

**CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**Proposed Amendments to the CGCI Bylaws and Standing Rules**  
**to be considered by the board of directors**  
**at the 2026 Virtual Winter Board Meeting**  
**(during business meetings on January 27 or 28, 2026)**

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

<b>CGCI BYLAWS</b> <b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #1</b> <b>ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS &amp; DISTRICT DIRECTORS</b> Sec. 7. The district director shall ensure that clubs in their districts complete CGCI’s Annual Contact Information Form on CGCI’s website by the published deadline and whenever contact information changes.	<b>Proposal #1</b> <b>ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS &amp; DISTRICT DIRECTORS</b> Sec. 7. The district director shall ensure that clubs in their districts <del>complete CGCI’s Annual Contact Information Form on CGCI’s website by the published deadline</del> <u>update roster information for presidents and treasurers annually</u> and whenever <del>contact information</del> <u>changes occur, in the manner prescribed by CGCI.</u>	<b>Proposal #1</b> <b>ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS &amp; DISTRICT DIRECTORS</b> Sec. 7. The district director shall ensure that clubs in their districts update roster information for presidents and treasurers annually and whenever changes occur, in the manner prescribed by CGCI.

Rationale: To conform to the June 2025 amendment to Standing Rule 22 due to the elimination of the Contact Information Form.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS</b> <b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #2</b> <b>ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES</b> Sec. 5. The corresponding secretary shall: (d) field all calls from CGCI’s toll-free number;	<b>Proposal #2</b> <b>ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES</b> Sec. 5. The corresponding secretary shall: <del>(d) field all calls from CGCI’s toll-free number;</del>	<b>Proposal #2</b> <b>ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES</b> Sec. 5. The corresponding secretary shall: Eliminate section (d) and renumber current (e) to (d).

Rationale: Delete. This is not being done by the Corresponding Secretary.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS</b> <b>Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #3</b> <b>ARTICLE XIV – BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b> No Section 11	<b>Proposal #3</b> <b>ARTICLE XIV – BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b> <u>Sec. 11. The board of trustees shall be responsible for</u>	<b>Proposal #3</b> <b>ARTICLE XIV – BOARD OF TRUSTEES</b> <b>Sec. 11.</b> The board of trustees shall be responsible for maintaining and

	<u>maintaining and updating the Restricted Fund Guidelines.</u>	updating the Restricted Fund Guidelines.
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Rationale: Add Section 11 to document additional existing duty of the board of trustees.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #4</b> <b>ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</b> <b>Sec. 1. OFFICERS:</b> <b>b) Eligibility:</b> <b>3.</b> Those serving as president and vice presidents shall not serve more than one two-year term in each position. No term limits apply to the other officer positions.	<b>Proposal #4</b> <b>ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</b> <b>Sec. 1. OFFICERS:</b> <b>b) Eligibility:</b> <del><b>3.</b> Those serving as president and vice presidents shall not serve more than one two-year term in each position.</del> No term limits apply to the other officer positions, <u>except those serving as vice presidents and president shall serve one two-year term in each position. However, the Nominating Committee may consider those who have previously served as vice president or president to serve in one of these positions, if necessary.</u>	<b>Proposal #4</b> <b>ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</b> <b>Sec. 1. OFFICERS:</b> <b>b) Eligibility:</b> <b>3.</b> No term limits apply to officer positions, except those serving as vice presidents and president shall serve one two-year term in each position. However, the Nominating Committee may consider those who have previously served as vice president or president to serve in one of these positions, if necessary.

Rationale: To provide flexibility in filling officer positions, allowing the president and vice presidents to serve more than one term in the same position if necessary. Checks and balances remain because candidates for elected positions must still be nominated by the Nominating Committee and those candidates must be elected by the membership. Appointed officers must still be appointed by the president. Nobody automatically stays in office or repeats an office.

<b>CGCI BYLAWS Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #5</b> <b>ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</b> <b>Sec. 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:</b> <b>A.</b> When elected and term of office: <b>2.</b> Term of office of all nominated committee member(s) shall be two years.	<b>Proposal #5</b> <b>ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</b> <b>Sec. 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:</b> <b>A.</b> When elected and term of office: <b>2.</b> Term of office of all <del>nominated</del> <u>elected</u> committee member(s) shall be two years.	<b>Proposal #5</b> <b>ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS</b> <b>Sec. 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE:</b> <b>A.</b> When elected and term of office: <b>2.</b> Term of office of all elected committee member(s) shall be two years.

Rationale: “Housekeeping” correction – term of office applies only to those who have been elected.

<b>CGCI STANDING RULES Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #6</b> 38. Bills for the current fiscal year shall be presented to the financial secretary for authorization of payment on or before June 15th.	<b>Proposal #6</b> 38. Bills for the current fiscal year shall be presented to the financial secretary for authorization of payment on or before June 15 <sup>th</sup> <u>unless incurred after June 15. No payment shall be made unless bills are postmarked by June 30.</u>	<b>Proposal #6</b> 38. Bills for the current fiscal year shall be presented to the financial secretary for authorization of payment on or before June 15 <sup>th</sup> unless incurred after June 15. No payment shall be made unless bills are postmarked by June 30.

Rationale: To clarify that since the fiscal year ends June 30 bills can be incurred and submitted up to the fiscal year-end.

<b>CGCI STANDING RULES Current Wording</b>	<b>Proposed Amendment</b>	<b>Would Read After Amendment</b>
<b>Proposal #7</b> 108. The incoming president shall be honored with an NGC life membership. In the case that the incoming president is an NGC Life Member, a donation to an NGC, PRGC, or CGCI project or program of an amount equal to the cost of an NGC life membership shall be made. This is the responsibility of the second vice-president.	<b>Proposal #7</b> 108. The incoming president shall be honored with an NGC life membership. In the case that the incoming president is an NGC Life Member, a donation to an NGC, PRGC, or CGCI project or program of an amount equal to the cost of an NGC life membership shall be made. This is the responsibility of the second vice-president.	<b>Proposal #7</b> 108. The incoming president shall be honored with an NGC life membership. In the case that the incoming president is an NGC Life Member, a donation to an NGC, PRGC, or CGCI project or program of an amount equal to the cost of an NGC life membership shall be made. This is the responsibility of the second vice president.

Rationale: Eliminate hyphen in vice-president (in the last line above) to be consistent with June 2025 bylaws amendments.

From the 2025-2027 CGCI Governance Committee

Greg Pokorski, Lynne Batchelor, Chuck Goodwin, Jeanne Johnson, Alice Lewin, George Speer, Carol Vallens; Adele Kelly, ex-officio; per Standing Rule 5, Vice Presidents Marlene Kinney and Nina Blonski may attend meetings and participate.