</p>

<p>immediate past president shall act as chairman.</p> <p>Article V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 2 (c) – advisory council</p> <p>Article VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 1 (e) members of the advisory council; and paragraph at the end of this section (All board members except members of the advisory council...)</p> <p>Article X – CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES ...The president shall appoint chairmen except those of the nominating committee, board of trustees, advisory council...</p>	<p>A. <u>The Advisory Committee shall consist of the former presidents of CGCI. The committee shall consider topics affecting CGCI and submit recommendations to the appropriate committee.</u></p> <p>B. <u>The chairman shall be the immediate past president. In the absence of the chairman, a pro tem shall be elected from those present.</u></p> <p>C. <u>A member of the Advisory Committee is not counted in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present at a meeting unless they also hold another position on the board of directors.</u></p> <p>Article V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 2 (c) – advisory <del>council</del> <u>committee</u></p> <p>Article VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 1 (e) members of the advisory <del>council</del> <u>committee</u>; and paragraph at the end of this section (All board members except members of the advisory <del>council</del> <u>committee</u>...)</p> <p>Article X – CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES ...The president shall appoint chairmen except those of the nominating committee, board of trustees, advisory <del>council</del> <u>committee</u>...</p>	<p>the appropriate committee.</p> <p>B. The chairman shall be the immediate past president. In the absence of the chairman, a pro tem shall be elected from those present.</p> <p>C. A member of the Advisory Committee is not counted in determining the number required for a quorum or whether a quorum is present at a meeting unless they also hold another position on the board of directors.</p> <p>Article V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 2 (c) – advisory committee</p> <p>Article VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 1 (e) members of the advisory committee; and paragraph at the end of this section (All board members except members of the advisory committee...)</p> <p>Article X – CHAIRMEN AND COMMITTEES ...The president shall appoint chairmen except those of the nominating committee, board of trustees, advisory committee...</p>
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*Rationale:* Clarify that this committee is composed of former presidents of CGCI (as opposed to club or other presidents). Clarify that this is a committee of the board of directors because “council” could incorrectly imply that this group has some existence separate from the board of directors. Give some actual purpose to the committee (“submit recommendations” vs. “discussing.”) Using NGC bylaw wording as a

model. Incorporating wording regarding quorum from the Circle of Poppies bylaw provision.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<p><b>Proposal #3</b> ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES Section 3a) Garden clubs and associate plant societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars seventy-five cents (\$2.75) per capita, which shall include dues to NGC. f) All categories of youth gardeners shall pay no dues to CGCI. Membership dues to NGC, including dues for youth gardeners and dues to PRGC shall be paid annually from the general fund.</p>	<p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES  Section 3 a) Garden clubs and associate plant societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars seventy-five cents (<del>\$2.75</del>) per capita, which shall include <u>per capita</u> dues to NGC. <u>All categories of youth gardeners shall pay no dues.</u> <del>f) All categories of youth gardeners shall pay no dues to CGCI. Membership dues to NGC, including dues for youth gardeners, and dues to PRGC shall be paid by CGCI annually from the general fund.</del> New Section g) <u>The NGC dues or fee for youth gardeners shall be paid by CGCI annually.</u>  Renumber current Section g) to Section h).</p>	<p>ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP &amp; DUES  Section 3 a) Garden clubs and associate plant societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars seventy-five cents per capita, which shall include per capita dues to NGC. All categories of youth gardeners shall pay no dues. f) Membership dues to NGC and dues to PRGC shall be paid by CGCI annually. g) The NGC dues or fee for youth gardeners shall be paid by CGCI annually.  Renumber current Section g) to Section h).</p>

*Rationale:* Clarify dues paid to CGCI and dues paid by CGCI. Clarify distinction between per capita NGC dues and flat rate NGC dues for youth gardeners.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendments</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<p><b>Proposal #4</b> ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 8. The parliamentarian shall: (c) serve as advisor to the bylaws committee;  ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 1. Composition of the board of directors shall be: (a) officers; (b) district directors;</p>	<p>ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 8. The parliamentarian shall: (c) serve as advisor to the <u>bylaws governance</u> committee;  ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 1 Composition of the board of directors shall be: (a) officers; (b) district directors;</p>	<p>ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES Sec. 8. The parliamentarian shall: (c) serve as advisor to the governance committee;  ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 1 Composition of the board of directors shall be: (a) officers; (b) district directors;</p>

