

California Garden Clubs, Inc
Minutes of the Pre-Convention Board Meeting
Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, California
Tuesday, June 6, 2023
Host: Southern California Garden Club
President: Lynne Batchelor

President Lynne Batchelor called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m. The Recording Secretary was present.

Departing from the agenda, without objection, President Lynne Batchelor announced that the Executive Committee has recommended the following members be elected to the Circle of Poppies: Chuck Goodwin, Robert Gordon, Jane McKee, Beverly Switzer, Charlotte Tucker, and Carlotta Wixon-Welker. **Motion Passed.**

New Circle of Poppies Members were welcomed into the meeting and introduced along with the other Circle of Poppies members in attendance: Judy Unrine, Carolyn Villi, and Rosa Radicchi.

Blue Star and Gold Star Families Memorial Markers Co-Chairman George Unrine led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Humboldt District Director Maria Krenek gave the Inspiration.

President Lynne Batchelor introduced the Executive Committee.

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

Excused: Gloria Barry, Kathy Bramhall, Mary Brooks, Carolyn Fergoda, Sandra Graff, Cheryl Habriel, Diane Hill, Rosalie Hooper, Gudrun Kimmel, Marlene Kinney, Ron Lang, Monica Lewis, Nancy McDougal, Krystal Migliore, George Perko, Jeri Stark, Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Emily Troxell, Elisabeth Tufo, David West, Julie A. West and Pat York

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski read excerpts from the Rules of Order for 2021-2023 Board Meetings, adopted at the May 29, 2021 Organizational Meeting and available in the posted minutes for that meeting..

Without objection the chair appointed the following Minutes Review Committee: Chairman, Greg Pokorski, George Speer, and Jeanne Johnson.

Without objection the minutes of the January 29 to February 1, 2023 Winter Board Meeting in Valley Center were approved as distributed March 14, 2023.

President Lynne Batchelor presented awards and certificates and deferred her report to convention.

President-elect Carol Vallens presented the second reading of the 2023-2025 President's Project Resolution and moved its adoption. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment A.

2nd Vice-President Adele Kelly moved on behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee to adopt these proposed changes to Standing Rules:

Standing Rule #16. The president-elect shall set his/her board (invite, select and confirm those serving as committee chairmen) no later than ~~March~~ May 1 of the year he/she is installed.

Motion Passed (unanimous).

Standing Rule #17. Names and email addresses ~~of~~ for members of the Nominating Committee shall be printed in *Golden Gardens eNews*.

Motion Passed as amended (unanimous).

3rd Vice-President Marlene Kinney was absent and her report was deferred to convention.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst deferred her report to convention.

Corresponding Secretary Milly Benson read two thank you notes from Golden Gate Conservancy for \$1000.00 donated to Black Point Historic Gardens and for \$9,000+ donation to the San Diego River Center at Grant Park.

Interim Financial Secretary Rita Desilets gave the Financial Report for Treasurer George Perko.

Financial Report: April 30, 2023

Net worth:

Total cash in checking/savings accounts	\$119,170	
Total other assets	\$505,533	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$624,703
Of which liabilities and restricted funds are	\$399,803	

Cash Balance Available \$224,900

Interim Financial Secretary Rita Desilets deferred her report to convention.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported regarding use of voting cards and being prepared for the election of the Nominating Committee at convention.

Executive Committee Recommendations

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

1. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Vicki Garcia as Costa Verde District Director.
Motion Passed.
2. To accept, with regret, the resignation of Lynn MacFarland as Flower Show Schedules Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
3. To ratify the appointment of Roseann Costabile as member of the Board of Trustees for the remainder of the 2022-2028 term. **Motion Passed.**
4. To approve Roseann Costabile to serve concurrently as Santa Clara Valley District Director, as a member of the Nominating Committee and as a member of the Board of Trustees. **Motion Passed.**
5. To ratify the appointment of Julie A. West to serve as Black Point Historic Gardens Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
6. To ratify the appointment of Bette Tang to serve as Environmental Schools Chairman. **Motion Passed.**

7. To approve Alexis Slafer to serve concurrently as Costa Verde District Director, as Landscape Design Schools Chairman, as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a member of the Board Meetings and Conventions Procedures Committee.
Motion Passed.
8. To approve Launa Gould to serve concurrently as Orange County District Director, Liability Insurance Chairman, *Golden Garden e/news* editor, member of the Technology Committee and member of Board Meetings and Convention Procedures Committee.
Motion Passed.
9. To ratify the appointments of Diane Hernandez, Chandra Vanderhorst, David Vanderhorst, Davis Vanderhorst and Taylor Vanderhorst as delegates to the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, May 2-5, 2023.
Motion Passed.
10. To ratify official calendar dates for Environmental School Series 7 in Modesto: Course 1- November 4-5, 2023; Course 2-January 6-7, 2024; Course 3-February 3-4, 2024; Course 4- March 2-3, 2024; Berni Hendrix, Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
11. To approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for George Perko, CPA, MBA, to provide financial services to CGCI for the 2023-2025 term. Monies to come from the general fund line code 102 External Treasurer for \$3,600.00 per year. **Motion Passed.** See attachment to the June 5, 2023 Executive Committee Meeting minutes.
12. To ratify the donation of \$1,000.00 to the Sempervirens Fund for the dedication of a redwood tree in honor of CGCI Presidents from 2010 to 2020 at Big Basin Redwoods State Park. Money to come from Honor Book Fund, l/c 31007. **Motion Passed.**
13. That the annual liability insurance rate for the 2024-2025 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.
14. To add a new Restricted Fund line code, 31027 for the Glenn & Anne Capes Memorial Scholarship to deposit Anderson Valley Garden Club's \$10,000 donation and directly draw \$2,000 scholarships. **Motion Passed.**
15. To add new line codes to 2022-2023 budget:
1581 Black Point Historic Garden Project - \$50.00
1582 Conejo Valley Botanic Garden Project - \$50.00. **Motion Passed.**
16. To pay \$199 over the \$600 budgeted for l/c 402, QuickBooks Premier. **Motion Passed.**
17. To add \$438 to new line code 4014R to cover the cost of a president's pin/pendant for incoming president Carol Vallens. **Motion Passed.**
18. To close l/c 31518-1 Sempervirens Big Basin Recovery Fund, transferring the balance as of June 30, 2023 to the Sempervirens Fund, Big Basin Recovery Fund. **Motion Passed.**
19. To add restricted l/c 31511G, President's Project 2023-2025. **Motion Passed.**
20. To add new l/c 902C Tech Support – Plug-ins with budget of \$300. **Motion Passed.**
21. To ratify a Flower Show School sponsored by Red Bluff Garden Club beginning in spring of 2024 and ending in the fall of 2025. Dates and location to be determined. Dottie Renstrom, Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
22. To ratify a Flower Show School sponsored by Palomar District beginning in October 2025. Dates and location to be determined. Marcia Bode, Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
23. To accept River Valley Garden Club's petition to transfer from Valley Lode District back to Sacramento River Valley District, based on its voted approval. **Motion Passed.**
24. To pay \$1087.00 over the budgeted \$5000.00 for l/c 1906 President NGC and Pacific Region.
Motion Passed.

Registrar Robin Pokorski moved to recess the meeting until after the Convention Ceremonial Opening because the color guard has arrived. **Motion Passed.**

Meeting recessed at 3:56 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 4:23 p.m.

Life Membership Chairman Carlotta Wixon-Welker moved to ratify the following new CGCI Life Members:

Lenore Karp	Bay Ocean District
Jon Bush	Roadrunner District
Kathleen Reynolds	Luther Burbank District
Jane Kaylor	Costa Verde District
Paula Elias	Valley Lode District
Berni Hendrix	Valley Lode District
Deb Travail	Valley Lode District
Kim Neal	Orange County District
Patricia Holloway	Orange County District
Betsey Dunn	Orange County District
Christine Hingley	Valley Lode District
Linda Travis	San Fernando Valley District
Ginger Taylor	Palomar District

Motion Passed.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski moved on behalf of Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman Sue Bennett to ratify Salida Garden Club, Escalon Farmington Community Garden Club and the Valley Floral Arrangers Guild to join the CGCI Group Tax Exemption Program. **Motion Passed.**

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski moved on behalf of Group Tax Exemption Program Chairman Sue Bennett to ratify the removal of the Garden and Floral Arrangers Guild and the McCloud Garden Club from the Group Tax Exemption Program. **Motion Passed.**

Interim Financial Secretary and Chairman of the Budget & Finance Committee Rita Desilets presented and moved to adopt the 2023-2024 budget as amended (following Webmaster Jane McKee’s motion to switch the amounts indicated for line codes 901 and 4010).

Motion Passed. See Attachment B. (Per follow-up discussions, the issue regarding the motion to amend was confused, no change to the amounts associated with these line codes was necessary, and the budget was not changed.)

Announcements were made.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Gail Vanderhorst _____ Date _____
Recording Secretary

Attachment A
2023-2025 President's Project Resolution
Plant America: Planting the Seeds of Tomorrow, Today
(Building our Scholarship Fund)

Whereas, California Garden Clubs, Inc., hereafter referred to as CGCI, is a 501c3 charitable, educational nonprofit organization, and;

Whereas, in May 1965-the first two CGCI scholarship recipients received \$500, and;

Whereas, \$500 awarded in 1965 when allowing for inflation would in 2023 equate to nearly \$5,000 and;

Whereas,-CGCI has awarded two \$2,000 scholarships annually to recipients with funds coming from the existing Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund, and;

Whereas, "The cost of attending a four-year college full time, including tuition, fees, and room and board has increased 180% annually since 1978", according to the National Center for Education Statistics and;

Whereas, we have more scholarship applications from well-qualified and worthy students than funding available for the scholarship program; therefore, be it

Resolved, now is the time for the largest state organization in National Garden Clubs, Inc. to add to the Scholarship Donations/Life Membership fund (Line Code 31513), and to correct the imbalance between the growing need and CGCI's ability to meet the need, and;

Resolved, that California Garden Clubs, Inc. adopt "**Planting the Seeds of Tomorrow, Today (Building our Scholarship Fund)**" as the 2023-2025 President's Project. The purpose being to raise funds to increase the scholarship dollar amount awarded per recipient and/or to increase the number of scholarships awarded beginning in 2024, and

Resolved, that donations made by members, clubs, districts, individuals from the general public and companies be made payable to "CGCI" with "President's Project 2023-25" added in the memo line and be sent to the President's Project chairman, who will keep records of the transactions and forward the donations to the CGCI Treasurer for deposit into the Temporarily Restricted Fund 2023-2025 President's Project (Line Code 31511G), and;

Resolved, on, or around June 15, (in 2024 and in 2025) the balance will be transferred to the CGCI's Temporarily Restricted Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund (Line Code 31513). Should the amount transferred exceed \$5000 per year to the aforementioned fund, the funds received in excess of \$5000 per year may be awarded after the 2026 scholarship year. Funds from this 2023-25 President's Project shall be used to meet the highest scholarship need, as determined by the Scholarship Committee, and;

