



CALIFORNIA GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

BUSINESS MEETING

Friday, January 26, 2007

Santa Maria Inn, Santa Maria

President: Elisabeth A. Tufo

Hosts: CGCI Executive Committee and Montana de Oro District

WINTER BOARD GENERAL MEETING

- 1) President Elisabeth A. Tufo called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. on Friday, January 26, 2007. The Recording Secretary was present.
- 2) Virginia Bennetts led the Pledge of Allegiance and an Inspiration was given by Robert Gordon.
- 3) President Tufo introduced the members of the Executive Board, former CGCI Presidents, Pacific Region Director, Beverly Brune and Timekeeper Glenn Burroughs. Amenities and Protocol Chairman, Marjorie Johnson, introduced President Elisabeth A. Tufo.
- 4) The chair declared a quorum.
Excused: Joan Blankenship, Pat Clayes, Dorothy Peterson, Dorothy Roton, Sharon Thorne and Mary Varieur.
- 5) Parliamentarian Wilma Parker did not read the Rules of Order for CGCI Board Meetings since they were distributed.
- 6) Diane Charbonneau, chairman of the Minutes Review Committee, moved to approve the minutes of the 2006 Fall Board meeting as distributed. **PASSED.**
- 7) Members of the Review Committee for the minutes of this meeting are Chair, Geanne Brown, Lynne Hansen, and Lydia Davis Jeffrey.
- 8) Treasurer Carol Sexton presented the financial report. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (A)**
Carol Sexton read correspondence from the Franchise Tax Board that stated: "The Franchise Tax Board restored the status of this business entity, which was suspended or forfeited in error, and notified the Office of the Secretary of State of the restoration."
- 9) Financial Secretary Geanne Brown showed the forms available.
- 10) Corresponding Secretary Mary-Jo Noth read correspondence from Adrienne Green in thanks for presentation of a CGCI Lifetime Achievement Award.
- 11) Recording Secretary Rita Desilets read the **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS.**

PERSONNEL

- 1) To accept with regret the resignation of Shirley Craver – Youth Activities Chairman.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2) To purchase 1500 3-year calendars (2008-2010), cost not to exceed \$2800. Monies to come from the General Fund. Calendars to be sold at \$5 each. Proceeds over cost allotted to FAST (Flowers at Show Time). **PASSED.**
- 3) To set the Non-profit application fee at \$35 and the renewal fee at \$15. Monies to go to the General Fund. **PASSED.**
- 4) To approve Sempervirens Grove 10 at a cost of \$25,000. **PASSED.**
- 5) To order copies of gardening pamphlets, cost not to exceed \$500. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED.**
- 6) To approve a new Judges Council in the Sacramento/Auburn area. **PASSED.**

RATIFICATIONS

- 7) To ratify payment in the amount \$142 to Paul Klippenstein, CPA, for services rendered to reinstate CGCI's corporate status. Monies to come from the General Fund. **PASSED.**

12) Executive Committee Reports

- **President Elisabeth A. Tufo** read an article about CGCI's founding president, Elvenia J. Slosson. She told of traveling throughout the state and to the California State Home & Garden Show in Sacramento. Recently deceased members of the Board and two former members were remembered.
- **President-Elect Robin Pokorski**, read the President's Project Resolution, 2007-2009. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (B)**
- **Robin Pokorski**, Personnel Chairman, is seeking names to fill openings.

