

Fall 2008 Board Meeting Minutes

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Executive Committee Recommendations
Wednesday, September 10-11, 2008 Fall Board

Meeting



Gold Miner's Inn, Grass Valley, CA
President: Robin Pokorski
Host: Golden Foothills District

Excused: Accardi; Adams; Blankenship; Bonham; Brooker; Brown, G; Brune; Burghardt; Charbonneau, Diane & Lou; Clayes, Al; Crowell; Dean; DeMara; Dewey; Fiumara; Gould, JoAnn; Gould, Launa; Hartt; Hedtke; Lang, Ron & Linda; Lord; Lung; Mahshi; Marlin, Bob & Joyce; Mellen; Michaels; Miller; Moss; Nagy; Ornelas; Parker; Patten; Radichi; Reibel, Roy; Reiley; Riddle; Rohan, Roton; Salyards; Sexton; Spears; Tebo; Tjosaas; Troutman; Tufo; Vanderhorst; Villi; Waddington-Merritt; Wolfe; Zarnowski; Zimmerman

President Pokorski called the meeting to order at 8:30 A.M.

The colors were presented by All Veteran's Honor Guard, American Legion Post 130, Grass Valley, CA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gayle Davis, Yearbook Chairman

The Inspiration was given by Harriet Behrens, Arboreta/Botanic Garden Chairman

President Pokorski introduced Pacific Region Director Jeanette Pruin, CGCI Officers, former CGCI Presidents Robert Gordon, Virginia Bennetts and Mary Lou Goodwin, Pages Mary Francis and Deedee Speer and Timekeeper, Martha Ann Walter

Recording Secretary Jane McKee called the roll and a quorum was established.

President Pokorski announced that the Rules of Order for Board Meetings were accepted at the Organizational Meeting in June 2007 for the entire term.

President Pokorski thanked the Golden Foothills District for hosting the meeting.

Joan Craig reported 142 registered attendees and moved to adopt Fall Board Meeting Program. The motion was seconded and **PASSED**

Joelle Holford, Chairman of the reviewing committee moved to approve Minutes of 2008 Winter Board Meeting in Redding as distributed.
PASSED

President Pokorski announced the committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Pat Clayes, Corresponding Secretary, Chairman and members Cathy Biggins, Luther Burbank District Director and Lee Bathgate, New Cultivars Chairman.

First Vice-President Maryanne Lucas presented an NGC 5-Star Member Certificate to Robin Pokorski.

Financial Reports: Ed Dempsey, Treasurer, reported

Cash on hand (cash and CDs):	\$278,401.36
Other assets:	25,488.93
Total assets:	\$303,890.29
Restricted Funds:	\$211,214.58
Assets less Restricted Funds:	92,675.71
Operating Funds (\$92,675.71 - \$25,488.93)	\$ 67,186.78

Correspondence: Pat Clayes, Corresponding Secretary, read thank you notes from Gertrude Paul, Bob Gordon, Gerry Olsen, Cathy Wall and Gene Bauer.

Jane McKee, Recording Secretary, read the following Executive Committee recommendations:

RATIFICATIONS:

- Accept with regret the resignation of Sandi Lord, Symposia Chairman **PASSED**

- Accept with regret the resignation of Glenn Burghardt, Fruits & Nuts Chairman **PASSED**
- The appointment of Kathy Snider Membership Team – New Clubs Chairman **PASSED**
- The appointment of Pauline Sechi Flower Show Schools Team – Design Units Chairman **PASSED**
- To pay \$153.01 for materials purchased by Stationery Chairman, monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**
- To pay \$120.04 for materials purchased by Awards Chairman, monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To return \$1857.73 to the Orange County Floral Arts Guild which has been re-organized **PASSED**
2. That CGCI pay the official expenses of Pacific Region Director, Jeannette Pruin, while attending CGCI's Fall Board 2008. **PASSED**
3. To set the liability insurance rate for the 2009-10 policy term, effective Feb 15, 2009, as follows:

\$1.50 per capita for member clubs, (current rate \$1.75)

\$2.00 per capita for Associate Plant Societies, (current rate \$2.25)

\$30 for each Additional Insured Certificate, (current rate \$35)

\$25 late filing fee, (no change)

\$35 min premium for clubs less than 20 members, (no change)

PASSED

4. That CGCI budget be amended to increase Chairman with Special Funding/Awards by \$500 to \$1150. **PASSED**
5. To advance \$500 to the Wildflower Conference, monies to come from the Wildflower Fund. **PASSED**

OFFICERS REPORTS

Parliamentarian – no report

Golden Gardens **editor** – no report

Treasurer – no further report

Financial Secretary – no further report

Corresponding Secretary – Pat Clayes reported that the change of address form is now available on the website.

Recording Secretary – Jane McKee moved to ratify the following calendar items:

April 8-10, 2009 Operation Wildflower Conference, Ridgecrest, CA **PASSED**

May 2-3, 2009 Landscape Design Study Program, Series 22, Course 4

San Andreas, CA, Sponsor:
Calaveras County Garden Club

Chairman: Marian Coahran

PASSED

3rd Vice President – George Speer

- announced that printed materials (educational/information pamphlets) will be available online.
- moved to ratify the following new groups:

Garden Clubs:

Cayucos Garden Club, Montana de Oro District, 34 members

Lincoln Dirt Garden Club, Golden Foothills District, 48 members

Orange County Floral Arts Guild, Orange County District, 12 members

Associate Plant Societies

Mediterranean Garden Society, Southern California Branch, 125 members

Affiliates:

The Herb Society of America, Northern California Unit, Diablo Foothills District

Pacific Horticultural Foundation, State Affiliate

PASSED

2nd Vice President – Julie West reported the following:

Award Finances: 51 of the 56 sponsors for 2008-2009 have remitted their payments for the awards to be presented at 2009 Convention.

Policy: Website policy – The committee has defined the Objective, guidelines for Calendar of Events and links to other websites, and type of information to be included on the website. The final draft should be available by June 2009.

Participating Sponsors: There are 54 Participating Sponsors, a gain of 6 in the past year. The cover letter and reply postcard are posted on CGCI's website to facilitate the process.

Publicity: CGCI was a sponsor of the 8th Biennial Members meeting of the North American Butterfly Association, June 26-29 in Kernville, CA. CGCI had a table with membership information for both CGCI and NGC and the CGCI banner was prominently displayed.

Strategic Planning: The Open Forum Workshop at Convention 2008 was successful and the survey completed by attendees will be reviewed at Winter Board 2009. The committee is working to establish a Vision Statement and long term Basic Principles for CGCI.

75 Year History – The book will have an integrated Table Of Contents containing the original 50-year book and additions for the 25-year update. The original 50-year book text will remain unchanged and 25-year updates will be inserted following appropriate sections.

1st Vice President – Maryanne Lucas moved

- to ratify the following clubs for 501c3 Group Exemption: Bernardo Gardeners,
Roseville Arrangers Guild and The Palms Garden Club. **PASSED**
- to remove Inland Empire Master Gardeners (disbanded) and re-ratify Inland Empire
Master Gardeners (reorganized). **PASSED**
- to ratify the following calendar dates:

Sept 11-13, 2009 Fall Board Meeting, Hilton Concord Hotel, Concord, CA

July 24-26, 2009 Flower Show Symposium, Doubletree
Hotel, Bakersfield, CA

Jan 8-10, 2010 Winter Board Meeting, Dana on Mission
Bay, San Diego

Host: Palomar District Chairman: Joan
Blankenship

June 4-7, 2010 Convention, Westlake Village Hyatt Hotel,
Westlake Village

PASSED

President - President Pokorski

- Thanked the six clubs and one District that she visited over the summer.
- Attended the Gardening Study School in Orange County, Landscape Design School in Temecula, Flower Show School in Encinitas and Flower Show Symposium in San Mateo.
- Worked with Marilyn Oberti and Joan Craig to submit the initial fire grant applications.
- Reported that the President's Project continues to grow.
- Announced that Principal Financial Group has again underwritten the cost of CGCI's membership cards and renewed the grant program for Blue Star Memorial By-way Markers.
- Will attend Blue Star Memorial Marker dedications in Fresno, Yosemite Gateway District and Mendo-Lake District during November.
- Reminded members of the upcoming Flower Show School in Modesto, the water conference in Encino and the wildflower conference and Southern Comfort Tour in the spring.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Advisory Council – No report

Awards – Nancy Lee Loesch reported there will be no exceptions to the deadlines for award submissions, only top awards will be presented at the awards banquet, all photos will be taken in the awards room. Requested volunteers to judge the club and district yearbooks.

Board of Trustees – Bob Gordon reported that recommendation has been sent to Budget & Finance Committee for consideration.

Budget & Finance – No report

Bylaws – Mary Jo Noth reported that the committee is reviewing all Bylaws and Standing Rules.

Convention 2008, Woodland Hills - Rita Desilets reported a successful convention and presented check in the amount of \$2494.61 to CGCI.

Life Membership – Carlotta Wixon moved to ratify the following Life Members:

CGCI: Joyce Dean, Mary Fleeer, Margaret Strachan, Gracia Allen, Phyllis Wanamaker, Virginia Gee and Cathy Biggins.

Pacific Region: Joyce Dean

NGC: Joyce Dean and Shane Looper

PASSED

Nominating – Bob Gordon reported that slate of officers for 2009-11 will be announced at Winter Board 2009

Youth – Bev Switzer moved to ratify two new youth clubs. **PASSED**

Tours – Bob Gordon reported that the tour to England/Scotland was successful and Southern Comfort tour still has space available.

President Pokorski announced that anyone interested in Fire Grant applications is invited to meet with Marilyn Oberti and Joan Craig following the afternoon business session.

Shane Looper issued an invitation to the 2009 CGCI convention in San Mateo

Harriet Behrens issued invitation to the CGCI sponsored Water Conference October 2008.

Merrilee Ray, Wanda Hewitt and Donna Thomas issued an invitation to Winter Board 2009 in Ridgecrest, CA.

President Pokorski announced a recess at 11:00 A.M.

President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 2:00 P.M.

Recording Secretary, Jane McKee, announced that Committee Chairmen and District Director reports would no longer be distributed as part of the

minutes but would be posted to a new special section on the CGCI website.

Maryanne Lucas, 1st Vice President, gave a special presentation on personnel, membership and the future of CGCI.

Chairmen & Team Reports: Greg Pokorski, Chairmen Coordinator reported that the third edition of *All On Board!* had been distributed to all Chairmen and District Directors and is also available online. He introduced those Chairmen reporting.

President Pokorski announced a recess at 4:30 P.M.

President Pokorski reconvened the meeting at 8:30 A.M., Thursday, September 11, 2008

President Pokorski called for a moment of silence in memory of those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001.

Joan Craig moved to ratify the Registration fee of \$25.00 for Fall Board Meeting 2008. The motion was seconded and **PASSED**.

Merrilee Ray moved that the Registration fee for Winter Board 2009 be set not to exceed \$35.00. The motion was seconded and **PASSED**.

Mary-Jo Noth, Chairman, Bylaws Committee read two new Standing Rules recommended by the Policy Committee and moved to adopt:

- **Standing Rule #93** (page D14 under Yearbook): CGCI will not accept advertising for the Yearbook, Manual and Roster.

Rationale: Yearbook should not compete with *Golden Gardens* for advertising. **PASSED**

- **Standing Rule #107** (page D14 under Miscellaneous): Budgeted funds for Chairmen and District Directors are for administrative expenses i.e., postage, copying, office supplies, print cartridges, etc. Allowable expenses exclude Board and Convention registration fees, lodging and meals.