Resolved, that any funds remaining in the Temporarily Restricted Fund 2023-25 President's Project as of June 30, 2025 (line code 31511G) shall be transferred to CGCI's Temporarily Restricted Scholarship Donations/Life Membership Fund (Line Code 31513) for the purposes detailed in previous paragraphs.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carol Vallens
President-Elect 2022-2023

Attachment B
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Budget 2023-2024

Line Code	Description	Budget	
	Revenue		
5001	Contributions/Donations	500	
5101	Convention Profit	1,000	
	Dues		
5201	Dues-Affiliates 1 x \$50 = \$50	50	
5202	Dues-APS 3448 x \$2.75 = \$9,482	9,482	
5203	Dues-Clubs 13,560 x \$2.75 = \$37,290	37,290	
5301	Fundraising Revenue	0	
5401	Group Tax Exemption Program Fees	1,500	
5601	Interest	500	
	Membership		
5701	Membership Banners	150	
5702	Membership Cards	250	
5703	Member Award of Distinction	150	
	Miscellaneous Income		
5801	Bad check fees reimbursements	0	
5804	Program Speakers Refund	0	
5805	NGC/PR Refund	0	
5807	CGCI Hosted Meetings	0	
5808	CGCI Hosted NGC/PR Conventions	0	
6001	Scholarship - transfer from Scholarship Fund	4,000	
6101	State Pins & Miscellaneous Sales	1,000	
6301	Yearbook Sales	500	
	Total Revenue	56,372	
	Expenses		
	Administration		
101	Auditor	5,500	
102	External Treasurer	3,600	
201	Directors & Officers Insurance	2,500	
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	1,000	
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 8/15/29	0	
506	State Raffle Permit	20	

701	Office Supplies	500	
705	PO Box Annual Fee	250	
801	RingCentral 888# \$36.76 @ month x 12	450	
802	CGCI Virtual Meetings	350	
901	Website	3,925	
902A	Tech Support - Mail Chimp	300	
902B	Tech Support - Adobe Acrobat Pro	300	
902C	Tech Support - Plug-ins	300	
1001	Yearbook (Directory) Printing	5,000	
	Total Administration	43,268	
	<i>Chairman Expenses</i>		
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	
1518	DD Mailbox Chairman	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	
1565	Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose	50	
1567	Donation Administrator	50	
1569	Stamps	50	

1571	Photo Roster	50	
1577	Endowment Fund Promotions	50	
1578	Climate Awareness	50	
1581	Black Point Historic Garden Project	50	
1582	Conejo Valley Botanic Garden Project	50	
	Total Chairman Expenses	2,300	
	<i>Chairman Expenses with Special Funding</i>		
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 Dues Bills, Admin, Certs, & APS	500	
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	
	Total Chairman with Special Funding	5,000	
	<i>District Director Expenses</i>		
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	
	Total District Director Expenses	2,600	
	<i>Membership</i>		

1801	Membership Banners	150	
1802	Membership Cards (printing)	250	
1803	Membership - bookmarks, brochures	1,500	
1804	Misc. Dues Refunds	0	
1805	Organization Locator Service	300	
	Total Membership Expenses	2,200	
	Officers Expenses		
1901	1st Vice President (year before Pres-Elect)	250	
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	
	Total Officers Expenses	16,350	
	Other Expenses		
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	
	Total Other Expenses	5,650	
	Misc. Expenses		
4001	NGC/Pac Region related expenses incl visits	1,000	
4002	Bank charges	0	
4002A	PayPal Merchant Fees	50	
4003	Memorial Donations	250	
4006	#54 Yearbook Award	350	
4007	3 Year Calendar printing	0	
4010	WebTech Therapy	1,250	
4011	Penny Pines donation	0	
4012	Interest transfer to Scholarship	0	
4014	Miscellaneous Board Authorized (A thru M)	0	
4014O	Tree for Arbor Day	100	
4014P	Sempervirens Big Basin Recovery Fund	0	
4014Q	Circle of Poppies Pins	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	
	Total Misc. Expenses	3,100	
	Total Expenses	80,468	
	Revenue Less Expenses	-24,096	

California Gardens Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the 91st Convention
June 5 – 9, 2023
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Host: Southern California Garden Club
President Lynne Batchelor

Business Meeting #1

President Lynne Batchelor called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. The Recording Secretary was present.

President's Alternate from Dos Valles Garden Club Deedee Speer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Santa Clara Valley District Director Roseann Costabile gave the Inspiration.

President Lynne Batchelor welcomed attendees; thanked the hosts, Convention Chairman Rita Desilets and Southern California Garden Club President Harriet Vallens; and introduced the Executive Committee, Circle of Poppies members Chuck Goodwin, Robert Gordon, Jane McKee, Rosa Radicchi, Beverly Switzer, Charlotte Tucker, Judy Unrine, Carolyn Villi and Carlotta Wixon-Welker and former CGCI Presidents in attendance: Bob Gordon, Robin Pokorski, Rita Desilets, and Sue Bennett.

President Lynne Batchelor introduced those members serving on the National Garden Clubs and the Pacific Region Garden Clubs boards.

Members of Southern California Garden Club were recognized. First-timers were recognized,

Credentials Chairman Greg Pokorski gave the preliminary credentials report with a voting strength of 72 and moved for its adoption. **Motion Passed.**

President Lynne Batchelor declared a quorum was present.

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the preliminary registration report with a total registration of 134.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski read the Convention Rules of Order on pages 10 and 11 of the Convention Program book and moved for their adoption. **Motion Passed.**

Convention Chairman Rita Desilets moved to adopt the 91st Convention Program as corrected. **Motion Passed.**

Without objection the Chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes of this meeting: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Jeanne Johnson and George Speer.

President Lynne Batchelor announced that minutes of the 2022 Convention were approved at the 2022 Fall Board Meeting.

Financial Report:

Interim Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported for Treasurer George Perko.

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Officers' Reports

President Lynne Batchelor distributed appreciation certificates and gifts to District Directors, Committee Chairmen and members.

The meeting recessed at 10:14 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 10:27 a.m.

President-elect Carol Vallens deferred her report to District Director Reports.

Second Vice-President/Bylaws & Policy Committee Chairman Adele Kelly reported. See Attachment C.

She moved on behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee that the following proposed amendments to the bylaws (recommended by the board of directors at the 2023 Winter Board Meeting) be adopted:

Proposal #1

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES, Sec. 3

The vice-presidents,~~in their order~~, shall:

(a) in their order, perform the duties of the president in the absence of or at the request of the president; and

(b) accept ~~a~~ chairmanships as assigned by the president.

(c) The first vice-president shall become president-elect at the close of the convention or on July 1 (whichever comes first) preceding the election year.

Rationale: Vice presidents can have more than one chairmanship assigned to them.

Would Read After Amendment

ARTICLE V OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES, Sec. 3

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(a) in their order, perform the duties of the president in the absence of or at the request of the president; and

(b) accept chairmanships as assigned by the president.

(c) The first vice-president shall become president-elect at the close of the convention or on July 1 (whichever comes first) preceding the election year.

Motion Passed (no opposition).

Proposal #2

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES, Sec. 5.

The corresponding secretary shall:

(a) conduct correspondence of the corporation under the direction of the president;

(b) ~~mail (electronic or postal)~~ distribute notices of meetings; meeting minutes, and other notices as required;

(c) ~~mail (electronic or postal), provide following the organizational meeting, the official roster of names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses of officers, district directors and chairmen~~ CGCI rosters, notices of roster changes and other reports to the PRGC alternate director and to NGC headquarters, as requested; and subsequent changes as they occur;

(d) ~~mail (electronic or postal), following notification from the membership and life membership chairmen, the names and addresses of president, Golden Gardens eNews editor, club and associate plant society presidents, and current list of NGC life members to NGC headquarters, ATTN: Circulation. field all calls from CGCI's toll-free number;~~

(e) supervise the mailing (electronic or postal) and count of any emergency ballot directed by the executive committee.

Rationale: The responsibilities of the corresponding secretary will change starting in the 2023-2025 term. Old subparagraph (d) is no longer required/no longer done.

Would Read After Amendment

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES, Sec. 5.

The corresponding secretary shall:

- (a) conduct correspondence of the corporation under the direction of the president;
- (b) distribute notices of meetings, meeting minutes, and other notices as required;
- (c) provide CGCI rosters, notices of roster changes and other reports to PRGC and NGC as requested;
- (d) field all calls from CGCI's toll-free number;
- (e) supervise the mailing (electronic or postal) and count of any emergency ballot directed by the executive committee.

Motion Passed (no opposition).

Proposal #3

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS, Sec. 2. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. When elected and term of office:

1. A nominating committee of seven (and one alternate) shall be elected following the election of officers at the convention in odd-numbered years. In the event of an emergency and cancellation of convention, the executive committee shall conduct the election of the nominating committee by the board of directors by an electronic meeting ~~or by mail (electronic or postal).~~

2. Term of office of all nominated committee member(s) 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 shall be present when nominated.

2. ~~No district shall be represented on the committee two consecutive terms.~~ The name of a proposed chairman shall be nominated by the executive committee.

3. The state of California shall be divided into three regions. Based on the Map of CGCI Districts online and in published documents, there shall be two members from Districts 1 to 12, two members from Districts 13 to 19, and two members from Districts 20 to 28.

C. Election:

1. Following the election of officers, the chair shall present the name of the executive committee's nominee for chairman for election and shall call for nominations from the floor: for two representatives from each region and for an alternate (who may be from any of the three regions).

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 ~~Four~~ members shall constitute a quorum.

3. The alternate may attend all meetings and shall serve as a voting member if required to fill a vacancy.

3. 4. 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 *Golden Gardens e-News*.

4. 5. The chairman of the committee shall file with the president and president-elect, two weeks before the winter board meeting of odd-numbered years a slate of at least one candidate for each office.

5. 6. The slate shall be included in the chairman's preliminary report at the winter board meeting in odd-numbered years and shall be ~~appended~~ included to in the call to convention in the odd-numbered year.

E. Vacancies: In event of a vacancy, the ~~president shall appoint a replacement from the same district as the vacating~~ elected alternate member shall serve as a voting member.

Rationale: Provide for committee leadership by someone who has significant knowledge of the organization. Simplify the nominating committee election process by providing for all areas of the state to be represented each term without having a specific district rotation where any one district is not eligible to be represented in consecutive terms.

Would Read After Amendment

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1. A nominating committee of seven (and one alternate) shall be elected following the election of officers at the convention in odd-numbered years. In the event of an emergency and cancellation of convention, the executive committee shall conduct the election of the nominating committee by the board of directors by an electronic meeting.

2. Term of office of all nominated committee member(s) shall be two years.

B. Eligibility:

1. Each member shall have served on the board of directors and shall be present when nominated.

2. The name of a proposed chairman shall be nominated by the executive committee.

3. The state of California shall be divided into three regions. Based on the Map of CGCI Districts online and in published documents, there shall be two members from Districts 1 to 12, two members from Districts 13 to 19, and two members from Districts 20 to 28.

C. Election:

1. Following the election of officers, the chair shall present the name of the executive committee's nominee for chairman for election and shall call for nominations from the floor for two representatives from each region and for an alternate (who may be from any of the three regions).