- **Robin Pokorski**, CGCI Official Calendar Chairman and Conventions/Board Meetings Chairman reported that a host is needed for the 2009 Winter Board. Robin Pokorski moved to ratify the CGCI Official Calendar. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (C)**
 - **Robin Pokorski** moved to change the CGCI Yearbook by including the Awards and changing to a two-year 8½" x 11" three ring binder effective June 2007. **PASSED.**
 - **Maryanne Lucas**, Second Vice-President and Awards Chairman reported that National award entries have been submitted. Award judging guidelines were reviewed. The 501(c)(3) renewal fee is set at \$15 due March 31, 2007.
- 13) Recording Secretary Rita Desilets read an **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**. To approve Betty Taylor as a member of the Circle of Poppies. **PASSED.**
- 14) **Executive Committee Reports** continued.
- **Maryanne Lucas** introduced members of the Strategic Planning Committee. District Directors and Executive Board members will receive a rough draft of "*A Guide to Becoming a Dynamic and Successful District Director*". Feedback is due no later than March 1, 2007.
 - **Diane Charbonneau**, *Golden Gardens* editor, thanked for continued support and requested submissions.
 - **Mary-Jo Noth**, Corresponding Secretary, inquired about ease of using the website and electronic call.
 - **Julie West**, Third Vice-President, needs District yearbooks. She discussed the benefits of having a CGCI membership card. A membership table was set up at the California State Home & Garden Show. Julie West moved to ratify four new garden clubs and one affiliate. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (D)**
- 15) President Tufo took names for National Garden Club, Inc. Convention delegates and Pacific Region Convention delegates. Mary-Jo Noth was nominated to represent CGCI at the National Convention. **PASSED.** President Tufo will choose twelve Pacific Region, Convention delegates from the following list: Diane Charbonneau, Glenn Burroughs, Gudrun Kimmel, Judy Unrine, Jean Cooper, Dorothy Copeland, Edris A. Edgar, Jane Troutman, Beverly Switzer, Harry Dedini, Judy Picinini, Betty Rohan and Pat Claves.
- 16) **Committee Reports**
- **Advisory Council Committee** had no report.
 - **Board of Trustees** Chairman, Virginia Bennetts, moved that the CGCI scholarship be limited to college students entering Junior or Senior year. Julie West called for the question. **PASSED.** The motion **PASSED.** Virginia Bennetts moved to investigate internet banks to get higher interest rates for CGCI accounts. **PASSED.** Virginia Bennetts moved to give two-\$2000 scholarships. The motion was withdrawn. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (E)**
 - **Budget and Finance Committee** Chairman, Geanne Brown, reported on the transfer of a CD from Bank of America to Bank of Sierra. The committee strongly requests that the Strategic Planning Committee investigate the possibility of paid monthly bookkeeping/write up assistance for the Treasurer.
- 17) **Bylaws Committee** Chairman, Nancy Lee Loesch, recognized the members of the Bylaws Committee. The Bylaws Committee recommends the following bylaws and standing rules amendments for approval by the Board of Directors for presentation at the 2007 CGCI Convention.
- **Article IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Sec. 3 (g): Now reads:** Life memberships are honorary and require a onetime contribution of seventy-five dollars (\$75.00). Life membership contributions after June 1, 1997 will not include *Golden Gardens*. A club or associate plant society shall pay state dues for all members, including life members. Change by striking: ~~seventy-five dollars (\$75.00)~~ and inserting one hundred dollars (\$100.00). **ADOPTED.**
To Read: Life memberships are honorary and require a onetime contribution of one hundred dollars (\$100.00). Life membership contributions after June 1, 1997 will not include *Golden Gardens*. A club or associate plant society shall pay state dues for all members, including life members. Carlotta Wixon moved to include a life membership pin and a life membership card. Sandi Lord called for the question. **PASSED.** The motion was **NOT PASSED.**
 - **Article IX – DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Sec 6: Now reads:** The director shall file with the state membership chairman by July 10 a legible list of all clubs, affiliates and youth gardeners in the district, with names, addresses, phone and email numbers of club presidents and treasurers and youth gardener leaders. The list must follow the format of the state roster. **Amend by** striking ~~July 10~~ and inserting June 1. Strike ~~must~~ after "the list" and insert should. **ADOPTED.**

To Read: The director shall file with the state membership chairman by June 1 a legible list of all clubs, affiliates and youth gardeners in the district, with names, addresses, phone and email numbers of club presidents and treasurers and youth gardener leaders. The list should follow the format of the state roster.

