

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
CONVENTION 2005

Thursday, June 2, 2005

Sheraton Grand, Sacramento

President: Robert L. Gordon

Host: Sacramento River Valley District

Chairman: Dorothy Peterson

CGCI PRE-CONVENTION BOARD MEETING

- 1) President, Robert L. Gordon, called the meeting to order at 3:03 P.M.
- 2) **Excused:** Gloria Aminian, Donna Dysart, Eileen Fiumara, Ruth Fry, Marcha Grant, Laverne Harms, Marianne Kistler, Terri Landes and Carolyn Villi.
- 3) President Gordon gave his greetings to the Board; Sarah Beers gave the inspiration and Dorothy Roton led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) **Business on the Agenda**
 - In the absence of Recording Secretary, Marcha Grant, Rita Desilets was appointed Secretary Pro Tem for the Executive Committee meeting, pre-convention and convention business meetings. A committee to approve the minutes was selected: Pat York and Mary-Jo Noth. **PASSED.**
 - It was moved to appoint an Election Board. The members of the Election Board are as follows: Wilma Parker, Chair; Sharon Thorne, Clerk; Judy Picinini, Teller; DeeDee Heisinger, Teller; and Doris SanFilippo, Judge. The Election Board was accepted. **PASSED.**
 - It was moved to dispense with roll call. **PASSED.**
 - It was moved to accept the Recording Secretary's Report of the Winter Board Meeting. **PASSED**
- 4) **President Elect, Elisabeth Tufo**
 - Read the Boards and Conventions Dates to be ratified: **ATTACHMENTS (A)**
 - Two Environmental Studies Schools were ratified. **ATTACHMENTS (B)**
Carol Ford Benson's request to ratify two additional Environmental Schools was tabled.
 - A report on the Pacific Region Convention Reception for incoming Director Beverly Brune was given.
 - All those who helped with the successful San Simeon Selebration were thanked.
 - It was moved to approve the President's Project – Jubilee Grants following the second reading. **PASSED.**
- 5) Robin Pokorski moved to remove *Golden Gardens* from Former business and move it up on the agenda. **PASSED AND SENT TO RECOMMENDATIONS.**
- 6) Elisabeth Tufo moved that *Golden Gardens* be published in ½ page size in black and white for five issues from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. With a vote of 42 FOR and 18 OPPOSED, the motion was **PASSED AND SENT TO RECOMMENDATIONS.**
At Presidents Gordon's request, **Parliamentarian, George Speer** read the Rules to speaking to a motion.

- 7) Robin Pokorski moved that *Golden Gardens* be published at the subscription rate of \$5.00 for 100% clubs and \$6.00 for individual subscriptions. The motion, amended with the addition of "effective July 1, 2006" unanimously **PASSED AND SENT TO RECOMMENDATIONS.**
- 8) The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
CGCI Recording Secretary Pro Tem

CEREMONIAL OPENING OF CONVENTION: JUNE 2, 2005

- 1) The Head Table entered to the sound of bagpipes at 4:05 P.M. and was introduced.
- 2) Following the Call to Order by President Gordon, Reverend Joe Walsh, California Chair for National Day of Prayer, gave the Opening Prayer.
- 3) The Travis Air Force Base Honor Guard gave the Presentation of Colors.
- 4) Sharon Thorne, District Director of Mendo-Lake District, led the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5) The Welcome Address was given by Matt Mahood, President and CEO of the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce.
- 6) A second Welcome was presented by the Sacramento River Valley District Director, Luella Zamzow.
- 7) Before presenting the Welcome to the 74th Convention, Convention Chairman, Dorothy Peterson introduced Roman July who sang "God Bless America".
- 8) Responses were given by Beverly Brune on behalf of CGCI members; Lorna Bonham, District Director of Cascade District, on behalf of Districts; and Corresponding Secretary, Robert Schuler, on behalf of the CGCI Board.
- 9) The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 P.M. until Business Meeting #1.