2. Vote shall be by ballot unless there are only seven 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. Four members shall constitute a quorum.

3. The alternate may attend all meetings and shall serve as a voting member if required to fill a vacancy.

4. 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 *Golden Gardens e-News*.

5. The chairman of the committee shall file with the president and president-elect, two weeks before the winter board meeting of odd-numbered years a slate of at least one candidate for each office.

6. The slate shall be included in the chairman's preliminary report at the winter board meeting in odd-numbered years and shall be included in the call to convention in the odd-numbered year.

E. Vacancies: In event of a vacancy, the elected alternate member shall serve as a voting member.

Motion Passed (no opposition).

Proposal #4

ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS & DISTRICT DIRECTORS, Sec. 7

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

Rationale: This process has been replaced by use of the Annual Contact Information form. Clubs, ~~associate plant societies and affiliates~~ are responsible for completing this form annually.

Would Read After Amendment

ARTICLE IX – DISTRICTS & DISTRICT DIRECTORS, 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.

Motion Passed (one opposed).

Proposal #5

ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS

Sec. 1. An annual meeting (a convention) shall be held before the end of the fiscal year, ~~place city~~ and date to be ~~recommended~~ approved by the board of directors ~~and approved by the voting membership. In the event of a local, state or national emergency, disaster or crisis the executive committee may cancel a convention or may change the place and date. All corporate business (with the exception of the election of officers and nominating committee and amending of the bylaws) may be conducted by the executive committee.~~

Rationale: Conventions recently have not been set early enough to actually comply with this bylaw. This amendment would allow for more flexibility if the board of directors is the approving body. Bylaws ARTICLE VIII – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Sec. 5 addresses repetitive wording deleted in this bylaw.

Would Read After Amendment

ARTICLE XI – ANNUAL MEETINGS

Sec. 1. An annual meeting (a convention) shall be held before the end of the fiscal year, city and date to be approved by the board of directors.

Motion Passed (no opposition).

Proposal #6

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES, Sec. 4.

~~Half~~ 30% of the net proceeds from conventions shall be placed in the general fund and the remaining 70% shall be retained by the host.

Rationale: CGCI receives 30% and host receives 70% in order to encourage more offers from districts and clubs to host conventions.

Would Read After Amendment

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES, Sec. 4.

30% of the net proceeds from conventions shall be placed in the general fund and the remaining 70% shall be retained by the host.

Motion Passed (no opposition).

Proposal #7

ARTICLE XII – FINANCES, Sec. 10.

(a) Accounts of the financial secretary and treasurer shall be reviewed annually at close of the fiscal year by a certified public accountant approved by the board of directors.

(b) This review report shall be presented for action ~~at the fall~~ no later than the winter board meeting following the close of the fiscal year. (c) The accountant's annual review letter shall be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented and published in Golden Garden eNews following that meeting. (d) An internal audit or external review shall be ordered by the executive committee in the event of a vacancy in a financial office, that report to be presented for action at the next meeting of the board of directors.

Rationale: Aligns the time to reflect more closely with what is actually happening. Often the accountant's annual review letter is not received in time to be incorporated in the fall board meeting minutes or published in Golden Gardens eNews following that meeting.

Would Read After Amendment

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(c) The accountant's annual review letter shall be incorporated in the minutes of the meeting at which it is presented and published in *Golden Gardens eNews* following that meeting.

(d) An internal audit or external review shall be ordered by the executive committee in the event of a vacancy in a financial office, that report to be presented for action at the next meeting of the board of directors.

Motion Passed (no opposition).

Proposal #8

ARTICLE XVI - CIRCLE OF POPPIES

Membership in the Circle of Poppies was established in 2005 to honors those board members who have given extraordinary ~~length of~~ service to CGCI. Membership requires recommendation by the executive committee and approval by the board of directors which may occur at any meeting. Membership confers a permanent ex officio position on the board of directors which includes all privileges, voting, making motions and holding positions but without the obligation of attendance. A member of the Circle of Poppies 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.

Rationale: Historical reference not required in a bylaw. Defines who is eligible for membership and eliminates undefined/vague length of service requirement.

Would Read After Amendment

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Motion Passed (no opposition).

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported for Third Vice-President Marlene Kinney. See Attachment A.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported that the deadline for emailed reports is Friday, June 16, 2023.

Corresponding Secretary Milly Benson reported.

Interim Financial Secretary Rita Desilets reported. See Attachment A.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported for Communications Director Kathy Taylor de Murillo. See Attachment A.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported. See Attachment A.

Scholarship Chairman Martha Smyser reported. See Attachment C.

President Lynne Batchelor made announcements.

Memorial Service

Strategic Planning Committee Chairman George Speer and Dos Valles Garden Club President's Alternate Deedee Speer conducted a memorial service.

Meeting recessed at 11:25 a.m.

Business Meeting #2

Meeting reconvened at 2:02 p.m.

President Lynne Batchelor presented "Advice from a Penguin."

President Lynne Batchelor presented special certificates to clubs, districts and members.

Election of Officers

President Lynne Batchelor announced Election Board appointments made at the 2023 Winter Board Meeting as required by Article VI Sec. 1 (c) Elections 3. on page 53 of the 2022-2023

Directory:

Chairman – Greg Pokorski

Teller #1 – Adele Kelly

Teller #2 – Kathy Taylor de Murillo

Clerk – Sandra Graff

Judge – George Speer

Because Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Sandra Graff are absent at this meeting, the Chair appoints Milly Benson as Teller #2 in place of Kathy Taylor de Murillo and Rita Desilets as Clerk in place of Sandra Graff.

Without objection **the replacement appointments were ratified.**

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst read the Bylaws pertaining to the election of officers (Article VI, Nominations and Elections, Section 1(c) Elections, 1-5, on page 53 of the 2022-2023 *Directory*).

Nominating Committee Chairman Pat Claves introduced the nominating committee, reported (See Attachment C) and presented the proposed slate of officers for the 2023-2025 term:

Treasurer: George Perko

Financial Secretary: Rita Desilets

Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Lipa

Recording Secretary: Gail Vanderhorst

Third Vice President: Nina Blonski

Second Vice President: Marlene Kinney

First Vice President: Adele Kelly

President Lynne Batchelor asked for nominations from the floor for the above offices, and there being none for any office, declared nominations closed for each office.

The election proceeded in accordance with Article VI, Section 1(c) 4, and **the following nominees were elected:**

First Vice President – Adele Kelly

Second Vice President – Marlene Kinney

Third Vice President – Nina Blonski

Recording Secretary – Gail Vanderhorst

Corresponding Secretary – Shirley Lipa

Financial Secretary – Rita Desilets

Treasurer – George Perko

These officers will serve with Carol Vallens who now serves as President-elect and who will serve as President for the 2023-2025 term of office. The newly elected officers were recognized and congratulated.

Election of Nominating Committee

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst read the newly amended Bylaws pertaining to the election of the nominating committee (Article VI, Nominations and Elections, Section 2, Nominating Committee, Sections A through C).

President Lynne Batchelor announced that the Executive Committee has nominated Lynne Batchelor to serve as Chairman of the 2023-2025 Nominating Committee and called for the vote on this nomination. Lynne Batchelor was **elected**.

A list of Districts in each of three regions to be represented on the Nominating Committee was distributed and explained by Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski. See Attachment D.

For Region 1

Maria Krenek nominated Jeanne Johnson from Humboldt District.

Berni Hendrix nominated Charlotte Tucker from Valley Lode District.

By show of voting cards, Jeanne Johnson and Charlotte Tucker were **elected**.

For Region 2

Carolyn Villi nominated Jana Dudley from Sequoia Foothills District.

Rosa Radicchi nominated Milly Benson from Montana de Oro District.
By show of voting cards, Jana Dudley and Milly Benson were **elected**.

For Region 3

Maria Krensek nominated Robin Pokorski from San Fernando Valley District.

Robin Pokorski nominated Alexis Slafer from Costa Verde District.

By show of voting cards. Robin Pokorski and Alexis Slafer were **elected**.

For the Alternate Member from any of the three Regions

Sharon Tooley nominated George Speer from Palomar District.

By show of voting cards, George Speer was **elected**.

President Lynne Batchelor announced that Jeanne Johnson, Charlotte Tucker, Jana Dudley, Milly Benson, Robin Pokorski, Alexis Slafer and George Speer were elected to serve with Chairman Lynne Batchelor as the 2023-2025 Nominating Committee.

Committee Reports

Advisory Council Chairman Sue Bennett reported. See Attachment C.

Group Tax Exemption Program Sue Bennett reported. See Attachment C.

Board of Trustees Secretary Alexis Slafer reported for Chairman Julie A. West. See Attachment C.

Board Meetings & Conventions Procedures Committee Chairman Robin Pokorski deferred her report.

Budget and Finance Committee Chairman Rita Desilets reported. See Attachment C.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported for Flower Show Schools Committee Chairman Sandra Graff. See Attachment C.

Procedures Committee Chairman Carol Vallens reported.

Strategic Planning Committee Chairman George Speer reported.

Awards Committee Chairman Pat Claves reported. See Attachment C.

Youth Activities Chairman Lisa Cosand reported. See Attachment C.

Report of the Board of Directors

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst read the Executive Committee Recommendations approved by the Board of Directors at the Pre-Convention Meeting to the convention body. See the minutes of the Pre-Convention Board Meeting.

2023 Winter Board Meeting Chairman George Speer reported on the Winter Board Meeting.

District Director Coordinator Carol Vallens reported.

Chairmen Coordinator Adele Kelly reported. See Attachment C.

President's Project Chairman Robin Pokorski reported. See Attachment C.

Meeting recessed at 4:02 p.m. Wednesday, June 7, 2023

Business Meeting #3

Meeting reconvened at 9:08 a.m. Thursday, June 8, 2023

Humboldt County District Director Maria Krennek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

State Pins and Miscellaneous Sales Chairman Hank Vanderhorst gave the Inspiration.

President Lynne Batchelor presented "Advice from a Polar Bear."

Board Meetings and Conventions Procedures Committee Chairman Robin Pokorski reported and committee members Launa Gould and Alexis Slafer participated in a skit, delivering the completed Board Meetings Procedures. See Attachment C.

President Lynne Batchelor reported. See Attachment A.

Copies of the new CGCI brochure were distributed.

District Directors' Reports

District Director Coordinator Carol Vallens reported and introduced those District Directors who reported. See Attachment B.

Chairmen Reports

Chairmen Coordinator Adele Kelly introduced those Chairmen who reported. See Attachment C.

Website Chairman Jane McKee gave the Inspiration.

President Lynne Batchelor made announcements.

Meeting recessed at 11:58 a.m.

Meeting reconvened at 7:36 p.m.

Credentials Chairman Greg Pokorski gave the final credential report with a voting strength of 87 and moved for its adoption. **Motion Passed.**

Registrar Robin Pokorski gave the final registration report with a total registration of 134.

GTEP Chairman Sue Bennett gave the Courtesy Resolution and Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski moved for its adoption. **Motion Passed.** See Attachment E.