- **Article XIV – BOARD OF TRUSTEES, Sec. 1: Now Reads:** The board of trustees shall consist of six members, two of whom shall be replaced each even-numbered year, to serve for a six-year term. In the even-numbered year the immediate past president shall become a member, and the president shall appoint a member who has served on the board of directors. No trustee shall serve more than one term or serve concurrently as an officer of the corporation. **Amend by** striking one term and inserting two terms, and the terms shall not be consecutive. **ADOPTED.**
To Read: The board of trustees shall consist of six members, two of whom shall be replaced each even-numbered year, to serve for a six-year term. In the even-numbered year the immediate past president shall become a member, and the president shall appoint a member who has served on the board of directors. No trustee shall serve more than two terms, and the terms shall not be consecutive or serve concurrently as an officer of the corporation.
- **Article XVI – LIABILITY INSURANCE, Sec. 1: Now Reads:** Liability insurance shall be maintained for clubs and associate plant societies who choose to have this insurance. Rate to be recommended by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors. **Amend by** adding and are approved by the insurance carrier after “have this insurance”. **ADOPTED.**
To Read: Liability insurance shall be maintained for clubs and associate plant societies who choose to have this insurance and are approved by the insurance carrier. Rate to be recommended by the executive committee and approved by the board of directors.
- **Article III – CORPORATE SEAL: Now Reads:** The corporate seal shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed upon it the following: “California Garden Clubs, Inc., California. Incorporated May 18, 1936.” **Amend by** adding The corporate seal shall be registered with the California Secretary of State and is for use on official papers only. After a call for the question the amendment was **ADOPTED.**
To Read: The corporate seal shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed upon it the following: “California Garden Clubs, Inc., California. Incorporated May 18, 1936.” The corporate seal shall be registered with the California Secretary of State and is for use on official papers only.
- **Article IX – DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Sec. 1: Now Reads:** The state shall be divided into districts as set forth in the standing rules. A district shall be governed by its individual bylaws which shall not conflict with those of CGCI. **Amend by** adding Dues in the district shall be at the option of the individual district. **ADOPTED.**
To Read: The state shall be divided into districts as set forth in the standing rules. A district shall be governed by its individual bylaws which shall not conflict with those of CGCI. Dues in the district shall be at the option of the individual district.
- **Article XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS, Sec. 3: Now Reads:** Written notice of time and place of the convention shall be mailed to club, associate plant society and affiliate presidents and members of the board of directors at least forty-five days prior to 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. Amend by inserting (electronic or postal) between “shall be mailed” and “to club”. **ADOPTED.**
To Read: 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 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.
- **Article XIX – AMENDMENTS, Sec. 4: Now Reads:** Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote by mail ballot if a convention cannot be held. **Amend by** inserting (electronic or postal) between “by mail” and “ballot it a”. **ADOPTED.**
To Read: Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote by mail (electronic or postal) ballot if a convention cannot be held.
- **Standing Rule #6 (New): To Read:** Proposals to endorse any products or commercial enterprises shall be thoroughly investigated and approved by the Board of Directors to determine that such endorsement would not be in conflict with CGCI’s stated objectives, or jeopardize CGCI’s tax exempt status at any governmental level. **ADOPTED.**