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
CGCI Recording Secretary Pro Tem

**CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
CONVENTION 2005**

Friday, June 3, 2005

Sheraton Grand, Sacramento

President: Robert L. Gordon

Host: Sacramento River Valley District

Chairman: Dorothy Peterson

CONVENTION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING #1

- 1) President, Robert L. Gordon called the meeting to order at 10:15. A.M. on Friday, June 3, 2005. Recording Secretary Pro-Tem, Rita Desilets was present. President Gordon introduced the Executive Committee. A quorum was present.
- 2) President Gordon gave his greetings to the Board and Doris San Filippo gave the Inspiration.
- 3) Special guests, Linda Nelson, the 2003-2005 Pacific Region Director and Beverly Brune, the 2005-2007 Pacific Region Director, were recognized.
- 4) Parliamentarian, George Speer read the Rules of the Convention.
- 5) Dorothy Peterson, Convention Chairman, read the First Credentials Report and First Attendance Report for Cynthia White, Credentials Chair. It was reported that there are 366 members/guests, 89 youth, and 196 voting members. The motion to accept the report **PASSED**.

A request for corrections to the Convention Program Book yielded the following:

Page 3 - Add Lorinda Swearinger to the Steering Committee

Page 11 - Spelling: Virginia Bennetts

Page 13 – Delete “Results of Elections”

Page 21 - Opportunity Drawing for a Hand-Quilted Wall Hanging

Page 21 – Earl Parsons – Judges Council Banquet entertainment

It was moved to accept. **PASSED**.

- 6) Recording Secretary ProTem, Rita Desilets, read the **Executive Committee Recommendations** as follows:
 - That *Golden Gardens* be removed from Former business and moved up on the agenda. **PASSED**.
 - That *Golden Gardens* be published in ½ page size in black and white for five issues from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. **PASSED**.
 - That *Golden Gardens* be published at the subscription rates of \$5.00 for 100% clubs and \$6.00 for individual subscriptions, effective July 1, 2006. Marilyn Oberti called for the vote. **PASSED**.
- 7) Marilyn Oberti, Nominating Committee Chairman, introduced the committee members: Rosalie Hooper (Valley Lode District), Jeanny Graham (Palms to Pines District), Marjorie Johnson (Montana De Oro District), Dolores Moffat (Diablo Foothills District), Gertrude Paul (Golden Foothills District), and Lorna Bonham (Cascade District).

The proposed slate of officers was read by Marilyn Oberti as follows:

President – Elisabeth Tufo
First Vice-President – Robin Pokorski
Second Vice-President – Maryanne Lucas
Third Vice-President – Julie West
Recording Secretary – Rita Desilets
Corresponding Secretary – Mary-Jo Noth
Financial Secretary – Geanne Brown
Treasurer – Carol Sexton
Golden Gardens Editor – Diane Charbonneau

- 8) President Gordon opened nominations from the floor. Virginia Bennetts moved that nominations be closed and the slate of officers, as presented by the Nominating Committee, be elected. The motion **PASSED**. The following were elected:

President – Elisabeth Tufo
First Vice-President – Robin Pokorski
Second Vice-President – Maryanne Lucas
Third Vice-President – Julie West
Recording Secretary – Rita Desilets
Corresponding Secretary – Mary-Jo Noth
Financial Secretary – Geanne Brown
Treasurer – Carol Sexton
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- 9) President Gordon opened the floor for nominations to the Nominating Committee. The following were nominated: Dorothy Roton (Desert Empire District), Lou Ann Unger (Palomar District), Shane Looper (Santa Clara Valley District), Sharon Thorne (Mendo-Lake District), Nancy Lee Loesch (Orange County District), Gudrun Kimmel(Costa Verde District) and David West (Luther Burbank District). Robin Pokorski moved to close the nominations. **PASSED** The Nominating Committee was unanimously elected.
- 10) Financial Secretary, Geanne Brown, announced that the Budget will be up for approval tomorrow.
- 11) President Gordon thanked and dismissed the Election Committee before closing the meeting at 11:50 A.M. until Business Meeting #2

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
CGCI Recording Secretary Pro Tem

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
CONVENTION 2005
Saturday, June 4, 2005

Sheraton Grand, Sacramento
President: Robert L. Gordon
Host: Sacramento River Valley District
Chairman: Dorothy Peterson