President Lynne Batchelor made announcements.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m. sine die, followed by the installation of the 2023-2025 officers by 2007-2009 President Robin Pokorski, acceptance speech by President Carol Vallens, champagne toast, 2023-2025 President's Project Fundraiser and dessert and coffee.

Gail Vanderhorst _____ Date _____
Recording Secretary

Attachment A Officers' Reports

President, Lynne Batchelor

Thank you to Palms to Pines and Humboldt Districts for your invitations to visit in May and especially to my wonderful hosts, Pat Clayes, Ron Lang and Maria Krenek. I attended our every decade dedication of a CGCI President's Tree in Big Basin which was ably organized by Rosa Radicchi and Judy Unrine. Thanks so much to them and to my host Roseann Costabile. I attended two first rate conventions: NGC in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia and CGCI in Thousand Oaks. Rita Desilets produced a fun-filled, high energy, informative, collegial convention including a tour of the Reagan Library. Thank you to Southern California Garden Club for hosting!

I have had an amazing two years as your CGCI President; thank you so much for entrusting our great organization to my care. My favorite part of this job was visiting clubs and districts to meet members and hear about the great things happening state-wide. I was lucky to visit via Zoom or in person with 3/4ths of the districts; thank you for your invitations. 2021-2023 accomplishments were making organizational changes to increase our effectiveness including conducting monthly Touch Base meetings for the Executive Committees, holding monthly meetings of the Bylaws & Policy and Strategic Planning Committees, making it easier to change policy, redesigning the Directory, changing the way the Nominating Committee is elected and the process for choosing their chairman, holding half of our state board meetings via Zoom, initiating two new state projects, redesigning and printing a new membership brochure, changing the percentages to increase the host's share of convention profits, increasing state recognition for leaders, establishing a Technology Committee, producing two up-to-date specific sets of procedures for hosting state board meetings and for hosting conventions, initiating the "open space" program at meetings, increasing the effectiveness of the Bylaws & Policy Committee by allowing chairing by the Parliamentarian, establishing two new scholarships, dividing the duties of the Communications Director, reorganizing the duties of the Corresponding Secretary, specifically inviting Club Presidents and Treasurers to attend board meetings and providing targeted workshops for them, increasing the Circle of Poppies, and changing standing rules and bylaws to streamline the change process for governance documents making us more nimble in responding to new developments. A pivotal change was the major redesign of our website, making it ADA compliant, and producing guidelines for clubs for ADA website compliance.

We educated members by sponsoring a state flower show, Flower Show Symposium, Landscape Design School, Environmental School, and by producing monthly *Golden Gardens eNews*, daily Facebook posts and website updates. We provided training on insurance, group tax exemption, Parliamentary Procedure, fundraising, taxes, membership, floral design and leadership lessons on mentoring, consensus building, conflict resolution, website use and finding future leaders. Not only did we plant an official Arbor Day Tree (thanks to Chuck Goodwin, Berni Hendrix and Valley Lode district), we planted approximately 5,000 trees and in addition purchased almost 400 Penny Pines Plantations.

Your generosity provided approximately \$10,000 to our state projects and \$23,000 to scholarships. I am overjoyed and humbled by your response to my President's Project. It will make such a difference in the lives of thousands of children and provide excellent publicity for GCCI. Please visit Grant Park in San Diego! Your total contributions are almost \$45,000! Thank you sounds so inadequate to express my profound gratitude.

I appreciate you helping me to carry out my theme: Celebrate! Cultivate! Commemorate! We *Celebrate!* being together, our clubs surviving and thriving despite Covid, our many

accomplishments, the beauty we created, and our new skills/knowledge. I hope your club celebrated with a new activity/program and that you shared a skill you learned during Covid. We *Cultivate!* our leaders and members, knowledge of club/district events, great ideas, opportunities for in-person meetings, floral and horticultural workshops, scholarships, creativity, and friendship. I hope your club cultivated an alliance with another organization and that you brought a friend to a meeting. We *Commemorate!* our veterans, first responders/health care providers/essential workers, and the lives of those we lost. I hope your club did a Covid commemorative planting and that at your home you planted a remembrance area.

Thank you for your parting gifts, cards, good wishes and for naming a geranium *Lovely Lynne* for me. I am so grateful to everyone for your tremendous support during my term, your hard work and dedication, your incredible generosity for my President's Project, and for the honor and privilege of representing the clubs, districts and members of CGCI. You provided me with two of the happiest years of my life and an opportunity to make a difference in the world!

3rd Vice-President, Marlene Kinney

Current Membership

Number Paid as of 5/25/2023

Clubs	238	(13,455)
APS's	46	(3,379)
Affiliate	1	
Total	285	(16,834)

Total membership dollars paid as of 5/25/2023 in Sales Force \$46,268.03

Announcement:

3 CGCI clubs have disbanded:

Bay Ocean District - Half Moon Bay Garden Club

Bay Ocean District - Palomar Park Garden Club

Humboldt District - Heather Enthusiasts of the Redwood Empire

1 APS has disbanded

Shasta Rose Society

Madam President, I want to thank you for allowing me to serve as Membership Chairman. I am now much more familiar with the geographical boundaries of the districts and their clubs within them. I am happy to say during these past two years, this chairman has brought in six new garden clubs and two new APS's.

Interim Financial Secretary, Rita Desilets

Chairmen collecting money need to send a copy of the Cash Receipts Report to me as well as a copy with the checks you send to George or the P.O. Box. Cash receipt forms are available here today for those choosing not to use the website form.

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

Please use the Word Document found on the website and send it as a Word Document, not a PDF.

Your receipts can be scanned and sent in a separate PDF or you can snail mail them. Help is a phone call or email away, so please ask for assistance.

All requests for payment must be received by June 15.

Communications Director, Kathy Taylor de Murillo

It was a pleasure serving on the CGCI Board as the final Communications Director for CGCI under Presidents Shane Looper and Lynne Batchelor.

I took the position because no one else would do it and CGCI needed someone, anyone, so we could carry on with our business. In hindsight we should have removed this position from the Bylaws back then and re-distributed the jobs as has now been done. Nobody was up to filling the shoes of Jane McKee. Having said this I want you all to know I thoroughly enjoyed myself and loved being on the CGCI Board with all of you. I hope I made a few positive contributions to CGCI during my two terms. Best of luck to each of you who has agreed to take on the various roles Jane filled when she was Communications Director and best of luck to Carol Vallens and the incoming CGCI Board.

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 that you were elected or appointed as an official representative.

On a brighter note, more clubs and districts are represented this year than last year even though overall attendance is not up. Aside from board members, 28 clubs in 11 districts are officially represented, up from 16 clubs in 7 districts last year. Congratulations on the improvement, but still not a great record considering we have 239 clubs and 48 APSs in 26 districts. Most clubs are missing the opportunity to participate in the governance of this organization.

This officer has continued to review meeting agendas and minutes, has participated in monthly informal Executive Committee meetings and monthly Bylaws Committee meetings and conducted a parliamentary workshop at this convention yesterday. It was well-attended and there were lots of questions and interaction, so hopefully it was useful for the attendees.

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

Thanks to President Lynne for the opportunity to serve her and CGCI in this role. Her presiding skills and parliamentary knowledge made my job easier. I will continue to serve CGCI in this role in the new administration.

Attachment B District Directors' Reports

Buttes District Director, Carol Jauregui

The future of the garden clubs in the Buttes District will depend on their ability to attract new members to replace the loss of aging members.

In March of this year, Ward Habriel and I attended the Sutter Buttes GC Board meeting in Yuba City. The officers had talked about disbanding the club, as many of the members were older, had health issues, didn't want to work at the civic beautification sites, and didn't actively recruit new members. Before we left the meeting, they had a younger presidential candidate and had decided to continue as a club.

Since the COVID shutdown, Chico Horticultural Society had been hesitant about meeting in person, and hadn't resumed putting on their public flower shows. This year, they finally participated in the Chico Home and Garden Show in Chico.

The Orland Friendly GC never did stop holding meetings or activities. The Gridley Green Thumb GC has been attracting new members by participating in local events and selling vegetable plants. Paradise has risen from the 2018 Camp Fire and is once again putting on their annual garden tour, with six gardens this year. They are acquiring new members because new residents desire knowledge about how to re-landscape their property on the Ridge.

Cascade District Director, Carolyn Hoyum

Water!!! Everywhere! Up here in the North state we are happy as the lakes are full and there seems to still be moisture in the ground without too much watering.

Six of the clubs have had very successful plant sales, some having two. People love things we start as they are assured that they can be successfully grown here. New officers in most clubs and several have co-officer "ships." If this is ideal for your club remember your bylaws should be adjusted to that.

As outgoing District Director I learned the best way to keep up with each club is to check out their Facebook pages of what's going on. Find a media chairperson for your club! Also many up here are still not on computers so make sure you know the best way to contact them.

With my daughter now becoming District Director I am more aware of my shortcomings. So I am passing on to her to communicate with other clubs! Call presidents, ask if attending their meetings is ok, share the knowledge you get from CGCI.

Channel Islands District Director, Darcey Lober

Some ways clubs have increased their visibility and membership this year are:

Malibu offers local tours and uses text as well as email to contact members.

Las Floralias uses a QR code on all their advertisement to driving traffic to their website.

Organic Garden holds evening meetings and gives away veg. seedlings at an Earth Day Event in Thousand Oaks.

Pleasant Valley sells decorated Pumpkins at the Camarillo Farmers Market.

Westlake Village sells plants to the public from a member's home.

Ojai provides a floral arrangement for the Post Office every week.

Conejo Valley sponsors garden programs in 8 schools.

Greater Los Angeles District Director, Joyce Parrot

The Greater LA District currently consists of seven clubs: three general and four specialty clubs. We were represented this last year at both Board meetings, as well as the current Convention. We also had a representative at the San Fernando Valley multi-district meeting (three districts, plus the host) in February. We are still having difficulty with a meeting location- We had one meeting in the Fall, and will have a second meeting at the end of this month. We are in the planning stages for a tri-

refresher course in 2024. Some highlights from a couple of our individual clubs, including adversities they faced include: Culver City Garden Club is celebrating the 70th anniversary of their annual garden show June 17-18, and they have received a grant from the City of Culver City to assist with this. They faced some difficulty with obtaining insurance for the venue for the Show, but expressed appreciation to CGCI for the help received from insurance rep Launa Gould. Los Angeles Garden Club is celebrating their 90th anniversary as a club. An activity of note is that they continue to annually provide three \$750 scholarships to horticulture students at Mt. San Antonio College. Their website won first-place from CGCI, and also from the Pacific Region. An adversity they had to overcome was that they were without a regular meeting room for three months, due to rain damage to their regular location at Griffith Park.

Humboldt County District Director, Maria Krenek

As outgoing District Director, I am very proud to report a garden club community that is doing its best to revive itself and move forward in very positive directions. All clubs seem to be adding members and increasing their in-person and community activities. A strong sense of purpose and commitment is evident in its leadership and willing membership. Our recent district meeting was an opportunity to witness this first hand. We generally have three district meetings per year hosted by individual clubs. This May meeting was made very special by the presence of our CGCI State President, Lynne Batchelor. Her participation was an inspiration and a joy as well as a great deal of fun. With an installation as part of the festivities, our new team was especially proud of their past service and future service commitments.