- **Standing Rule #15: Now Reads:** It is the responsibility of all chairmen to supply updated material pertinent to their chairmanship to education chairman at winter board meeting in the election year. This material is to be included in the education kits for distribution to executive committee, district directors, presidents of clubs-at-large, district director coordinator, permanent files chairman, and chairman coordinator at the organizational board meeting. **Amend by deleting. ADOPTED.**
- **Standing Rule #16: Now Reads:** Instructions for special committees shall be sent by the recording secretary to the special committee chairman within one week of the appointment. **Amend by deleting. ADOPTED.**
- **Standing Rule #77 (New): To Read:** A club may be designated a club-at-large by the Board of Directors because it is geographically located in an inactive district. It shall pay annual per capita dues and be eligible for liability insurance and awards program. It shall be informed about CGCI activities and functions of special interest by a designated chairman. **ADOPTED.**
- **Standing Rule #80: Now Reads:** The advisory council shall monitor current state projects to determine their viability and worthiness and shall advise the executive committee at each winter board meeting on the continuation or termination of each state project. **Amend by deleting. ADOPTED.**
- **Standing Rule #104 (New): To Read:** Permission shall be required from the Executive Committee to use the CGCI logo in the design of any fundraising project (s) sponsored by a CGCI member club, district, flower show judges council, landscape design council, gardening consultants council, environmental council, or any combination thereof. **TABLED.**
- **Standing Rule #105 (New): To Read:** CGCI stationery is to be used for CGCI correspondence only and not to be used for club, district, or personal correspondence. **ADOPTED.**
- **Standing Rule #106 (New): To Read:** The concept of any new publication must first be approved by the Board of Directors. If approved, content must be approved by the Executive Committee prior to publication. **TABLED.**

18) After a fifteen minute recess, President Tufo resumed the meeting at 11:45 A.M.

19) **Presidential Citations**, read by Robin Pokorski, were presented by President Tufo honoring MaryLou Goodwin for chairing the 2006 Fall Board Meeting in Fortuna and Robert Gordon for leading the tour to Washington DC.

20) **Bylaws Committee recommendations** (continued)

- **Article VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

- **Now Reads:**

- Sec. 1. Officers shall be elected at the convention in odd-numbered years and assume office at the end of convention in the election year. Term of office of all officers shall be two years, or until their successors are elected or appointed. Any officer who has served more than half a term is considered to have served a full term in that office.

- Sec. 2. Eligibility.

- (a) All officers shall hold membership in a member garden club.

- (b) All elected and appointed officers, excepting one financial officer per administrative term, shall have previously served on the board of directors.

- (c) No officer shall be eligible to the same office for more than one term except recording secretary, financial secretary, treasurer, and *Golden Gardens* editor, who shall be eligible for two terms. No officer shall serve longer than four years in any one position. These restrictions shall not apply to appointive office of parliamentarian.

- (d) The president and first vice-president shall be past presidents of a member garden club, or past district directors, and shall have served at least three years on the state board of directors and one or more years on the executive committee.

- (e) The second and third vice-presidents shall be one of the following: 1) past president of a member garden club; or 2) past district director; or 3) past member of the state executive committee, each shall have served at least two years on the state boards.

- (f) The financial secretary and treasurer shall have knowledge of banking procedure, and recording financial transactions.

- Sec. 3.

- (a) A nominating committee of seven members, each of whom shall have served on the board of directors and be present when nominated, shall be nominated from the floor at the convention in odd-numbered years. Vote shall be by ballot unless there are only seven members nominated when election may be

held by voice vote. A majority vote shall elect. No members shall serve longer than two terms, no member shall serve for two consecutive terms. No district shall be represented on the committee two consecutive terms. The committee shall elect a chairman. Five members shall constitute a quorum. In event of a vacancy the president shall appoint a replacement from the district in which vacancy occurred.

(b) Chairman of the nominating committee shall file with the president, two weeks before the winter board meeting, a ticket of one candidate for each office. The ticket shall be included in the nominating committee chairman's preliminary report at the winter board meeting and shall be appended to the call to convention.

(c) At convention, after the nominating committee has presented its report and before voting for the different offices takes place, the chair must call for further nominations from the floor.

Sec. 4. Election. The election shall be held on the first day that business is conducted at the convention.

The election board shall be composed of 5 members appointed at the Winter Board meeting from the Board of Directors: a chairman, two tellers, a clerk and a judge. Vote shall be by ballot unless there is but one candidate for each office, when election may be held by voice vote. A majority vote shall elect. In case of a national emergency and cancellation of convention, the executive committee shall conduct the election by mail.

Sec. 5. In the event of a vacancy in an elected office the president shall be empowered to appoint an interim officer, such appointment to be approved by the executive committee and ratified by the board of directors at their next meeting.