CONVENTION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING #2

- 1) President Robert L. Gordon called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. on Saturday, June 4, 2005. Recording Secretary Pro Tem, Rita Desilets was present. Following introduction of the Executive Committee, Marjorie Johnson gave the Inspiration.
- 2) Second Vice-President, Robin Pokorski made Special Presentations to the Charter members of the Circle of Poppies: Dorothy Copeland, Frances Frenzel and Alice Heilman. A thank-you letter from Alice Heilman was read. A Special Award of Appreciation from the Executive Committee was presented to Carol Sexton.
- 3) President Gordon called for **Executive Committee Reports**.
 - **Robert Gordon, President**, reported on the success of the Hearst Castle project, culminating with the San Simeon Selebration; the Butterfly Gardening/Design Tour; and his travels to visit various Districts.
 - **Robin Pokorski, Second Vice-President**, moved to ratify two CGCI Awards: HS-5 Flower Arranger Award, Sponsors: Jeanny Graham and Shane Looper CGCI Lifetime Achievement Award, Sponsors: Porterville GC and Sequoia Foothills District. **PASSED**
A new Awards Booklet is being distributed to all club presidents by way of the District Directors. Presentations were made to the 100% Blue Ribbon Districts.
 - **Maryanne Lucas, Third Vice-President**, moved for ratification of 11 new clubs. **APPROVED. ATTACHMENT (C)**
A total membership of 21,013 was reported with 15,681 in 267 clubs and 5,332 in Associated Plant Societies. Awards were given to the clubs with the greatest increase in membership.
 - **Rita Desilets, Recording Secretary Pro Tem**, reported that the minutes of the 2005 Convention will be posted on the CGCI website. Those without internet access will be sent a hard copy through the mail. The new roster Booklet will be distributed at the Organizational meeting and each club president will receive their copy from their District Director.
 - **Robert Schuler, Corresponding Secretary**, read the correspondence received from Beverly Brune thanking for the reception at the Pacific Region Convention in Scottsdale, Arizona.
 - **Geanne Brown, Financial Secretary** announced that cash receipts and requests for payment need to be submitted no later than June 25, 2005.
 - **Carol Sexton, Treasurer**, reported that the Financial Report has been filed.
 - **Nancy Lee Loesch, Golden Gardens Editor** had no report at this time.
 - **George Speer, Parliamentarian**, had no report at this time.

- 4) **Dorothy Peterson, Convention Chairman**, gave the Second Credentials Report and Attendance Report. There are 41 state board members, 65 club delegates and 90 Club/APS/Affiliate Presidents for a total of 196 voting members. Total non-voting attendees: 266 Total registration: 462. The recommendation for acceptance **PASSED**.
- 5) Two Environmental Studies Schools were ratified. **ATTACHMENTS (B)**
- 6) President Gordon called for **District Director's Reports**.
The following Directors or their representatives reported: Pat York (Bay Bridges), Dr. Doris Brown (Bay Ocean), Lorna Bonham (Cascade), Diane Charbonneau (Costa Verde), Dorothy Roton (Desert Empire), Priscilla Christensen (Diablo Foothills), Dorothy Dempsey (Golden Foothills), Hannelore Kesler (Humboldt), Julie West (Luther Burbank), Sharon Thorne (Mendo-Lake), Angela Michaels (Montana de Oro), Paddee Neff (Orange County), Marcie Beller (Palms to Pines), Sarah Beers (Palomar), Sharon Ebmeyer (Roadrunner), Luella Zamzow (Sacramento River Valley), Rosa Radicchi (Santa Clara Valley), Kathy Ledbetter (Valley Lode), and Judy Laird (Yosemite Gateway). The report for Sequoia Foothills was filed.
- 7) President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 2:30 P.M. until Business Meeting #3.