Our garden clubs have managed to maintain active community planting and care schedules, rich scholarship programs, educational programs, garden tours, daffodil and flower shows and many other activities in their respective communities. New members and established members continue to come forward to extend the palette of activities and contributions to their communities. It has been a great joy to serve amongst all these energetic, caring garden club members. I leave the District in able hands with new Director Karen Hall of Fortuna Garden Club supported by the rest of the executive committee who have chosen to remain and continue their service.

San Fernando Valley District Director, Martha Smyser

The San Fernando Valley District has had a good year. The highlight was our February meeting at which CGCI President Lynne Batchelor was our guest. Other guests were the District Directors from adjoining Districts-Arboretum, Channel Islands and Greater Los Angeles. President Lynne spoke about her President's Project and about how she came to be involved with garden clubs.

We are fortunate to have elected a wonderful slate of officers for the next term. They will be installed at our June 12 meeting and outgoing Presidents will be thanked for their service while incoming Presidents are welcomed. Our incoming Director and Assistant Director are hosting a tea for incoming Presidents and District Officers on June 17.

Santa Clara Valley District Director, Roseann Costabile

Willow Glen Garden Club, ratified at Fall Board Meeting, has 10 members. The club is working on joining GTEP. They are meeting via Zoom & in outdoor gardens.

Milpitas Green Thumb Garden Club recruited 3 new members while participating at the City Earth Day celebration. Donations & sponsorships are being made to local organizations. The City has asked the club to help with indoor plantings at City Hall.

Ikebana International, Monterey was recognized as a distinguished chapter by Tokyo headquarters having increased membership by 10 percent.

Plant sales and meetings have resumed in clubs in Santa Clara Valley District.

Attachment C

Committee and Chairmen Reports

Advisory Council, Sue Bennett

As Chairman, I called an emergency Advisory Council Meeting via Zoom to discuss the loss of the Presidents Pin and what the Vice-Presidents had decided to do. A recommendation went to the EC, which was denied.

Amenities and Protocol, Kathy Taylor de Murillo

It has been a pleasure serving as Co-Chairman of the CGCI Amenities and Protocol Committee for the past two CGCI Presidents Shane Looper and Lynne Batchelor. I thoroughly enjoyed working with Co-Chair Milly Benson.

What are amenities and protocol? Amenities are necessary courtesies and civilities. Protocol is the code of correct formal procedure. These Chairmen ensure that both are observed. They are responsible for seating arrangements at meetings and banquets and the sequence of persons in receiving lines.

The Amenities and Protocol Chairs are responsible for the following duties;

1. Create and place table tent name signs on the head tables at all meetings and conventions, business meetings and meals. You must be in timely contact, in advance of the Board Meetings and Conventions, with the President to get a list of the seating chart the President wants to use and the correct names of those seated at the head table such as speakers and other guests. This changes with each meeting and meal so the A and P Chairmen must be in the room early to place the name cards on the head table.
2. The A and P Chairmen obtain a list from the President prior to meetings and conventions of the names of persons to be seated at Honors Tables during meals. Then those people are contacted by phone, email or text message inviting them on behalf of the President to sit at an Honor Table. If they accept a handwritten note with the date, time and place is placed in their registration packet prior to the meeting or convention to remind them. We also notify those asked to lead the flag salute and give the inspiration. The A and P Chairman should be prepared to create new name signs at the last minute as it is not uncommon for last minute changes to occur. Try to have access available to a computer and printer. Have paper, scissors, tape etc.
3. The A and P Chairmen coordinate with the hotel and the Meeting Chairman to be sure there are reserved signs to put on the Honor tables and a flag is available. It's a good idea to have an American flag in your bag of tricks. They also create and place small table tent name tags for each Honor Table guest and place them at their seats at the table. They can be handwritten.
4. The A and P Chairmen in their annual reports remind members of the Board to follow correct etiquette such as sending thank you cards to the clubs and districts who host the CGCI meetings and conventions and that it is impolite to begin eating at a meal before the President or the presiding officer begins. Also remind District Directors to invite the CGCI President to visit their Districts for meetings and special events. The President has a budget for travel expenses.

Awards, Pat Clayes

The *Awards Manual* and evaluation forms are in the process of being revised to coordinate with National Garden Clubs' Awards Program. Not too many changes have been made. However, in most cases, we have converted to NGC's Scale of Points for judging and included the criteria that our CGCI award sponsors want included.

Judging Chairmen: We need a few new judging chairmen.

Sponsors: We have a few new award sponsors this year.

New Awards: #38 -- Floral Design Program. Sponsor: Vista Garden Club/#65 Activities for Youth Garden Clubs. Sponsor: Al & Pat Clayes.

NGC Awards: In January 2023, CGCI sent 15 award applications to NGC for the 2022 awards year. NGC has a few awards for which CGCI does not have corresponding awards.

PRGC Awards: In February 2023, CGCI sent 39 award applications for the 2022 awards year to PRGC.

Board Meetings & Convention Procedures, Robin Pokorski

I have the pleasure of chairing another GREAT committee: Board & Convention Meetings Procedures together with Launa Gould and Alexis Slafer. We have met via Zoom regularly pouring over each and every facet and aspect of Convention and Board Meeting procedures. At the Winter Board Meeting in Valley Center we were so pleased to present you, President Lynne and President Almost Carol, with our completed Convention Procedure manual. Then we set to work on the Board Meeting procedures.

And we did it!!!! Here come the procedures for Board Meetings.....The Executive Committee will clearly notice that the procedure manual has been streamlined. We have included a general overview (planes start sailing onto the Executive Committee) and a timeline for both the meeting chairman and the president (more planes). Also included are detailed procedures for the local chairman (more planes) as well as an overview of how CGCI chairmen support the host (more planes).

We hope new and improved procedures will encourage more groups to seek the opportunity to host a convention or board meeting (all planes in).

Girls, Girls!!! Now the pages are out of order.....do you have a manual for our President and President-Elect?

Thank you, President Lynne, for the opportunity to serve you and CGCI as your Board & Convention Meetings Procedures Committee Chairman.

Board of Trustees, Julie A. West

The Board of Trustees met virtually via Zoom May 19, 2023 with a quorum present.

April 30, 2023 financial reports were reviewed as were the March 31, 2023 endowment funds with Vanguard.

The Glenn and Anne Capes Memorial Scholarship terms and conditions were accepted with gratitude and approved from Anderson Valley Garden Club. Their \$10,000 donation will be deposited into a new Restricted Fund to annually draw \$2,000 qualifying scholarships from until funds are depleted.

Current CGCI Life Memberships/Scholarship donations in line code 31513 are insufficient to fund CGCI's two \$2,000 annual scholarships. CGCI will likely need to supplement deficiency with Scholarship Endowment Income.

Julie West was elected as Chairman and Sue Bennett as Secretary for 2023-2024.

Budget & Finance, Rita Desilets

The members of the Budget & Finance Committee, Chairman Rita Desilets, George Perko, Sue Bennett, Julie West, and Carol Vallens attended via Zoom.

We reviewed the financial records, Revenue and Expense spreadsheets from July 2022 to April 2023 as well as the status of two US Bank CDs, including the need to add additional signers to the B of A accounts. The agenda also included: a new line code 902C for Tech Support: Plug-ins; GTEP and discussion of possible changes to the 2023-2024 Budget. Restricted fund line code 31027 was

assigned for the \$10,000 Glenn & Anne Capes Memorial Scholarship Fund. The closing of Anza-Borrego Desert State Park Project and the Big Basin Recovery Fund in June 2023 were confirmed.

Bylaws & Policy, Adele Kelly

The Bylaws & Policy Committee members are Jeanne Johnson, Greg Pokorski, George Speer, George Unrine, Carol Vallens, David West and this chairman. The committee has had three Zoom meetings since the winter board meeting. In the meetings, the committee members reviewed suggestions for bylaws, standing rules and policy amendments.

During the Pre-Convention Board Meeting on June 6, 2023, this chairman on behalf of the Bylaws & Policy Committee read the attached proposed Standing Rule amendments. Both amendments passed. (See Pre-Convention Board Meeting minutes.)

During Business Meeting #1 on June 7, 2023 this chairman on behalf of the Bylaws & Policy Committee read the attached CGCI Proposed Amendments to the CGCI Bylaws. The proposed bylaws were recommended to the voting membership by the board of directors at the winter board meeting on February 1, 2023. They were distributed with the call to convention on April 17, 2023. All eight proposed amendments passed. (See body of these Convention minutes.)

It has been an honor to serve as the Bylaws & Policy Committee Chairman.

California Consultants Council (CCC), Sue Bennett

How many of you know what CCC stands for? The Council met last night and discussed how to move forward, create a flyer, and see more in *Golden Garden eNews*. We currently have a membership drive; for only \$20 you can join and it's for two years. Voted on the committee: CCC Chairman, Sue Bennett

Co-Secretaries, Sherry Molinari and Pat Claves

Treasurer, Nina Blonski

Parliamentarian, Greg Pokorski

Vice Chairmen:

- Robin Pokorski, Environmental Consultants
- Launa Gould, Gardening Consultants
- Carolyn Villi, Landscape Design Consultants (absent)

Note: I am the NGC Environmental Concerns Council Chairman

Chairmen Coordinator, Adele Kelly

CGCI Chairmen met on Tuesday, June 6, 2023 for a Joint District Directors/Chairmen's Forum meeting and for the Chairmen's Forum. This chairman is pleased to report that nineteen chairmen were present at the Chairmen's Forum. This chairman gave a presentation titled "Mentoring Matters" which emphasized 8 key components of an effective mentoring relationship. The following chairmen gave oral reports at Business Meeting #3:

Sue Bennett – California Consultants Council

Lisa Cosand – Youth Chairman

Chuck Goodwin – Arbor Day, Community Beautification

Launa Gould – Liability Insurance, *Golden Gardens eNews*

Linda Malone – Roses

Greg Pokorski – Gardening Schools

Robin Pokorski – Post Office Box/Donations Coordinator, Registrar

Judy Powers – New Cultivars

Alexis Slafer – Landscape Design Schools
Charlotte Tucker – Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
George Unrine – Blue Star & Gold Star Families Memorial Markers, So. California
Judy Unrine – Sempervirens Fund, Big Basin Recovery Fund
Hank Vanderhorst – State Pins & Misc. Sales (Gail Vanderhorst reported)
Carolyn Villi – Backyard Wildlife Habitat
Carlotta Wixon-Welker – Life Memberships

It has been an honor to serve as the Chairmen Coordinator.

Donations, Robin Pokorski

Being the Donations Coordinator is a wonderful job! This chairman gets to experience the unbelievable generosity of our districts, clubs and members. While we absolutely require a post office box for our legal needs as an organization, this chairman requests that checks be sent to my home address!

To date this chairman has processed:

- Big Basin - \$650
- Black Point Historic Gardens - \$8,169.95
- Blue Star Markers - \$250
- Conejo Valley Botanic Garden - \$100
- Sempervirens – \$804

For a total of \$9,973.95 through this chairman. Our districts, clubs and members are part of an incredible force for good. This chairman is so very proud to be a part of it!