Sec. 6. In event of a vacancy in the office of president, the first vice president shall succeed, if the first vice president declines, the second and third vice presidents shall succeed in order; if the second and third vice presidents decline the vacancy shall be filled by the board of directors, voting upon the recommendation of the executive committee.

Amend by replacing with:

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Sec. 1. Officers

a. When elected and term of office

1. Officers shall be elected at the convention in odd-numbered years and assume office at the end of convention in the election year.

2. Term of office of all officers shall be two years or until their successors are elected or appointed. Any officer who has served more than half a term is considered to have served a full term in that office.

b. Eligibility

1. All officers shall hold membership in a member garden club.

2. All elected and appointed officers, except one financial officer per administrative term, shall have served previously on the board of directors.

3. The recording, corresponding, and financials secretaries, treasurer and *Golden Gardens* editor only shall be eligible for two terms. No officer shall serve longer than four years in any one position except that eligibility restrictions shall not apply to the appointive office of parliamentarian.

4. The president and first vice-president shall have served at least three years on the board of directors and one or more years on the executive committee and

- a) as president of a member garden club; or
- b) as district director.

5. The second and third vice-presidents each shall have served at least two years on the boards of directors and shall have served in one of the following capacities:

- a) president of a member garden club; or
- b) district director; or
- c) member of the executive committee.

6. The financial secretary and treasurer shall have knowledge of banking procedure and of recording financial transactions.

c. Elections

1. At convention, after the nominating committee has presented its report and before voting for the different offices takes place, the chair must call for further nominations from the floor.

2. The election shall be held on the first day that business is conducted at the convention.

3. The election board shall be composed of five members appointed at the winter board meeting from the board of directors: a chairman, two tellers, a clerk and a judge.

4. Vote shall be by ballot unless there is only one candidate for each office, when election shall be held by voice vote.

5. A majority vote shall elect. If a particular office is not filled after three ballots, then the next ballot shall be a run-off election between the two candidates for that office who received the highest number of votes on the third ballot.

6. In the event of an emergency and cancellation of convention, the executive committee shall conduct the election by mail (electronic or postal).

d. Vacancies

1. In the event of a vacancy in an elected office, the president shall be empowered to appoint an interim officer, such appointment to be approved by the executive committee and ratified by the board of directors at the next meeting.
2. In the event of a vacancy in the office of president, the president-elect or first vice president shall succeed. If the president-elect or first vice president declines, the second and third vice presidents shall succeed in order. If the second and third vice presidents decline the vacancy shall be filled by the board of directors, voting upon the recommendation of the executive committee.

Sec. 2 Nominating Committee

a. When elected and term of office

1. A nominating committee of seven (7) shall be elected following the election of officers at the convention in odd-numbered years.
2. Term of office of all nominating committee members shall be two years, or until their successors are elected or appointed.

b. Eligibility

1. Each member shall have served on the board of directors and be present when nominated.
2. No member shall serve more than two terms and the terms shall not be consecutive.
3. No district shall be represented on the committee two consecutive terms.

c. Election

1. Following the election of officers, the chair shall call for nominations from the floor.
2. Vote shall be by ballot unless there are only seven (7) members nominated, when election shall be held by voice vote.
3. A plurality vote shall elect.

d. Duties

1. The committee shall assume office at the end of convention in the election year.
2. The committee shall elect a chairman. Five members shall constitute a quorum.
3. At the fall board meeting, in odd-numbered years, the committee shall notify all board members of offices to be filled, such notice to be published in the following issue of *Golden Gardens*.
4. The chairman of the committee shall file with the president, two weeks before the winter board meeting of odd-numbered years, a slate of at least one candidate for each office.
5. The slate shall be included in the chairman's preliminary report at the winter board meeting in odd-numbered years and shall be appended to the call to convention.

e. Vacancies

1. In event of a vacancy, the president shall appoint a replacement from the same district of the vacating member. **ADOPTED.**

- **Article IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Sec. 3 (a): Now Reads:** Garden Clubs and Associate Plant Societies shall pay annual dues of one dollar twenty-five cents (\$1.25) per capita, which shall included dues to NGC. **Amend by** striking ~~one dollar twenty-five cent (\$1.25)~~ and insert two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25).