<p>(c) members of the nominating committee; (d) members of the board of trustees; (e) members of the advisory council; (f) members of the bylaws committee; (g) members of the Circle of Poppies (ex officio) (h) all committee chairmen. All board members except members of the advisory council and the Circle of Poppies shall hold membership in a member garden club. One-third shall constitute a quorum. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote.</p> <p>Sec. 2. The board of directors shall be the governing body of this corporation and shall: (a) transact routine business; b) adopt standing rules; (c) ratify all classes of membership; and (d) adopt amendments to endowment charters.</p> <p>Bylaws Article XX, Section 2;</p> <p>References to “Bylaws and Policy Committee” or “Bylaws Committee”</p>	<p>(c) members of the nominating committee; (d) members of the board of trustees; (e) members of the advisory <del>council</del> <u>committee</u>; <del>(f) members of the bylaws committee;</del> (g) members of the Circle of Poppies (ex officio) <del>(h)</del> all <u>officially appointed</u> committee chairmen <u>and members</u>. All board members except members of the advisory <del>council</del> <u>committee</u> and the Circle of Poppies shall hold membership in a member garden club. One-third shall constitute a quorum. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote.</p> <p>Sec. 2. The board of directors shall be the governing body of this corporation and shall: (a) transact routine business; <del>(b) adopt standing rules;</del> (b) <u>act on recommendations from committees including but not limited to the advisory committee, executive committee, governance committee (which reviews and proposes changes to bylaws, standing rules and policy), budget and finance committee and board of trustees;</u> (c) ratify all classes of membership; <del>and</del> (d) adopt amendments to endowment charters.</p> <p>Bylaws Article XX, Section 2;</p> <p>Delete “Bylaws and Policy”; Delete “Bylaws.” Insert “Governance.”</p>	<p>(c) members of the nominating committee; (d) members of the board of trustees; (e) members of the advisory committee; (f) members of the Circle of Poppies (ex officio) (g) all officially appointed committee chairmen and members. All board members except members of the advisory committee and the Circle of Poppies shall hold membership in a member garden club. One-third shall constitute a quorum. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote.</p> <p>Sec. 2. The board of directors shall be the governing body of this corporation and shall: (a) transact routine business; (b) act on recommendations from committees including but not limited to the advisory committee, executive committee, governance committee (which reviews and proposes changes to bylaws, standing rules and policy), budget and finance committee and board of trustees; (c) ratify all classes of membership; (d) adopt amendments to endowment charters.</p> <p>Article XX, Section 2;</p> <p>Governance Committee</p>
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*Rationale:* Grant board of director status to those few committee members that were not included in the previous definition, making it clearer that presidential committee appointments convey board of directors status. Change references to Bylaws Committee (or Bylaws & Policy Committee to Governance Committee because