Thank you, President Lynne, for the opportunity to serve you and CGCI as your Donations Coordinator.

Flower Show School, Sandra Graff

Flower Show School:

The Valley Judges Council sponsored Flower Show School Courses at the Stanislaus Ag Center-Harvest Hall 3800 Cornucopia Way, Modesto CA. Co-Chairs Judi Picinini and Jennifer Waite.

To date all required FSS forms have been submitted by CGCI FSS State and Local FSS Chair/s.

- Course I - April 8-10, 2022 Course II - September 24-26, 2022 Successfully Completed & NGC Accredited. Course III April 14-16, 2023 Successfully Completed...Accreditation forth-coming!
- Course IV - September 24-26, 2023

Instructors - Sue Kirkman-Flower Show Procedure and Horticulture. Judy Binns – Design

Prospective Flower Show Schools:

- Marcia Bode has volunteered / appointed Local Flower Show School Chairman for the next Flower Show School in Southern California- Palomar District
- Dottie Renstrom has been appointed Local Flower Show School Chairman for the Red Bluff Garden Club. They would like to host with support an NGC and State supported Flower Show School, four courses, beginning Spring of 2024 and ending in fall of 2025 (spring and fall courses)
State FSS Chair:
 - Sent their requests to President Lynne Batchelor on May 1, 2023 to present at CGCI June 2023 Convention Executive Committee
 - Emailed logistics to both Local Chairs

- Advised upon approval from CGCI Executive Committee via FSS Chair, they may proceed
- Referenced them to the NGC Flower Show School Resources website, specifically Flower Show School Manual and 4(four) FSS- forms listed under page 2 of Duties

Student Judges:

Directives requested of the NGC Scheduling Chair and emailed to 2 (two) Student Judges. Eligibility verified (via email) with Frankie Raymond FSS Judges Credential Chair.

Symposium:

The August 2023 CGCI Symposium canceled by CGCI Executive Committee

NGC Flower Show School Resources website:

Flower Show School Information/Manual provides a 15-pages provides a comprehensive, step by step guide as to all that is involved in the in-depth process of this chairmanship

It was a pleasure to have served CGCI President Lynne Batchelor as Flower Show School Chair 2021-2023! It was quite a learning curve and have such respect for the work involved in this position. With the future changes through NGC, FSS will be most successful. Best wishes to my successor!

Gardening Schools, Greg Pokorski

Clubs/districts are needed to sponsor Gardening Schools. There have not been any in California since 2020. My club has sponsored three: can be a great team experience: provides valuable education; by budgeting conservatively and then promoting aggressively, can raise funds for the sponsor.

Eleven Gardening Consultants will lapse if they don't refresh by December 31. Several reminders have been sent.

Consultants can refresh by attending Zoom events. Ohio is hosting a Zoom Tri-Refresher July 21 & 22. Details on the NGC website or check with this chairman. Advise if you register for any event so that you can obtain the necessary NGC Form 7 and so that I can be sure you receive credit.

Group Tax Exemption Program (GTEP), Sue Bennett

Once again, a big shout out of gratitude to George Perko. Thank you for all your help.

Since January 2023

- This Chairman processed over 110 clubs' Group Tax Exemption renewal paperwork, answered numerous questions and the best part sent the annual IRS report to the IRS on time. Due to timing, seven clubs were removed from the IRS list and three were added. Five clubs as of May 31 had not submitted their renewal paperwork and one club sent it in twice.

✦ Total 114 member clubs/districts

✦ Added later: Renewal paperwork will be available sometime in Sept. Via email to all Treasurers and Presidents and Districts.

Golden Gardens e/News, Launa Gould

Golden Gardens eNews provides current information received from contributing board members, chairmen and club members.

There have been 11 issues produced since the last convention.

About 3000 email subscribers receive the eNews

The eNews is a good way to get your message out about your chairmanship to the rest of the members in the state.

Due date for articles is the 20th.

A bulk mail application, Vertical Response, is used to send eNews along with *WACONIAH*. This is a different mail service from the CGCI emails that send The Call and other announcements to board members.

It has been my pleasure serving as your eNews editor and I look forward to a new editor with a fresh face and new ideas.

Landscape Design Schools, Alexis Slafer

This chair is pleased to report that an in-person LDS, is being planned by Southern California Garden Club. There have been and continue to be many school and refresher opportunities across the country... Just look on the NGC website for an upcoming event that fits your schedule.

Encourage your club or district to sponsor a landscape design school. Also, look to our Consultants with their expertise to act as speakers at your programs.

Liability Insurance, Launa Gould

The Liability Insurance Chairman has the responsibility of processing all insurance requests to make sure documents are in order before sending on to the Insurance company for processing. There are two types of insurance available to our clubs.

The General Liability Policy is for clubs and is renewed February 15 every year. This year about 260 clubs participated.

Obtaining an Additional Insured (AI) policy is different. It is for an event like a flower show, plant sale, garden tour or your club meeting place.

Currently there have been about 130 requests for AI's.

Every Additional Insured request is unique with different requirements.

It is important when you start to plan an event to ask about the insurance requirements. The process is not always quick and easy...many complications can arise especially if you are working with a public property. Start the insurance process early in your event planning.

Since taking over this chairmanship in January, the learning curve has been steep but doable. This summer we will be evaluating the process and updating the procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation and I look forward to helping you obtain the insurance your club needs.

Life Membership, Carlotta Wixon-Welker

Since last reporting in January, CGCI has gained 13 new Life Members. Since this chairman began this job in 2003 she had 544 new CGCI Life Members, which has generated about \$ 54,000.00 towards the Scholarship Fund. That is a wonderful record, all because of YOU, our members. Over this time, this chairman has also processed 77 Pacific Region and 75 National Memberships. Think of all the students these three organizations have helped by assisting in funding their educations, especially those students here in California.

This will be my last report as I have retired from this position. Thank you for allowing me to serve C.G.C.I. in this capacity for the last 20 years.

New names to be ratified:

Lenore Karp	Bay Ocean Dist
Jon Bush	Roadrunner Dist.
Kathleen Reynolds	Luther Burbank Dist.
Jane Kaylor	Costa Verde Dist.
Paula Elias	Valley Lode Dist.

Berni Hendrix	Valley Lode Dist.
Deb Travail	Valley Lode Dist.
Kim Neal	Orange Co. Dist.
Patricia Holloway	Orange Co. Dist.
Betsey Dunn	Orange Co. Dist.
Christine Hingley	Valley Lode Dist.
Linda Travis	San Fernando Val. Dist.
Ginger Taylor	Palomar Dist.

(See Pre-Convention Board Meeting Minutes for ratification.)

Nominating Committee, Pat Clayes

Members of the Nominating Committee are Chairman Pat Clayes, Roseann Costabile, Carolyn Hoyum, Nancy McDougal, Sharon Tooley, Carolyn Villi and Terry Sampson.

The proposed Slate of Officers for the 2023-25 Term:

- Treasurer: George Perko
- Financial Secretary: Rita Desilets
- Corresponding Secretary: Shirley Lipa
- Recording Secretary: Gail Vanderhorst
- Third Vice President: Nina Blonski
- Second Vice President: Marlene Kinney
- First Vice President: Adele Kelly

Post Office Box, Robin Pokorski

I am so pleased to serve as your PO Box Chairman – it actually is an interesting job. The San Fernando Post Office is open for only limited hours each day so mail may sit at the post office for a few days before I am able to retrieve it. I know that our organization needs an official and permanent PO Box address HOWEVER, I would so appreciate it if you would send your donations to my home address in order to expedite the processing of your donation.

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

President's Project – San Diego's River Center at Grant Park, Robin Pokorski

Donating to The River Center at Grant Park **CELEBRATEs** our support of civic beautification projects. Supporting The River Center at Grant Park **CULIVATEs** valuable partnerships and increased public visibility.

Becoming a partner at the inception of The River Center at Grant Park project **COMMEMORATEs** and demonstrates CGCI's commitment to our communities, our state and our country.

This chairman is amazed that so many clubs and individuals showed their support for this project. We are full of immeasurable gratitude to Hank Vanderhorst who offered to build Table/Benches at his own cost in support of the President's Project. He thought maybe 8 or 10 would be ordered....so a big budget movie was produced, distributed far and wide in order to rustle up a little business.....a little business.....little did we all know that Hank Vanderhorst would have to build 35 Table/Benches for a total of \$10,500 realized for the River Center at Grant Park.

We set a goal of \$25,000 and we met that last year, then we increased the goal to \$30,000 and you met that. With 55 individuals, 59 clubs and 10 districts making donations we have raised a current total of **\$45,350.05** – all of which was matched to the Foundation which translates to **\$90,700.10**.

Thank you for your generosity and support – YOU have made a difference at the River Center, in San Diego, and in California – YOU are awesome!!!!

Registrar, Robin Pokorski

This registrar respectfully brings to your attention that you are driving your state president, this registrar and your host entity crazy by waiting so long to register. 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, inspirations and the Pledge of Allegiances or is that Pledges of Allegiance?? Just to name a few. Do we need to up the late fee to bring your registrations in earlier?

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.

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. When you receive the CALL, register right away, you aren’t getting any interest on your money anyway.

An item to bring to your attention are the increased costs associated to putting on a CGCI meeting – convention or board meeting. Partly because of the pandemic and partly because CGCI no longer brings in enough members to these meetings, hotels are charging meeting room rental. These fees can range from \$2500 to \$6,000 per meeting. These costs will need to be recouped in the registration fees so don’t be surprised that our registration fees will increase, hopefully not as fast as your natural gas bill!

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

Roses Linda Malone

Our roses are blooming and beautiful!!

All the rains have performed their magic in our gardens. Now we can enjoy their color and fragrance and enter a flower show!

Spring through Fall spray fungicide to prevent disease; follow product label directions.

Apply mulch to help prevent weeds.

Wash foliage twice a week through Fall to prevent spider mites and mildew, and wash off aphids.

Keep roses watered Spring through Fall.

Apply a complete fertilizer every 8 weeks, through September.

Make sure your sprinklers are working.

December, plan for new rose purchases.

Enjoy your roses in the garden and share them with friends.

Scholarship, Martha Smyser

California students won a total of \$18,400 in scholarships this year. Three students each won a \$2,000 scholarship from California Garden Clubs, one won a \$1,000 scholarship from Pacific Region Garden Clubs and three each won a \$3,800 scholarship from National Garden Clubs.

The winner of the \$2,000 Robert L. Gordon Scholarship is Jillian Eymann, a junior at Cal Poly Humboldt in the Forestry, Fire and Rangeland Management Department in the School of Forestry.

The winner of the \$2,000 Charlene (Shane) Looper Scholarship is Sara Groban, also a junior at Cal Poly Humboldt in the Forestry Department with a concentration in Wildland Fire Management.

The winner of the \$2,000 Alberta Thiry Memorial Scholarship is Chloe Raines, a senior at Cal Poly Humboldt in the Forestry Department majoring in Forestry Restoration with a minor in Geospatial Analysis.

