

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.
74th Annual Convention
April 19-20, 2017 – Embassy Suites – Seattle, Washington

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 by the Pacific Region Director Kristie Livreri. The Recording Secretary was not present. Without objection, Sherry Cossey was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

Introductions

The Executive Committee members seated at the head table, former Directors, and 2013-2015 NGC President Linda Nelson Bentson were introduced.

Initial Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman, moved to adopt the Initial Credentials Report as presented with a voting strength of 43. Motion passed.

Quorum

The Director declared a quorum was present.

Initial Registration Report

Jeanette Pruin, Registrar, presented the Initial Registration Report for information only with total registration of 82.

Adoption of Convention Rules

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian, presented the Convention Rules as listed on page 4 of the Convention Program. Without objection, the Convention Rules were adopted.

Adoption of Convention Program

Diane Franchini, Convention Vice Chairman, moved to adopt the Convention Program as corrected. Motion adopted.

Appointment of the Committee to Approve the Minutes

Without objection, the Director appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting:

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian, as Chairman
Robin Pokorski, *WACONIAH* editor
Vicki Yuen, Alternate Director

Appointment of the Timekeepers

Without objection, the following were appointed as timekeepers:

Sue Bennett, CGCI President
Joan Craig, Courtesy Resolutions Chairman

Introductions of Pages

The pages were introduced.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 73rd Annual Convention, April, 2016 in Henderson, Nevada were adopted as distributed on June 13, 2016.

Executive Committee Members' Reports

The following Executive Committee officers reported and their reports are filed with these minutes:

Kristie Livreri, Director
Vicki Yuen, Alternate Director
Sherry Cossey, Corresponding Secretary
Becky Hassebroek, Treasurer
Jeanette Pruin, Historian

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian
Robin Pokorski, *WACONIAH* Editor
Carol Norquist, Website Chairman

The following State Presidents reported and their reports are filed with these minutes:

Terry Critchlow, President, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs
Sue Bennett, President, California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Shirley Schmidt, President, The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Nancy Lee Loesch, President, Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.
Janet Petersen, President, Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
Martie Black, President, Alaska Garden Clubs
Ann Swider, President, Hawaii Federation of Gardens Clubs, Inc.

The meeting was recessed on Wednesday, April 19 at 11:26 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened on Thursday, April 20 at 9:16 a.m.

Introductions

The Executive Committee members seated at the head table, former Directors, 2013-2015 NGC President Linda Nelson Bentson, and National Garden Clubs President-elect Nancy Hargroves were introduced.

Inspiration

Linda Nelson Bentson, Immediate Past NGC President, presented the inspiration.

Interim Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman, moved to adopt the Interim Credentials Report as presented with a voting strength of 50. Motion passed.

Interim Registration Report

Jeanette Pruin, Registrar, presented the Interim Registration Report for information only with total registration 106.

Report of the Actions of the Board of Directors

The Director announced the 2017-2018 budget was approved..

The Director announced the budget for the 2018 Fairbanks, Alaska Region Convention was approved.

The Director announced the following appointments approved by the Executive Committee at its September meeting in Portland, Maine were ratified:

Linda Nelson Bentson as Fundraising Co-Chairman
Nancy Lee Loesch as Awards Committee Chairman with Dorlene Waite as Co-Chairman
Peggy Olin, Finance Committee
Special Committee Members: Gaye Stewart-OSFGC President-Elect, Judy Tolbert-AFGC President, Janet Petersen-GCII President, Ann Swider-HFGCI President, and Vicki Yuen-Alternate Director

The Director announced that Gaye Stewart was appointed Pacific Region Breakfast speaker for the NGC Convention in Virginia.

The Director announced that Patricia Grimes was appointed Assistant Protocol Chairman.

The Director announced that the Region is proceeding forward as a separate entity.

New Business

The new Bylaws were presented by Jeanette Pruin who moved their adoption as revised with four changes recommended by the Executive Committee at its April 18 meeting to the document distributed with convention registration confirmation. Motion adopted (standing vote – no opposition). See copy attached.

The new Standing Rules were presented by Jeanette Pruin who moved their adoption as revised (she noted the many changes to the document distributed at convention registration check-in by the Executive Committee at its April 18 meeting. Motion adopted (no opposition). See copy attached.

The Director announced the 2017-2019 NGC Nominating Committee members from the Pacific Region will be Jeanette Pruin for Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs (Terry Critchlow, alternate) and Vicki Yuen for Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc. (Kristie Livreri, alternate).

Memorial Service

Shirley Schmidt, Memorial Service Chairman, conducted the memorial service with the State Presidents.

Chairmen Reports

Sherry Cossey, Convention Reports Coordinator, presented the following chairmen who reported and their reports are filed with these minutes:

Karen Varty, Book of Recognition (read by Sherry Cossey)
Linda Nelson Bentson, Ways and Means
Orvalita Hopkins, Birds Chairman (read by Sherry Cossey)
Chris Wood, Community Gardens/Public Gardens Chairman
Sally Priebe, Gardening Study School, NGC *Vision of Beauty* Calendar Committee
Mary-Jo Noth, NGC Natural Disasters USA Grants Program (read by Sherry Cossey)
Peggy Olin, Youth Poetry Contest Chairman
Terry Critchlow, *WACONIAH* Circulation, Pacific Region Boosters
Becky Hassebroek, Wildlife Gardening Chairman, NGC Membership Committee PR person
Greg Pokorski, NGC Schools Coordinator
Robin Pokorski, NGC Leap into Leadership
Tanja Swanson, Ames Tools
Brynn Tavasci, Youth Coordinator
Robyn McCarthy, Trees & Shrubs Chairman
Phyllis Danielson, Publicity Press Book

2016 Convention Final Report

Nancy Lee Loesch, 2016 Convention Chairman, presented the final report of the 2016 Convention in Henderson, Nevada.

Convention Invitation

Becky Hassebroeck, 2018 Convention Chairman, led the Alaska delegation in extending the invitation to attend Pacific Region's 75th Annual Convention in at Chena Hot Springs near Fairbanks, Alaska, April 6-9, 2018.

CGCI President, Sue Bennett, announced that California will host the 2019 Pacific Region Convention (dates and location – in southern California – to be determined).

The meeting was recessed on Thursday, April 20 at 10:56 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened on Thursday, April 20 at 8:21 p.m.

Final Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman, moved to adopt the Final Credentials Report as presented with a voting strength of 50. Motion passed.

Final Registration Report

Jeanette Pruin, Registrar, presented the Final Registration Report for information only with total registration of 113.

Courtesy Resolutions

Joan Craig presented the Courtesy Resolutions and moved their adoption. Motion adopted. See copy attached.

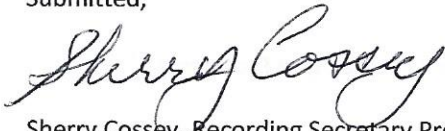
Benediction

Shirley Schmidt, OSFGC President, presented the benediction.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m. Sine die.

Submitted,



Sherry Cossey, Recording Secretary Pro Tem