CONVENTION GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING #3

- 1) President Robert L. Gordon called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M. on Saturday, June 4, 2005. Recording Secretary Pro Tem, Rita Desilets, was present. Angela Michaels gave the Inspiration.
- 2) Beverly Brune introduced Linda Nelson, 2003-2005 Pacific Region Director, who gave an inspiring speech. Her project, "Imagine Growing Native", received an Emerald Award.
- 3) President Elect, Elisabeth Tufo, read the list of four Environmental Studies Schools to be ratified. **APPROVED. ATTACHMENTS (B)**
- 4) President Gordon called for **Committee Reports**.
 - **Board of Trustees** was reported by Greg Pokorski. He introduced and thanked the members of the Committee.
 - **Conservation/Beautification** was reported by Ruth Angevine.
 - **Environmental Liaison** was reported by Luella Zamzow.
 - **Nature Conservancy** was reported by Dorothy Copeland.
 - **Penny Pines** was reported by Authur Loesch. He moved to donate \$2000 to the San Bernardino Forest Service for their Greenhouse Project. **PASSED**.
A motion to establish a CGCI Fund to expand Penny Pines to include special reforestation projects was sent to Committee for further study. **PASSED**.
 - **Blue Star Memorials** was reported by Ruth Angevine.
 - **Gardening Consultants Council** was reported by Myrtle Findley.
 - **Garden Therapy** was reported by Angela Michaels.
 - **Flower Show Schools** was reported by Dolores Moffat.
 - **Birds and Butterflies**, Jane Troutman was joined by Carol Ford Benson (**New CA Cultivars/Natives**) in presenting Carol's poem "Monarch Tragedy 2005".
 - **Scholarships** was reported by Rosalie Hooper.
 - **Container Gardening** was reported by Edith Puckett.
 - **Environmental Studies Schools** was reported by Carol Ford Benson.

- **Garden Study Courses and Landscape Design Council** were reported by Greg Pokorski.
- **Membership (New Clubs)** was reported by Joelle Holford.
- **Communications (Website)** was reported by Ed Dempsey.
- **Life Memberships** was reported by Carlotta Wixon who moved to ratify 17 State Life Members, 2 Pacific Region Life Members, and 3 National Life Members.
PASSED. ATTACHMENT (D).
- **Publications (Yearbook)** was reported by Pat Claves.
- **Youth Activities** was reported by Cheryl Smith who moved to ratify six new Youth Groups. **PASSED. ATTACHMENTS (E).**
Pat Tjsossas, **Girl Scout Liaison**, reported on the new patches available.
- **Projects** was reported by Joan Craig.
- **NGC President's Project** was reported by Helen Gates.
- **Finance** was reported by George Perko who planned to hold a special meeting to discuss the 501c3 applications which are due by November 1, 2005.
- **Board of Trustees** had not yet met. Beverly Brune's report was submitted later.
ATTACHMENTS (F).
- **Golden Gardens** was reported by Nancy Lee Loesch.
- **Member Services** was reported by Mary-Jo Noth.
- **Marketing** was reported by Marilyn Oberti.
- **Sales** was reported by Jackie Jackman.

Committee Chairman filing reports:

CA Gardens – Rita Desilets

Golden Gardens Angels /Calendar Greetings – Gloria Jacobs

Theodore Payne Foundation – Mary Huff

5) David and Julie West presented a touching Memorial.

6) Following brief announcements, President Gordon adjourned the meeting at 5:09 P.M.

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
CGCI Recording Secretary Pro Tem

Convention 2005 – Attachments

A) Cancellation: Winter Board 2007, Golden Foothills District
June 1-5, 2006 Convention, Ontario, Change Treasurer to Pat Carlucci.
April 20-22, 2007 Pacific Region Convention. CGCI Hosting, Burbank Hilton,
Chairman - Jean Reiley
2008 Convention, San Fernando Valley District hosting
2008 Fall Board, Grass Valley. Golden Foothills District hosting, Chairman - Gloria Mabon

B) Feb 11-12, 2006 Course I, Series 5: Bay Ocean District
Sponsor: CGCI, Chairman: Brenda Shields
Aug 12-13, 2006 Course II, Series 5: Bay Ocean District
Sponsor: CGCI, Chairman: Brenda Shields

Feb 11-12, 2007 Course III, Series 5: Bay Ocean District
Sponsor: CGCI, Chairman: Brenda Shields
Aug 11-12, 2007 Course IV, Series 5: Bay Ocean District
Sponsor: CGCI, Chairman: Brenda Shields