Our National Garden Club Scholars are Jillian Eymann, Sarah Groban and Bryan Looney, a junior at Cal Poly Humboldt in the Forestry Department working towards a degree in Forestry Restoration.

While there was no Triple Crown winner this year in horse racing, we do have a Scholastic Triple Crown winner in Sara Groban who won a scholarship from California Garden Clubs, Pacific Region Garden Clubs and National Garden Clubs.

We are excited to announce that beginning next year there will be an additional scholarship available. The \$2,000 Glenn and Anne Capes Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to a student from Butte, Shasta, Humboldt or Tehama Counties.

Thank you to all who have purchased CGCI Life Memberships because all those funds go into our Scholarship fund and thanks too to the generous individual donors who have contributed to our Scholarship fund.

Sempervirens Fund /Big Basin Recovery Funds, Judy Unrine

Julie A. West 2011 – 2013

Rita M. Desilets 2013 – 2015

Susan “Sue” Bennett 2015 – 2017

Krystal K. Migliore 2017 – 2019

Charlene “Shane” Looper 2019 – 2021

It has been the CGCI tradition to honor past presidents with the dedication of a Coastal Redwood Tree in Big Basin Redwoods State Park. On June 2, 2023, a ceremony was held at the newly reopened park. Funds from the Honor Book were used for payment. Eleven people attended including CGCI President Lynne Batchelor, Past President Sue Bennett, past Sempervirens Chairman Rosa Radicchi, District Director Roseann Costabile, Presidents and members of Garden Clubs, and Amanda Krauss, Director of Tributes & Legacy Fund and her associate, Ori. Sue Bennett was the only president being honored who could attend. To preserve the historic record a photo of the Redwood tree being dedicated for presidents, the tree dedication details, and a map locating the CGCI groves and trees are included.

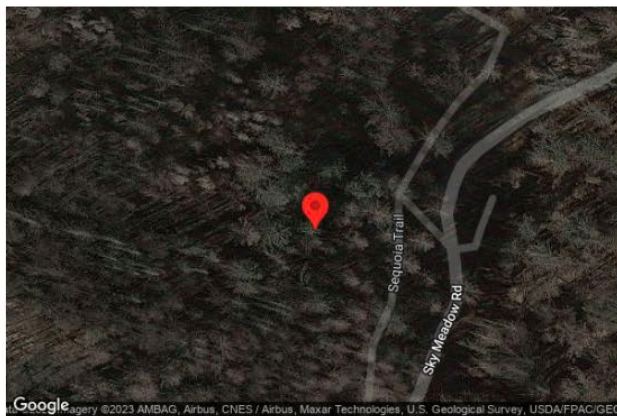
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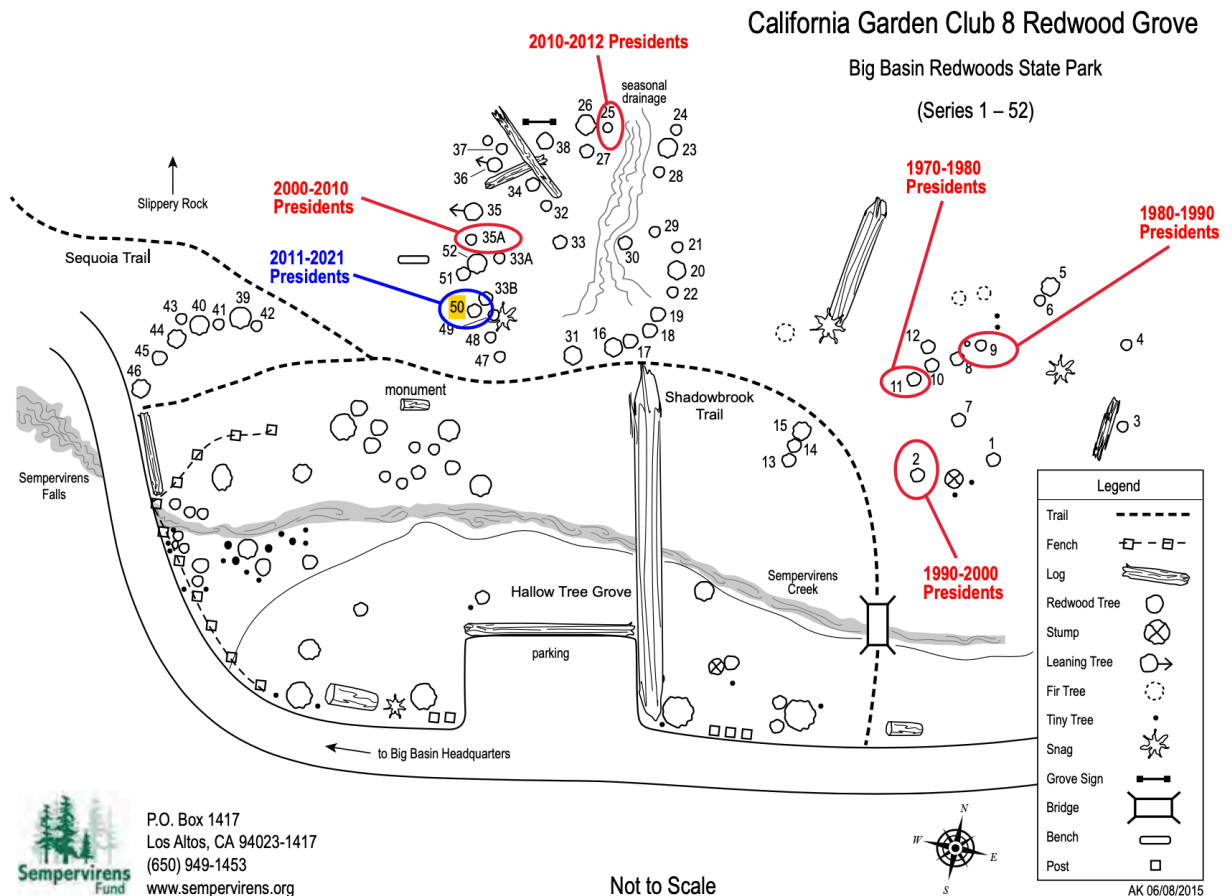
Tree Details

Honoree Name or Event:	2011-2021 CGCI President Tree
Honored By:	California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Message:	Julie A. West 2011-2013 Rita M. Desilets 2013-2015 Susan (Sue) C. Bennett 2015-2017 Krystal K. Migliore 2017-2019 Charlene (Shane) Looper 2019-2021
Tree Number:	50

Tree Location

Grove Name:	California Garden Club 8 Redwood Grove
Visitor Center:	Big Basin Redwoods State Park, 21600 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek, CA 95006, 831- 338-8861
Longitude:	-122.211301
Latitude:	37.181700





The Board of Directors has approved the closing of the Big Basin Recovery Fund. The Sempervirens Fund will continue. Donations to Big Basin Recovery Fund began in February 2021 (per board action during President Shane Looper's term) due to devastation to the park. Fire and storms destroyed infrastructure and damaged trees and habitat, members of CGCI and funds from the General Fund donated over \$25,000. In June 2022, during Lynne Batchelor's term, a donation of \$2500 was matched by an anonymous donor to increase that donation to \$5000.

The donation total will be announced at the closing of the fund on June 30, 2023. Thank you to each of you who supported this emergency fund.

The Redwoods are a treasure CGCI helped protect since the first groups organized. Despite the closing of the Recovery Fund, you understand your continued support of Sempervirens Fund is vital. Thank you to all who donated to the Big Basin Recovery Fund. You can still support the Redwoods with donations to Sempervirens.

Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster, Charlotte Tucker

The Forest Service will be celebrating Smokey Bear's 80th birthday in 2024 so we will only be accepting Smokey Posters starting with the contest in the fall of 2023 and going through to the Awards Ceremonies in June of 2024.

Please make sure all the local Club Poster Contest Chairmen and their judging panels know the rules and don't judge posters that don't abide by the rules to be winners at the club level and are not passed on to be judged again at their state level of their state. I got 6 posters at the PRGC level

that had to be disqualified because they broke the rules. That's not fair to the six students who didn't get a chance to win a special award at a higher level of judging.

KNOW THE RULES - that's my motto.

I now have a new assistant that be shadowing me starting in August, 2023. HOORAY!!! Her name is Michelle Bloomberg and she is also from the Valley Lode District. We both look forward to another wonderful year of student posters under Carol's CGCI term of office.

Social Media, Pat Clayes

Facebook Statistics: As of June 1, we have 1,761 followers with 37 of them new in the last month. 17.4 % are men 82.6 % are women. Most of our followers are 45 years of age and up.

Recommendation: Please "like" the posts and leave positive comments. If anyone has anything to share (photos, stories, poems, etc., please send to patclayes@aol.com

Youth Coordinator, Lisa Cosand

There were 3 parts of the report at the convention 2023: At the District Director's meeting, the two types of youth groups were discussed. The active variety requires the club to have active participation and then there is a donor club. A \$25 donation classifies a club as a donor club. The participants discussed how multiple youth groups each required a form which required too much work on their part. Jane McKee was present at the meeting and she agreed to create a question line on the report as to how many clubs you support and then a list to fill in would drop down requiring one form per sponsor club.

With the Awards Chairman, I reported on the lack of entries, only 3 this year. I passed out a list of categories in which children can apply for awards. I reminded them that for the pollinator poster contest, there are 8 legs for spiders, the same number of letters in arachnid. For insects: bee has 3 letters, 3 pairs of legs and 6 legs altogether.

Under Chairmen reports, I told the group that the youth check awards would be sent in April instead of mid-June. For the school participants, the teacher and children are on vacation in June making it very difficult to give out the awards. I also reminded them that there are over \$1200 of youth awards available of which only \$200 were awarded this last year. Looking forward to a more active year.

Attachment D

CGCI Districts according to the Map of CGCI Districts on page 11 of the 2022-2023 Directory

Two members of the Nominating Committee are to be elected from each region. One alternate member will be elected from any of the three regions.