Governance is contemporary reference to the committee which deals with all of an organization’s governing documents, including bylaws, standing rules and policy.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<p><b>Proposal #5</b></p> <p>No current Bylaws wording. This is currently addressed in Policy.</p> <p>Policy wording: GROUP TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (GTEP)</p> <p>The application made by CGCI for a group exemption letter recognizing subordinate clubs as organizations of the type described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code was approved by the IRS on November 15, 2006. CGCI is thereby authorized by the IRS to include subordinate clubs, which have met all requirements set forth by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, to be included in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. The California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) has authorized CGCI to grant similar state nonprofit tax exempt status to group exemption subordinates, retroactive to November 15, 2006. Therefore CGCI can grant qualified clubs and districts full, non-profit tax exempt status with the IRS and the California FTB; the CGCI annual filing of subordinates shall be completed to the IRS by March 15. Participation in GTEP is optional and not included with membership, a district or club must apply to be included in the</p>	<p><b>New <u>ARTICLE XVIII GROUP TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (GTEP)</u></b></p> <p>Re-number current Articles XVIII, XIX and XX</p> <p><b><u>Sec. 1. The Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) allows CGCI to grant qualified clubs and districts full tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and shall be maintained for clubs and districts who</u></b></p> <p><u>a) choose to apply for the program and:</u></p> <p><u>b) agree to follow the guidelines required by the IRS, FTB and CGCI; and</u></p> <p><u>c) successfully complete the application along with appropriate paperwork and submit it to the GTEP Chairman.</u></p> <p><b><u>Sec. 2. The GTEP is administered under the supervision of the GTEP Chairman and the Financial Advisor.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sec. 3. GTEP status is renewed each year. Reminders are emailed to all active members. A late fee is added for those club/districts who do not meet the CGCI deadline.</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Sec 4. The GTEP updates of subordinates (clubs and districts) are filed annually and are submitted by the</u></b></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XVIII GROUP TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM (GTEP)</b></p> <p>Re-number current Articles XVIII, XIX and XX</p> <p><b>Sec. 1. The Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP) allows CGCI to grant qualified clubs and districts full tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and the California Franchise Tax Board (FTB) and shall be maintained for clubs and districts who</b></p> <p>a) choose to apply for the program and:</p> <p>b) agree to follow the guidelines required by the IRS, FTB and CGCI; and</p> <p>c) successfully complete the application along with appropriate paperwork and submit it to the GTEP Chairman.</p> <p><b>Sec. 2. The GTEP is administered under the supervision of the GTEP Chairman and the Financial Advisor.</b></p> <p><b>Sec. 3. GTEP status is renewed each year. Reminders are emailed to all active members. A late fee is added for those club/districts who do not meet the CGCI deadline.</b></p> <p><b>Sec 4. The GTEP updates of subordinates (clubs and districts) are filed annually and are submitted by the</b></p>

<p>program. To qualify for inclusion in GTEP, clubs and districts must agree to follow the guidelines required by the IRS and the California FTB and successfully complete the application process administered under the supervision of the GTEP Chairman and the Financial Consultant. Group tax exemption status is renewable each year thereafter.</p>	<p><u>GTEP Chairman to the IRS and FTB prior to their deadlines.</u></p> <p><u>Sec. 5 When a club disbands, its participation in the Program is discontinued and the IRS and FTB will be notified.</u></p> <p><u>Sec. 6. A copy of CGCI's authorization from the IRS (dated November 15, 2006) to include subordinates (clubs and districts) which have met all requirements set forth by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption and the FTB authorization retroactive to November 15, 2006 is filed with the GTEP Chairman.</u></p>	<p>GTEP Chairman to the IRS and FTB prior to their deadlines.</p> <p><b>Sec. 5</b> When a club disbands, its participation in the Program is discontinued and the IRS and FTB will be notified.</p> <p><b>Sec. 6.</b> A copy of CGCI's authorization from the IRS (dated November 15, 2006) to include subordinates (clubs and districts) which have met all requirements set forth by the IRS under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code in the CGCI Group Tax Exemption and the FTB authorization retroactive to November 15, 2006 is filed with the GTEP Chairman.</p>
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*Rationale:* Move rules regarding the significant CGCI GTEP program from Policy which has little clout to bylaws which address fundamental rules.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendments</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendments</b>
<p><b>Proposal #6</b></p> <p>ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS &amp; DISTRICT DIRECTORS Sec. 6. Board meeting chairmen may be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district following selection of the board meeting locale.</p> <p>ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec. 8. Convention chairman and treasurer, who shall be members of a club in the host district(s), may be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district(s) following selection of the convention locale. Registrar and credentials chairman, may</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS &amp; DISTRICT DIRECTORS Sec. 6. Board meeting chairmen may be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district <u>or club</u> following selection of the board meeting locale.</p> <p>ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec. 8. Convention <u>chairmen</u> and treasurer, who shall be members of a club in the host district(s) <u>or members of the host club</u>, may be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district(s) <u>or host club</u> following selection of the convention locale. Registrar and credentials chairman,</p>	<p>ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS &amp; DISTRICT DIRECTORS Sec. 6. Board meeting chairmen may be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district or club following selection of the board meeting locale.</p> <p>ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec. 8. Convention chairmen and treasurer, who shall be members of a club in the host district(s) or members of the host club, may be appointed by the president upon recommendation from the host district(s) or host club following selection of the convention locale. Registrar</p>