C) Maryanne Lucas - New Club/Affiliate Ratifications

Orange County Organic Gardening Club, *Orange County - 60 members*

Don Winterstein, President
1594 N. Dorothy Drive
Brea, CA 92821

Descanso Garden Club, *Palomar District – 14 members*

Helen Yuhl, President
10205 River Drive
Descanso, CA 91916-9784

“A” Garden Club of Big Bear Valley, *Palms-to-Pines District - 35 members*

Trudy Brown, President
P.O. Box 870
Big Bear City, CA 92314-0870

Clouds to Coast Chrysanthemum Culture Club, *Palms-to-Pines District - 10 members*

Carol Ford Benson, President Pro-tem
P.O. Box 133
Running Springs, CA 92382

CGCI Affiliate - *more than fifty members*

California Foundation for Agriculture in the Classroom

Judy Culberbon, Executive Director
2300 River Plaza Drive
Sacramento, CA 95833-3293

California Fertilizer Foundation

Sara Miller
1801 I Street, Suite 200
Sacramento, CA

Convention 2005 – Attachments (cont)

California Department of Education

Deborah Tamannaie
1430 N. Street, Suite 1500
Sacramento, CA

4-H Youth Development Program University of California Cooperative Extension

Daniel J. Desmond (contact)
311 Fair Lane
Placerville, CA 95667-4199

CGCI Affiliate - less than fifty members

California Kids Growing Strong

Maryanne Lucas (contact)
1986 Channelford Road
Westlake Village, CA 91361

National Junior Horticultural Association

Noah Elhardt, Western Director
659 San Andres
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

Michael Rethwisch, CA State Leader
290 N. Broadway
Blythe, CA 92225

F.A.S.T. Flowers at Show Time

Shane Looper & Dolores Moffat, Co-presidents

D) Carlotta Wixon: Life Membership Ratifications

NAME	CLUB	DISTRICT
<u>CGCI</u>		
Minnie Travino	Visalia GC	Sequoia Foothills
Gayle Davis	Rohnert Park GC	Luther Burbank
Norma Morrow	Chicago Park GC	Golden Foothills
Sharon Ravenstein	Desert Crossroads GC	Roadrunner
Joey Fultz	Merced GC	Yosemite Gateway
Janet Coleman	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest	Desert Empire
Kathy Bramhall	Red Bluff GC	Cascade
Adrienne Day	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills
Patricia Scialo	Hanford GC	Sequoia Foothills
Carol Bettencourt	Castro Val-Hayward	Bay Bridges
Jan Screechfield	Green Thumb GC	Luther Burbank
Betty Craig	Sherman Oaks GC	San Fernando Valley
Jody Peterson	La Jolla GC	Palomar
Sandi Lord	Dos Valles GC	Palomar
Mary Lee Seri	Rohnert Park GC	Luther Burbank
Celeste Turney	Walnut Creek GC	Diablo Foothills
Evelyn Pedroni	Petaluma GC	Luther Burbank

Convention 2005 – Attachments (cont)

PACIFIC REGION

Mary Fleer	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley
Gayle Davis	Rohnert Park GC	Luther Burbank

NATIONAL

Roberta Brischke	Southern California GC	San Fernando Valley
Evelyn Mosman	Las Casa GC	Sequoia Foothills
Sharon Thorne	Clear Lake T & T-No Lake GC	Mendo-Lake

E) Cheryl Smith - Youth Group Ratifications

DISTRICT

SPONSOR

CLUB

Desert Empire District,	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest	Mesquite High School
Desert Empire District,	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest	Gateway School
Sacramento Riv.Valley Dist.	Davis Flower Arrangers	Green Teens/Emerson Jr. HS
Sequoia Foothills District	Las Casa Garden Club	Kings County Comm. School
Luther Burbank District	Luther Burbank Garden Club	Valley of the Moon Children's Home
Orange County District	Orange County Garden Club	Nohl Canyon Elem. School

F) June 5, 2005

Board of Trustees, Beverly Brune, Chairman.

The Board of Trustees met at the convention with 5 of the 6 members present. Discussion ensued on the various options for *GOLDEN GARDENS* that will be voted on at this convention. This board serves as the scholarship committee and we expressed disappointment that California students have not received National Garden Clubs scholarships in recent years. Each year California is entitled to two at \$3,500 each. Our two applicants of last year had grade point averages too low to qualify. Members are encouraged to promote all three categories – CGCI, Pacific Region and NGC. For the coming year the following were elected: Greg Pokorski, chairman and George Perko, secretary.

