

**Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.**  
**77<sup>th</sup> Convention**  
The Oregon Garden Resort  
Silverton, Oregon  
August 10 – 11, 2021  
Director: Robin Pokorski

**Business Meeting #1**

Director Robin Pokorski called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m. on Tuesday, August 10.

Photographer Hank Vanderhorst gave the inspiration.

A Director's Citation was presented to Hank Vanderhorst.

Director Robin Pokorski introduced the officers, state presidents, former directors, Director-Elect Lana Finegold and Alternate Director-Elect Terry Critchlow.

The page for this meeting is Deedee Speer.

The tellers for this meeting are: Garden Therapy Chairman Jamie Cloud and Distinguished Service Award for Youth Chairman Anne Sullivan.

Director Robin Pokorski acknowledged and thanked those members serving on the Pacific Region Board of Directors and NGC Nominating Committee Members Sue Bennett from California and Jeanette Pruin from Washington.

Credentials Chairman Carol Norquist gave the initial credentials report with a total voting strength of 59 and moved for its adoption. **Motion Passed.**

Director Robin Pokorski declared a quorum present.

Corresponding Secretary Alexis Slafer gave the initial registration report with 112 registered.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski read the Convention Rules of Order on pages 4 and 5 of the Convention Program. **Without objection, they were adopted.**

Convention Chairman Peggy Olin moved to adopt the Convention Program as amended. **Motion Passed.**

Without objection, the Chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes of this meeting: Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski, Chairman, Fire Safety Gardening Chairman Ward Habriel and Scholarship Co-Chairman Martha Smyser.

Director Robin Pokorski thanked the members of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs for hosting this meeting.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported that the minutes of the April 8-9, 2019 Convention in Van Nuys, California were recorded, reviewed and distributed. **Without objection, they were approved as distributed.**

### **Financial Reports**

Treasurer Becky Hassebroek reported. She announced that the 2020-2021 budget and the 2021-2022 budget were previously approved by the Executive Committee and ratified by the Board of Directors earlier today. She presented highlights of the budgets.

A Director's Citation was presented to Becky Hassebroek.

Corresponding Secretary Alexis Slafer reported forty-seven thank you notes were written, many related to Workshop Wednesdays.

Director Robin Pokorski acknowledged those members serving on the NGC Board of Directors, NGC Four-Star members Brynn Tavasci, and NGC Five-Star members Lana Finegold and Robin Pokorski.

First timers (34) were recognized and thanked for attending.

A Director's Citation was presented to Carol Vallens.

Scholarship Co-Chairmen, Kristie Livreri and Martha Smyser recognized the Lil' Moose Garden Club for making it possible to have four scholarship winners:

Madeline Katie Gendreau submitted by Washington  
Grace Caroline Mackey submitted by California  
Kimberly May Ortiz submitted by Oregon  
Courtney Russon submitted by Arizona

A Director's Citation was presented to Martha Smyser.

Blue Star Memorial Markers Co-Chairman Shirley Lipa was presented the Puzzle Mania Award.

Chaplain Nancy Ebsen conducted a **memorial service**.

Meeting recessed at 3:58 p.m.

### **Business Meeting #2**

Meeting reconvened at 9:03 am Wednesday, August 11.

Blue Star Memorial Markers Co-Chairman Shirley Lipa gave the inspiration.

Blue Stars Shine in the Pacific Region Project Chairman Diane Franchini presented a PowerPoint ceremony.

A Director's Citation was presented to Diane Franchini,

Without objection, the Chair appointed Ward and Cher Habriel as timekeepers.

A Director's Citation was presented to Cher and Ward Habriel.

### **Officers' Reports**

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported.

*WACONIAH* Editor Vicki Yuen reported.

Historian Brynn Tavasci reported. A Director's Citation was presented to Brynn Tavasci.

Treasurer Becky Hassebroek reported.

Corresponding Secretary Alexis Slafer reported. A Director's Citation was presented to Alexis Slafer.

Recording Secretary Gail Vanderhorst reported.

Alternate Director Rita Desilets reported and presented a special award to Director Robin Pokorski.

Director Robin Pokorski reported and presented a video log.

Organizational Study Committee Chairman Greg Pokorski presented proposed amendments to the Bylaws as distributed with the July 2021 special edition of *WACONIAH*, distributed by email on July 9, 2022. Without objection, **the proposed amendments were adopted as amended**. See Attachment. A Director's Citation was presented to Greg Pokorski.

### **Report from the Board of Directors**

The following were approved at the Pre-Convention meeting.