Rationale: Reinforces Standing Rule #59 and clarifies intent of budget use for reimbursement of Chairmen and District Directors.

Greg Pokorski moved to amend the proposed SR 107 by inserting "transportation" between "registration fees" and "lodging". The motion was seconded and **PASSED**.

Amended SR 107 to read: Budgeted funds for Chairmen and District Directors are for administrative expenses i.e., postage, copying, office supplies, print cartridges, etc. Allowable expenses exclude Board and Convention registration fees, transportation, lodging and meals.

PASSED

Committee Chairman reports continued.

Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman, Landscape Design Council moved that LDC report be included in full in the minutes. The motion was seconded and **PASSED** (See Attachment A)

President Pokorski announced that Harriet Behrens had achieved NGC 5-Star Member status.

Corresponding Secretary, Pat Clayes, read a Courtesy Resolution and moved to adopt. **PASSED**. (See Attachment B)

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 A.M.

Submitted

Jane McKee

CGCI Recording Secretary

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Attachment A

LANDSCAPE DESIGN COUNCIL

CGCI FALL BOARD MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 GRASS VALLEY

California Garden Clubs, Inc (CGCI) Landscape Design Council will be honoring the following projects since the 2008 state convention.

Barry Friesen, Rena Webb, Kathryn Vincent and Wanda Webb all helped design and construct the Memorial and Military Rose Garden at the Bell Road Baptist Church in Auburn, CA. This is the only Military Rose Garden in the USA with all military named roses. The blueprint and planting guide is used by visitors from the local rest homes, schools and the general public.

Jerry Thirloway, CGCI District Director of Palomar District has created a private garden which includes planters on the walls, arbors, bird houses and statuary. The roses, orchids, fuchsias, iris, begonias and vines on the trellis provide year around

color. This garden which is featured on many public tours is an example of an English-inspired flower garden.

The Landscape Design Council is now focusing on the wineries in California and selecting the very best gardens to be honored.

Ferrari-Carrano Winery in Healdsburg, CA was started in 1993. This spectacular five acre garden includes colorful parteeeres surrounding the Wine Center and beautiful water features. The botanical park features a gazebo, benches, arbors, meandering paths, footbridges along a stream with waterfalls and ponds. The 2,000 named trees, shrubs, perennials and annuals share the spring with 10,000 tulips for a glorious show.

Fieldbrook Winery in Humboldt County is a beautiful venue which hosts ten weddings each year. It features tiered water fountains on the many patios, cascading ponds filled with water lilies and water hyacinths, red birch trees selected for shade and redwood trees dramatized by outdoor lighting. The native plants contrast with the lush green lawn which provides seating for parties.

These examples may encourage others to realize that there are many people and special projects which can be honored using our same guidelines.

Mary Lou Goodwin, Chairman

Landscape Design Council

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Attachment B

COURTESY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. attending the 2008 Fall Board Meeting in Grass Valley, California, September 8 to September 11, 2008, have benefited from information learned at the Board Meeting and will disseminate said information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

WHEREAS, California Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Robin Pokorski, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That California Garden Clubs, Inc. President Robin Pokorski, through her gracious presiding, and the officers, chairmen and members, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this Board Meeting, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

RESOLVED, That sincere thanks be given to the Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc. Director Jeanette Pruin for graciously accepting CGCI's invitation to attend the Board Meeting.

RESOLVED, That sincere thanks be given to Joan Craig and Myrtle Findley, Co-Chairmen of the 2008 Fall Board Meeting, and, Rose Mary Gaspari, Director of the Host District, the Golden Foothills District, and all of the members of the Golden Foothills District who planned and participated in the success of the 2008 Fall Board Meeting and assured its success by their many courtesies extended;

RESOLVED, That appreciation be extended to all of the floral designers of the Capitol Judges Council, Roseville Arrangers Guild and Auburn Arrangers Guild for the beautiful floral designs.