G) Carol Sexton - CGCI Account Balances Report as of 5/23/05

Account	Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
B of A CD #1-Cert. of Deposit	81,250.42
B of A CD #2-Cert of Deposit	20,312.60
B of A Checking-Porterville-Checking Account	9,484.10
Desert Community CD #4-Cert of Deposit	59,390.84
Desert Community CD #5-Cert of Deposit	17,279.05
Desert Community Saving Acct-Savings Account	23,864.45
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$211,581.46
Other Assets	
Golden Gardens-B of A checking account	19,188.64
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotel & Meeting Deposits	3,450.00
TOTAL Other Assets	\$22,638.64
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$234,220.10

Convention 2005 – Attachments (cont)

Carol Sexton - CGCI Account Balances Report as of 5/23/05 (cont)

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Awards-Restricted	2,793.16
Blue Star Memorial-Restricted	1,792.57
CGCI Magazine File Boxes-Restricted	256.28
CGCI Save the Bald Eagle-Restricted	166.00
CGCI Scholarship Fund-Restricted	54,691.94
CGCI World Gardening-Restricted	194.47
Donor Christy Fitz Mem. Fund-Restricted	1,838.95
Donor Copeland Fund-Restricted	11,860.04
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund-Restricted	4,500.00
Donor Helen Minor Mem. Flr. Sc-Restricted	5,213.65
Donor Wil J. Tebo Scholarship-Restricted	3,176.17
Educational Schools Fund-Restricted	7,900.00
Flower Show School-Restricted	419.26
Gardening Consultants Coun.-Restricted	456.90
Gardening Study-Restricted	1,831.26
Gold Honor Book-Restricted	10,141.86
Junior Gardeners-Restricted	371.32
Landscape Design School-Restricted	4,379.54
Liability Insurance-Restricted	14,544.81
Life Membership Scholarship-Restricted	2,400.00
Permanent Files-Restricted	2,500.00
San Simeon Selebration-Restricted	265.00
Symposium Reserve-Restricted	13,137.62
Wildflower Conference-Restricted	12,633.66
Youth Conference Fund-Conferences-Restricted	572.66
Youth Gardener Grant-Restricted	900.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$158,937.12
TOTAL ASSETS LESS RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$75,282.98
SUBTRACT OTHER ASSETS	\$22,638.64
TOTAL NON-RESTRICTED FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$52,644.34

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
CONVENTION 2005
Sunday, June 5, 2005

Sheraton Grand, Sacramento
President: Elisabeth A. Tufo
Host: Sacramento River Valley District
Chairman: Dorothy Peterson

POST CONVENTION MEETING FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1) President Elisabeth A. Tufo called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. on Sunday, June 5, 2005. Recording Secretary, Rita Desilets, called the roll. A quorum was present.
- 2) **Excused:** Gloria Aminian, Connie Gardner, Sharon Guyman, Lydia Jeffrey, Judy Laird, and Linda Riddle.
- 3) The following positions were ratified:
 - Parliamentarian – Wilma Parker
 - District Director Coordinator – Hoberley Schuler
- 4) The following Committee Chairs were ratified:
 - Awards – Maryanne Lucas
 - By-Laws – Nancy Lee Loesch
 - Finance and Budget – Geanne Brown
 - Jubilee Celebration – Marcha Grant
 - Long Range Planning – Robin Pokorski
 - Policy – Robin Pokorski and Lou Ann Unger
- 5) **New Business:**

President Tufo announced that a Jubilee Celebration, a Holiday Fundraiser, featuring Holiday floral designs and music, is being planned for November, 2006.
- 6) President Tufo adjourned the meeting at 9:20 A.M.