1. To accept with regret the following resignations: Sue Bennett, Alternate Director and Jeanne Desilets, Timekeeper.
2. To ratify the following appointments: Rita Desilets, Alternate Director, Orvalita Hopkins, Official Calendar Co-Chairman, Carol Mossholder, Official Calendar Co-Chairman, Janet Conley, Timekeeper, Cher Habriel, Poet Laureate, Sally Thompson, Herbs Chairman, Laura Bravinder, Artful Gardening Chairman, Becky Cook, Inspiration Booklet Chairman, Ginny Timmerman, Pollinator Gardening Co-Chairman, Nicole Sanchez, IPM Chairman, and Susan Nash, Finance Committee Member.
3. To adopt the Financial Review report from Beverly Brune for the 2019 - 2020 fiscal year.
4. To ratify the 2020 - 2021 Budget.
5. To adopt the Financial Review report from Beverly Brune for the 2020 - 2021 fiscal year.
6. To ratify the 2021 - 2022 Budget.
7. That the 2022 Convention Budget be accepted.
8. To approve Arthur Charles Loesch, 2022 Convention Treasurer, to be authorized to sign checks on the PRGC Convention/Event account.
9. To approve Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.'s offer to host the 2023 PRGC Convention under the leadership of Team Tavasci, Brynn Tavasci, Chairman.
10. To ratify 25 new Pacific Region Garden Clubs Life Members.

A Director's Citation was presented to Gail Vanderhorst.

### **State Presidents' Reports**

Alternate Director Rita Desilets presented the state presidents who reported:

Washington - Dorrie Carr - video report

California - Lynne Batchelor for Shane Looper - video report

Oregon - Tanja Swanson - video report

Idaho - Karen Jean Lowe

Nevada - Judy Stebbins - video report

## **Convention Invitation**

2022 Convention Chairman Kristie Livreri and members of Nevada Garden Clubs extended an invitation to the 2022 Convention in Las Vegas.

## **Team Reports**

Environmental Concerns/Conservation Team – Mike Stewart reported.

Educational Opportunities Team – George Speer reported.

Internal Organization Team – Gaye Stewart reported. A Director’s Citation was presented to Gaye Stewart.

The meeting recessed at 11:47 a.m.

The meeting reconvened after lunch.

Convention Team – Several team members reported.

Gardening/Horticulture Team, Ward Habriel reported.

The meeting recessed at 1:25 p.m.

## **Installation Banquet**

The meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

Director’s Citations were presented to 2021 Convention Chairman Peggy Olin and to the “Mooser.”

Director Robin Pokorski delivered closing remarks for the term.

Director Robin Pokorski made announcements.

Credentials Chairman Carol Norquist gave the final credentials report and moved for its adoption with a voting strength of 63. **Motion Passed.**

Corresponding Secretary Alexis Slafer gave the final registration report with 112 registered.

Resolutions Chairman Joan Craig presented the Courtesy Resolution and moved for its adoption.

**Motion Passed.** See Attachment.

Chaplain Nancy Ebsen gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. sine die, to be followed by the installation of the 2021-2023 officers by 2015-2017 Region Director Kristie Livreri.

Gail Vanderhorst \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

## Attachments

### Bylaws



Bylaws proposed  
amendments 6-2021

## Courtesy Resolution

### COURTESY RESOLUTIONS

#### **WHEREAS,**

The members of The Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. have assembled for the 77<sup>th</sup> annual convention, “Connecting in a Kaleidoscope of Colors”, August 9-12, 2021 at The Oregon Garden Resort, Silverton, Oregon, And,

#### **WHEREAS,**

Those assembled with to express their MOOST appreciation to our Region Director, to The President of The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., and to the officers and chairmen of The Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc., whom have served this organization with distinction, now therefore be it.

#### **RESOLVED,**

That MOOST heartfelt, and joyful thanks be extended to our Region Director, Robin Pokorski for conducting a MOOST successful meeting, And,

#### **RESOLVED,**

That MOOST grateful thanks be given to Peggy Olin, convention chairman for hanging in there these two years, and to the program speakers throughout the convention, And,

#### **RESOLVED,**

That The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. President Tanja Swanson and all the members, chairmen, and officers, through their dedicated concern in the deliberations of this meeting be commended for their enduring spirit of MOOSIEST hospitality, and to the officers and chairmen of The Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. for their continued support of this organization, And,

#### **RESOLVED,**

That MOOST sincere appreciation to the many Garden Club Members who designed, coordinated, and helped with the workshops, the post-convention Fundraiser Tour:, “The Beauty of Oregon”, the entertainment and installation: and MOOST thanks to those on the 2021 convention committee who assured the success of, “Connecting in a Kaleidoscope of Colors”, by their many courtesies extended, And,

#### **RESOLVED,**

That Kristie Livreri 2015-2017 Pacific Region Director be extended our MOOST heartfelt gratitude for serving as the Installing Officer for the 2021-2023 Pacific Region

Garden Clubs, Inc. incoming officers, And,

**RESOLVED,**

We will extend our MOOST sincere gratitude to our Tour Guides, to The McMinnville Garden Club for hosting our Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> luncheon, and additional MOOSTUAL thanks to the Hudson Family for hosting the Victorian Tea and floral demonstration. And,

**RESOLVED,**

That MOOST thanks and respect be given to The Oregon Garden Visitors Center and The Oregon Garden Resort management and staff for accommodating us in our MOOST physical needs and all services rendered, And,

**RESOLVED,**

That this resolution be incorporated in the minutes and that copies be sent respectively to: Robin Pokorski, Peggy Olin, Gail Vanderhorst, and Peggy Bell, General Manager of The Oregon Garden Resort.