To Read: Garden Clubs and Associate Plant Societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per capita, which shall included dues to NGC.

Lorraine Ornelas moved to amend by striking \$2.25 and inserting \$2.00. Lorraine called for division.

35 Yes, and 44 No votes were recorded. **NOT PASSED.** The amended bylaw was **ADOPTED.**

21) President Tufo suspended the meeting at 12:12 P.M.

22) The meeting resumed at 2:25 P.M.

23) George Speer moved to reconsider **Article IV – MEMBERSHIP AND DUES, Sec. 3 (a).** **PASSED.**

George Speer moved to amend by adding “to be effective July 1, 2008.” **ADOPTED.**

To Read: Garden Clubs and Associate Plant Societies shall pay annual dues of two dollars and twenty-five cents (\$2.25) per capita, which shall included dues to NGC to be effective July 1, 2008.

24) **Committee Reports** (continued)

- **2007 CGCI Convention** Co-Chairman, Gloria Aminian, reviewed plans and invited all to the Convention in Bakersfield sponsored by Sequoia Foothills District from June 4-7, 2007.
- **2006 Fall Board** held in Fortuna was sponsored by Humboldt District. Chairman, Mary Lou Goodwin, reported. **SEE ATTACHMENTS (F)**
- **Jubilee Committee** Chairman, Robert Gordon, reported that the Washington tour was very successful. A check for \$4400 was presented to CGCI.
Upcoming Jubilee events include: a Door Decorating Contest; visits to Garden Centers (Spring Fling); Designer Denim Jackets; sponsorship incentives; Jubilee ornaments; and a Perry pot floral design exhibition.

- **Nominating Committee** report was given by Gudrun Kimmel in the absence of Chairman Dorothy Roton. Members of the committee were introduced. They represent the following Districts: Desert Empire, Costa Verde, Orange County, Santa Clara, Luther Burbank, Mendo-Lake, and Palomar.

The slate of officers for 2007-2009 is as follows:

President – Robin Pokorski
 First Vice-President – Maryanne Lucas
 Second Vice-President – Julie West
 Third Vice-President – George Speer
 Recording Secretary – Jane McKee
 Corresponding Secretary – Pat Clayes
 Treasurer – Ed Dempsey
 Financial Secretary – Joelle Holford
Golden Garden's Editor – Diane Charbonneau

The Nominating Committee was thanked and told that they may stand down.

- **Pacific Region Convention** Chairman, Jean Reiley, stated that National Garden Clubs, Inc. President, Kitty Larkin, will be attending the convention held at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel and Convention Center from April 20-22, 2007. The Sideways Tour will begin on April 23, 2007.
- **Wildflower Conference** Chairman, Merilee Ray, reported that the conference will be held from May 8-10 in Bishop.
- **Youth Administrative Committee** was represented by Shane Looper who moved to ratify one youth group. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (G)**

25) Chairmen Coordinator, Greg Pokorski introduced the **Chairman's Reports**.

26) Life Membership Chairman, Carlotta Wixon, presented a Pacific Region life membership to David West. Carlotta Wixon moved to ratify eight new CGCI life members, two Pacific Region life members and one National life member. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (H)**

27) District Director Coordinator, Hoberley Schuler, introduced the **District Directors' Reports**.

28) Shane Looper moved to ratify one youth group. **PASSED. SEE ATTACHMENTS (G)**

29) Robert Gordon is planning a tour from June 30 - July 7, 2007 to London, England including the Hampton Court Flower Show.

30) President Elisabeth A. Tufo adjourned the meeting at 5:27 P.M.