Region 1 (North)

- District 1 – Humboldt
- District 2 – Top o’ the State
- District 3 - Cascade
- District 4 – Plumas-Lassen
- District 5 – Mendo-Lake
- District 6 - Buttes
- District 7 – Golden Foothills
- District 8 – Luther Burbank
- District 9 – Sacramento River Valley
- District 10 – Bay Bridges
- District 11 – Diablo Foothills
- District 12 – Valley Lode

Region 2 (Central)

- District 13 – Bay Ocean
- District 14 – Santa Clara Valley
- District 15 – Central Coast Counties
- District 16 – Yosemite Gateway
- District 17 – Montana de Oro
- District 18 – Sequoia Foothills
- District 19 – Desert Empire

Region 3 (South)

- District 20 – Channel Islands
- District 21 – San Fernando Valley
- District 22 – Greater Los Angeles
- District 23 - Arboretum
- District 24 – Costa Verde
- District 25 – Orange County
- District 26 – Palms to Pines
- District 27 - Roadrunner
- District 28 - Palomar

Attachment E
CGCI COURTESY RESOLUTION

WHEREAS,

The members of California Garden Clubs, Inc. attending the 91st Convention Celebrating “In the Garden” at The Palm Garden Hotel in beautiful Thousand Oaks, California, June 5 – 9, 2023 have benefited from information learned at the Convention and will disseminate this information to their districts, clubs, associate plant societies and affiliates; and

WHEREAS,

California Garden Clubs, Inc. President Lynne Batchelor, the officers, chairmen and members have served this organization with distinction, now therefore be it and

RESOLVED,

That CGCI President Lynne Batchelor, through her gracious presiding, and the members, chairmen and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this Convention, be commended for their spirit of cooperation; and

RESOLVED,

That sincere thanks be given to Rita Desilets Chairman of the 91st Convention, and Harriet Vallens, Club President along with all members of the Southern California Garden Club, our Host Garden Club, who planned and participated in the success of the 2023 Convention and assured its success by their many courtesies extended; and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be extended to our delightful and informative speakers Jorge Ochoa, Amy Darvish, and Barbara Brown, and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be given to the following workshop leaders--- CGCI Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski, CGCI Liability Insurance Chairman Launa Gould and CGCI Insurance Agent Patt McDaniel, Leadership Chairman Robin Pokorski, CGCI GTEP Chairman Sue Bennett and for the hands-on workshops given by Shelley Sparks and Sherry Molinari

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be extended to all the following for allowing CGCI to tour the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library, Air Force One, Blue Star Memorial Marker and their special exhibit, and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be extended to the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County Honor guard for the presentation of the flags, and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be extended to members of the California Consultants Council for hosting the Wednesday night Banquet, and appreciation be extended to all members helping with all table arrangements during the convention, and

RESOLVED,

That appreciation be extended to Robin Pokorski for her installation ceremony; and to the Vallens family for the reception, and

RESOLVED,

That this resolution be incorporated into the minutes and that copies be sent to CGCI President Lynne Batchelor, Convention Chairman Rita Desilets and Secretary Gail Vanderhorst.

Susan C. Bennett

Acting Courtesy Resolutions Chairman

(June 2023)

California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Post-Convention Meeting
Friday, June 9, 2023
Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, California
Host: Southern California Garden Club
President: Carol Vallens

President Carol Vallens called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m.

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

Excused: Mary Brooks, Ron Byrd, Carolyn Fergoda, Karen Hall, Diane Hill, Marlene Kinney, Ron Lang, Nancy McDougal, George Perko, Renee Rivera, Jeri Stark

Without objection the Chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes of this meeting: Adele Kelly, Chairman, and Nina Blonski and Shirley Lipa.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst moved to ratify the appointment of Greg Pokorski as Parliamentarian (for the 2023-2025 term). **Motion Passed.**

3rd Vice-President Nina Blonski moved to ratify the appointment of the Committee Chairmen as listed on the 2023-2025 roster by the President, including 1st Vice President Adele Kelly as District Director Coordinator and any chairmen that are appointed prior to our September 18, 2023 Fall Board Meeting. **Motion Passed.** See attachment.

President Carol Vallens introduced the Executive Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Gail Vanderhorst _____ Date _____
Recording Secretary

Attachment

First Name	Last Name	Board Position	Home Phone	Mobile Number	E-Mail Address	Mailing Address
Lynne	Batchelor	Advisory Council Chairman, Bylaws, Strategic Planning	858-451- 6764	858-790- 2007	LynneCGCI@aol.com	16048 Caminito Aire Puro, San Diego CA 92128
Judy	Bates	Awards Certificates, Business Commendations	925-672- 4620		JLBates5900@sbcglobal.net	68645 Calle Nancha, Cathedral City, CA 92234
Sue	Bennett	CCC Chairman, GTEP Chairman, Advisory Council, Board of Trustees, Budget and Finance Committee	858-790- 2007	916-316- 5873	Sue_C_Bennett@att.net	7560 Shelborne Dr. Granite Bay, CA 95746
Milly	Benson	President's Project, Nominating Committee			-	
Nancy	Bird	Arboretum District Director			-	
Nina	Blonski	3rd Vice President, Membership Chairman, Bylaws Committee		530-333- 1335	Nblonski@gmail.com	5050 Traverse Creek Rd. Garden Valley CA 95633
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California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Minutes of the Organizational Meeting
Palm Garden Hotel, Thousand Oaks, California
Friday, June 9, 2023
Host: Southern California Garden Club
President: Carol Vallens

President Carol Vallens called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Circle of Poppies Member Robert Gordon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Environmental Schools Chairman Cynthia Jackson read the Conservation Pledge.

Pollinators and Insects Chairman Donna Payton gave the Inspiration.

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

Excused: Kathy Bramhall, Mary Brooks, Beverly Brune, Ron Byrd, Carolyn Fergoda, Cheryl Habriel, Karen Hall, Diane Hill, Joelle Holford, Rosalie Hooper, Gudrun Kimmel, Ron Lang, Nancy McDougal, Jane McKee, Krystal Migliore, George Perko, Rosa Radicchi, Renee Rivera, Jeri Stark, Beverly Switzer, Kathy Taylor de Murillo, Emily Troxell, Charlotte Tucker, Elisabeth Tufo, Julie A. West, Carlotta Wixon-Welker and Pat York

President Carol Vallens introduced the 2023-2025 Executive Committee and former presidents in attendance: Bob Gordon (2003-2005), Robin Pokorski (2007-2009), Rita Desilets (2013-2015), Sue Bennett (2015-2017) and Lynne Batchelor (2021-2023).

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski read the Rules of Order for 2023-2025 Board Meetings and moved for its adoption. (See attachment)

Bylaws Committee Member Chuck Goodwin moved to amend #2 of the Rules of Order for Board Meetings from \$5.00 to \$7.50. **Motion Failed.**

The original motion was voted on. **Motion Passed.**

Procedures Chairman Robin Pokorski presented and led a group exercise encouraging leadership and team building.

President Carol Vallens thanked Southern California Garden Club for hosting the 91st CGCI Convention.

Without objection the chair appointed the following Minutes Review Committee: Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Nina Blonski and Adele Kelly.

President Carol Vallens announced that the following were ratified at the Post Convention Meeting: Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski and Standing Committee Chairmen.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst read the **Executive Committee Recommendations** and moved for their adoption.

1. To approve Roseann Costabile to serve concurrently as Santa Clara Valley District Director and as a member of the Board of Trustees. **Motion Passed.**
2. To approve Launa Gould to serve concurrently as Orange County District Director, Liability Insurance Chairman, Yearbook Chairman, Budget & Finance Committee Member and Procedures Committee Member. **Motion Passed.**
3. To approve Ward Habriel to serve concurrently as Buttes District Director and Climate Awareness Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
4. To approve Terry Sampson to serve concurrently as Roadrunner District Director, Penny Pines Chairman and Stamps Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
5. To approve Alexis Slafer to serve concurrently as Costa Verde District Director, Landscape Design Schools Chairman, member of the Nominating Committee, member of the Board of Trustees and member of the Procedures Committee. **Motion Passed.**
6. To approve Paul Vander Werf to serve concurrently as Sequoia Foothills District Director and Vermiculture/Vermicomposting Chairman. **Motion Passed.**
7. To approve Carolyn A. Mayes, CPA as independent accountant for the 2023-2025 term. (Article XII, Section 10). **Motion Passed.**
8. To approve the dates of September 18-20, 2023 at Harris Ranch, Coalinga, CA for the 2023 Fall Board Meeting. To be hosted by the 2023-2025 Executive Committee. **Motion Passed.**
9. To approve the registration fee of \$125.00 and a late registration fee of \$150.00, after September 9, 2023 for the 2023 Fall Board Meeting. **Motion Passed.**
10. To accept the invitation from Humboldt District to host the 2024 Fall Board Meeting. Dates and place to be announced. **Motion Passed.**
11. To approve the dates of January 29-31, 2024 for the 2024 Virtual Winter Board Meeting. **Motion Passed.**
12. To approve the dates of January 27-29, 2025 for the 2025 Virtual Winter Board Meeting. **Motion Passed.**

On behalf of the Bylaws and Policy Committee, Bylaws and Policy Committee Chairman Greg Pokorski read and moved to delete #41 from the Standing Rules. ("The accountant's annual review letter shall be incorporated in the minutes and published in *Golden Gardens eNews* following the fall board meeting." Rationale: Proposal #7, Article XII – Finances, Sec. 10 which passed at convention replaces this standing rule.) **Motion Passed** (unanimously).

President Carol Vallens asked members to check the 2023-2025 roster and report any needed corrections. A corrected copy will be emailed to board members.

Registrar Robin Pokorski extended an invitation, "Round-up at the Ranch," to all board members to attend the 2023 Fall Board Meeting at Harris Ranch in Coalinga, September 18-20, 2023.

Announcements were made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Gail Vanderhorst _____ Date _____
Recording Secretary

Attachment
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
RULES OF ORDER FOR BOARD MEETINGS, 2023-2025
Information

Regular meetings of the board of directors shall be Organizational (in the odd-numbered year), Fall, Winter and Pre-Convention meetings. Permission for non-attendance at any regular meeting shall be obtained from the president. Article VII, Section 4(a).

One-third (of the board) shall constitute a quorum. No member shall be entitled to more than one vote. Article VII, Section 1.

Permission for a guest to attend (without voice or vote) any meeting of the board of directors shall be obtained from the President. Standing Rule 58.

The Bylaws, Standing Rules and Policy of CGCI, together with *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, shall govern all proceedings of all meetings of the Board of Directors.

Rules

1. Board members and guests shall be prompt in their attendance and shall wear identification badges to in-person meetings.
2. Personal electronic devices shall be silenced during all board meeting functions. Anyone involved in an electronic device interruption will donate \$5.00 to the President's Project.
3. For electronic meetings, members and guests shall set their devices to mute (except when addressing the assembly) and observe the voting protocol stated by the President.
4. The President shall appoint a committee of three to review the minutes.
5. Oral reports of chairmen and district directors shall be limited to a maximum of three minutes each unless otherwise announced or requested. To be included in the minutes, an abbreviated report of no more than three hundred words shall be submitted to the Recording Secretary via email within one week of the close of the meeting.
6. All but the simplest of motions from the floor shall be in writing and sent to the President, with copies to the Recording Secretary and Parliamentarian, before debate may proceed. Whenever practical, such motions shall be submitted in writing to the President with copies to each member of the Executive Committee at least one week prior to such meeting.
7. Any member of the Board of Directors wishing to obtain the floor shall rise and come to the microphone (for electronic meetings, follow the protocol set by the President) and when recognized by the President, shall state his/her name and official capacity.
8. No issue shall be debated without first being placed on the floor by a motion which has been seconded.
9. If there is an issue involved with any motion on the floor, a duly recognized member may speak no more than twice on the same issue, except for the proponent of the motion, who may speak a third time to close the debate. Speakers shall be allowed two minutes each. *No member may speak a second time until all members who want to speak have spoken a first time.*
10. These Rules of Order may be suspended at any meeting of the Board of Directors by two-thirds vote of the board members present and voting, providing that the proposal to be presented is not in conflict with CGCI's bylaws or the fundamental principles of parliamentary law.