be members of a club in the host district(s) or may be standing committee chairmen appointed by the president.	may be members of a club in the host district(s) <u>or the host club</u> or may be standing committee chairmen appointed by the president.	and credentials chairman, may be members of a club in the host district(s) or the host club or may be standing committee chairmen appointed by the president.
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*Rationale:* Recognizing that clubs or districts may host CGCI board meetings and conventions, these changes are to make these provisions consistent with previous amendments to Article IX, Sec. 5, Article XI, Sec. 2 and Standing Rule 53.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendments</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendments</b>
<p><b>Proposal #7</b></p> <p>ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec. 3. Written notice of time and place of the convention shall be mailed (electronic or postal) to club, associate plant society and affiliate presidents and members of the board of directors at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of such meeting. The nominating committee ticket of candidates for elective office, a list of districts ineligible for representation on the nominating committee, and any proposed bylaws revisions with rationale, shall be included.</p> <p>ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 4. (a) Regular meetings shall be the organizational (at the beginning of each term), fall, winter and pre-convention meetings. Permission for nonattendance at any regular meeting must be obtained from the president. Forty-five days notice of fall and winter board meetings shall be given.</p>	<p>ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec. 3. Written notice of time and place of the convention shall be mailed (electronic or postal) to club, associate plant society and affiliate presidents and members of the board of directors at least forty-five (45) days prior to the date of such meeting <u>unless the convention is to be held virtually, when thirty days' notice shall be given.</u> The nominating committee ticket of candidates for elective office <u>(in an election year); a list of districts ineligible for representation on the nominating committee,</u> and any proposed bylaws revisions with rationale, shall be included.</p> <p>ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 4. (a) Regular meetings shall be the organizational (at the beginning of each term), fall, winter and pre-convention meetings. Permission for nonattendance at any regular meeting must be obtained from the president. Forty-five days' notice of fall and winter board meetings shall be given <u>unless the meeting is to be held virtually, when thirty days' notice shall be given.</u></p>	<p>ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS Sec. 3. Written notice of time and place of the convention shall be mailed (electronic or postal) to club, associate plant society and affiliate presidents and members of the board of directors at least forty-five days prior to the date of such meeting unless the convention is to be held virtually, when thirty days' notice shall be given. The nominating committee ticket of candidates for elective office (in an election year) and any proposed bylaws revisions with rationale, shall be included.</p> <p>ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS Sec. 4. (a) Regular meetings shall be the organizational (at the beginning of each term), fall, winter and pre-convention meetings. Permission for nonattendance at any regular meeting must be obtained from the president. Forty-five days' notice of fall and winter board meetings shall be given unless the meeting is to be held virtually, when thirty days' notice shall be given.</p>



*Rationale:* Duplication of alpha and numeric numbers is not necessary and considered archaic. Nominating committee representation is based on “region,” not district per 2023 bylaws amendments. To provide scheduling flexibility for notice for virtual meetings where travel and lodging reservations are not a consideration.

**Attachment E  
Courtesy Resolution**

**Whereas,**

The members of the California Garden Clubs, Inc. attending the 92<sup>nd</sup> Convention at Wyndham Hotel in Sacramento, California, May 20-22, 2024 have benefited from information learned at the Convention and will disseminate this information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates, now therefore be it

**Resolved**

That sincere thanks be extended to California Garden Clubs, Inc. President Carol Vallens for her gracious presiding; and

**Resolved**

That sincere thanks be extended to Sue Bennett, Convention Chairman, and Annette Choate, District Director along with all members of the Golden Foothills District, who planned and participated in the success of the 2024 Convention and assured its success by their courtesies extended. and

**Resolved**

That this resolution be incorporated into the minutes and that copies be sent to CGCI President Carol Vallens, Convention Chairman Sue Bennett and Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst,

Joan Craig