Submitted,

Rita Desilets
 CGCI Recording Secretary

2007 WINTER BOARD MEETING – ATTACHMENTS

A) Carol Sexton – CGCI ACCOUNT – Selected Accounts Balance Sheet as of 12/31/06

ASSETS

Cash and Bank Accounts	
B of A CD-Cert. of Deposit	\$87,766.80
B of A Checking-Checking Account	45,854.99
B of A CD #2	100,177.27
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	\$233,799.06

Other Assets

Golden Gardens	\$19,998.88
Inventory-Ornaments	1,852.00
PREPAID DEPOSITS-Hotels & Meetings	1,500.00
TOTAL Other Assets	\$23,350.88

TOTAL ASSETS \$257,149.94

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Awards	\$7,240.77
Blue Star Memorial	2,273.57
CGCI Jubilee Grant Program	894.00
CGCI Magazine File Boxes	256.28
CGCI Scholarship Fund	48,038.20
Donor Christy Fitz Mem.Fund	1,410.01
Donor Copeland Fund	11,885.04
Donor Eleanor Miller Fund	4,500.00
Donor Helen Minor Mem. Flower School	5,213.65
Donor Will J. Tebo Scholarship	1,400.45
Educational Schools Fund	7,900.00
Flower Show School	105.80
Gardening Consultants Council	449.65
Gardening Study	2,211.26
Habitat For Humanity	55.00
Honor Book	9,591.36
Junior Gardeners	371.32
Landscape Design School	4,379.54
Liability Insurance	23,084.23
Life Membership Scholarship	6,225.00
Permanent Files	2,500.00
Symposium Reserve	12,137.62
Wildflower Conference	4,033.66
Youth Conference Fund	572.66
Youth Gardener Grant	900.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$157,629.07

TOTAL ASSETS LESS RESTRICTED FUNDS(EQUITY) \$99,520.87

TOTAL RESTRICTED & EQUITY \$257,149.94

FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR OPERATION \$99,520.87 LESS \$23,350.88= \$ 76,169.99

B) Robin Pokorski – 2007-2009 President’s Project Resolution

Whereas, A thirty-three acre site in Thousand Oaks, California was given in 1973 to the Conejo Valley Recreation and Park District by Klingbeil Corporation;

Whereas, The Gregor Mendel Botanic Foundation Inc. was established in 1973 to develop and maintain the site subsequently named the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden with the grand opening in 1981;

Whereas, The garden, an affiliate of CGCI, is supported entirely by memberships, donations, grants, dedicated members and volunteers, some of whom are CGCI members;

Whereas, This hilltop garden with a view of the Conejo Valley has native plants cultivated for display and preservation, a salvia collection, a butterfly garden, an herb garden, an oak grove, nature trails following a creek, a California Rare Fruit Growers orchard, a bird habitat and Kids’ Adventure Garden;

Whereas, The garden is a sanctuary for the abundant wildlife and an educational resource for the community;

Whereas, The garden is in need of additional trees, many of which will be native trees, in the “Trail of Tress” section, installation expenses for these plantings, and a picnic area in the shade of the trees, therefore, be it

Resolved, That California Garden Clubs, Inc., for the 2007-2009 administrative term, adopt this fund-raising state president’s project of helping to pay for trees, installation expense, and a picnic table in the shade of the trees, and;

Resolved, That checks made payable to the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden or CVBG be sent to the CGCI state chairman for this project, who will keep records of the transactions for California Garden Clubs, Inc and forward the donations to the Conejo Valley Botanic Garden.

C) Official Calendar Dates for Ratification – Robin Pokorski, CGCI President-Elect Conventions/Board Meetings Chairman

- January 25-27, 2007 CGCI Winter Board, Santa Maria
Host: CGCI Executive Committee & Montana de Oro District
- September 13-15, 2007 CGCI Fall Board, Torrance. Marriott Hotel
Host: Costa Verde District Chairman: Diane Charbonneau
- January 17-19, 2008 CGCI Winter Board, Redding. Red Lion Hotel
Host: Cascade District Chairman: Lorna Bonham
- June 6-9, 2008 CGCI 77th Convention, Woodland Hills. Hilton Hotel
Host: San Fernando Valley District Co-Chairman: Rita Desilets and Pat Zarnowski
Special Guest – NGC President Barbara May
- September 17-19, 2008 CGCI Fall Board, Grass Valley
Host: Golden Foothills District Co-Chairman: Joan Craig and Myrtle Findley
- 2009 (Date TBA) CGCI 78th Convention
Host: Bay Ocean & Santa Clara Valley Districts
Chairman: Shane Looper
Special guest Pacific Region Director Jeannette Pruin
- 2010 (Date TBA) CGCI 79th Convention
Host: Channel Islands District
- 2011 (Date TBA) CGCI 80th Convention
Host: Luther Burbank District