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
CGCI Recording Secretary

CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
CONVENTION 2005
Sunday, June 5, 2005

Sheraton Grand, Sacramento
President: Elisabeth A. Tufo
Host: Sacramento River Valley District
Chairman: Dorothy Peterson

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- 1) President Elisabeth A. Tufo called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, June 5, 2005. After Corresponding Secretary, Mary-Jo Noth gave the Inspiration, Third Vice-President, Julie West, led the Pledge of Allegiance. This was followed by introductions of the newly elected and installed officers:
 - President – Elisabeth Tufo
 - First Vice-President – Robin Pokorski
 - Second Vice-President – Maryanne Lucas
 - Third Vice-President – Julie West
 - Recording Secretary – Rita Desilets
 - Corresponding Secretary – Mary-Jo Noth
 - Financial Secretary – Geanne Brown
 - Treasurer – Carol Sexton
 - Golden Gardens* Editor – Diane CharbonneauRecording Secretary, Rita Desilets, called the roll. A quorum was present.
- 2) Excused: Gloria Aminian, Kathy Bramhall, Jill Coleman, Claudia Davis, Eileen Fiumara, Connie Gardner, Marcha Grant, Sharon Guyman, LaVerne Harms, Judy Laird, Shirley McKelvey, Elsiemae Nicholson, Peggy Northon, Jean Reiley , Linda Riddle, Barbara Stevens, Mary Tebo, Lou Ann Unger, Carolyn Villi and Carey Ware.
- 3) Parliamentarian, Wilma Parker read the Rules of Order for Board Meetings. The motion to adopt the Rules **PASSED**.
- 4) Actions from the Post Convention Meeting included ratification of the following:
 - The following positions were ratified:
 - Parliamentarian – Wilma Parker
 - District Director Coordinator – Hoberley Schuler
 - The following Committee Chairs were ratified:
 - Awards – Maryanne Lucas
 - By-Laws – Nancy Lee Loesch
 - Finance and Budget – Geanne Brown
 - Jubilee Celebration – Marcha Grant
 - Long Range Planning – Robin Pokorski
 - Policy – Robin Pokorski and Lou Ann Unger
- 5) Recording Secretary, Rita Desilets, solicited additions and corrections to the 2005-2006 Roster Booklet. The roster was accepted as corrected.

6) **New Business**

- Finance Secretary, Geanne Brown, moved to adopt the budget presented on Friday. The motion **PASSED**.
- Carol Sexton, *Golden Gardens* Finance Chair, announced that the *Golden Gardens* budget will be presented at the Fall Board Meeting.
- Lorraine Ornelas moved to ratify the appointment of the By-Laws Committee. Members of the Committee: Helen Gates, Wilma Parker, Robin Pokorski and Julie West. (SR4) The motion **PASSED**.
- A motion to ratify the appointment of Greg Pokorski as Chairman of the Board of Trustees to the Finance and Budget Committee. (Art. XII, Sec. 6) **PASSED**.
- Robin Pokorski moved to extend an invitation to the NGC President and the Pacific Region Director to attend a CGCI meeting. **PASSED**.

- Robin Pokorski moved to approve District Directors holding other appointments:
Gloria Aminian – Insurance
Jackie Jackman – Sales and Stationery
Pat York – Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
The motion **PASSED**.

7) **Chairman Announcements:**

- Marilyn Oberti, Jubilee Grants Chairman, announced that the Jubilee Grants, funded by CGCI are offered to all CGCI garden clubs, groups of clubs and districts. Grants of up to \$1000 may be awarded for worthwhile landscaping projects incorporating CA native plants and wildflowers. Applications are due by February 1, 2006. Whitney Farms donated \$2000 which will fund four additional Grants of \$500 each.
 - An Awards Manual will be printed annually. Lorraine Ornelas moved to have the Awards Section eliminated from the CGCI Yearbook and be replaced by the new Awards Manual. **PASSED**.
 - Chairman Coordinator, Greg Pokorski, suggested Chairman refer to the State Yearbook, (beginning on page 19), for a description of their duties. Changes in the listings should be sent to the Yearbook Chairman prior to July 1, 2005.
 - Joan Craig described the “Let Freedom Ring” Project: deadline to apply to State Chairman is November 15, 2005. This grant is for a civic development project and requires matching funds.
 - Rosa Radicchi moved to make a donation to the Sempervirens Fund in memory of the late Arleen Chasson. **PASSED**.
 - Convention Chairman, Dorothy Peterson, requested that evaluation forms be completed to aid in preparing the Convention Report.
- 8) President Elisabeth A. Tufo wished everyone a safe trip home and adjourned the meeting at 11:15 A. M.

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
CGCI Recording Secretary