D) Julie West – New Clubs/Associate Plant Societies/Affiliates Ratifications

CLUB	DISTRICT	MEMBERS
Moro Bay Garden Club	Montana de Oro District	17 members
Ikebana International, Sacramento, Chapter #26	Sacramento River Valley District	47 members
Hilmar Garden Club	Yosemite Gateway District	28 members
Evening Garden Club	Sequoia Foothills District	19 members
AFFILIATE		
Ikebana Int., San Francisco Bay Area, Chapter #31	CGCI Affiliate	248 members

E) Board of Trustees – Virginia Bennetts, Chairman

The Board of Trustees met with Rosalie Hooper, Scholarship Chairman, to discuss why we did not receive any scholarship applications this year. It was decided that scholarships should be limited to college students entering their Junior or Senior year, because just out of High School do not know what their Major will be. Applications will be down-loaded from the CGCI website. Information put on the website is to be provided by the Scholarship Chairman.

Districts and Clubs are to be urged to offer scholarships to High School students.

Any district or club offering a scholarship should have a notice about it placed on our website.

I move that the Board of Directors accept these recommendations.

The Board of Trustees recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee investigate ING Direct, Vanguard, E Trade and other internet banks to find higher interest rates for our accounts.

F) Mary Lou Goodwin – 2006 Fall Board Report

Humboldt District welcomed CGCI to its Fall Board Meeting September 13-15, 2006 in Fortuna during the city's 100th anniversary. Trees were planted at the Humboldt Botanical Garden at College of the Redwoods during the "Patriotic Tree" Ceremony and the celebration for CGCI's Diamond Jubilee.

Ninety Board members participated in the meetings and sixty local garden club members enjoyed the lunches and dinners. Special programs featured information about heathers, frogs and the Humboldt Wildlife Refuge.

A bus tour went from Fortuna to Arcata, home of Sun Valley Floral Farms.

The Landscape Design Council presented a Certificate of Commendation to Jim Sullivan of Eureka for sharing his garden with the community.

Our theme was "Sharing the Pleasures of the Redwoods". Everyone will always remember this friendly and fun event.

Financial Statement: Income: \$13,845.00 Expenses: \$12,999.33 Net Profit: \$845.67

G) Shane Looper: Youth Group Ratifications

SPONSOR	DISTRICT	CLUB
Ceres Garden Club	Valley Lode District	Sinclair Elementary School "Grizzlies"
Clear Lake Trowel and Trellis GC	Mendo-Lake District	Kelseyville Elem. School

H) Carlotta Wixon: Life Membership Ratifications

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NAME	CLUB	DISTRICT
Jo La Fond Marshall	Los Osos Garden Club	Montana de Oro District
George Zelany	Forestville, CA	Luther Burbank District
Irene Zani	Redding Wonderland Garden Club	Cascade District
Rosemary Thomas	Redding Wonderland Garden Club	Cascade District
Heliodora McConico	Tumbleweeds Garden Club	Desert Empire District
Leonard Bucheger	Tumbleweeds Garden Club	Desert Empire District
Marsha Lawler	Tumbleweeds Garden Club	Desert Empire District
Ed Baldwin	Cactus Wren Garden Club	Roadrunner District

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Lucille Neilson	Desert Planters of Ridgecrest	Desert Empire District
J. David West	Rohnert Park GC & Santa Rosa GC	Luther Burbank District

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Grace Seward	Rancho de Duarte Garden Club	Arboretum District
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