

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.  
76<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Minutes  
April 8, 2019 – Airtel Plaza, Van Nuys, California

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:16 p.m. by the Pacific Region Director Peggy Olin. The Recording Secretary was present.

Inspiration

Pacific Region Director Peggy Olin gave the Inspiration.

Introductions

Peggy Olin introduced National Garden Clubs, Inc. Corresponding Secretary and 2019 – 2021 Pacific Region Director – elect Robin Pokorski, Immediate Former Pacific Region Director and Advisor Kristie Livreri, former Region Directors, Executive Committee Members seated at the head table and the State Presidents or their representatives, and recognized those serving with her on the NGC board of directors and the Pacific Region board of directors.

Initial Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman moved to adopt the Initial Credentials report as presented with a voting strength of 47. Passed

Quorum

The Director declared a quorum was present.

Initial Registration Report

Robin Pokorski, Registration Chairman presented the Initial Registration Report for information only with total registration of 159.

Adoption of the Convention Rules

Greg Pokorski presented the Convention Rules as listed on pages 11 and 12 of the Convention Program. Without objection the Convention Rules were adopted.

Adoption of the Convention Program

Sue Bennet 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, Chairman  
Sandy Ford, Corresponding Secretary  
Chris Woods, Alaska State President

Appointment of the Timekeepers

Without objection, the following were appointed as timekeepers:

Sandy Ford  
Jeanne Desilets

### Introductions of the Pages

The pages were introduced: Deedee Speer for the Director and Jeanne Johnson for California Garden Clubs President Kristal Migliore, also Maria Krenek and Shirley Lipa.

### Approval of Minutes

Greg Pokorski reported that the minutes of the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, April 2018 in Chena Hot Springs, Alaska were reviewed and distributed on April 30, 2018.

### Executive Committee Members' Reports

The following officers reported:

Peggy Olin, Director  
Brynn Tavasci, Recording Secretary  
Sandy Ford, Corresponding Secretary  
Jeanette Pruin, Historian  
Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian  
Robin Pokorski, WACONIAH Editor  
Carol Norquist, Website  
Kristie Livreri, Advisor  
Becky Hassebroek, Treasurer

The following State Presidents reported:

Terry Critchlow for Joyce Lounsberry, President, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs  
Krystal Migliore President, California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Gaye Stewart, President, The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs  
Nancy Lee Loesch, President, Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Janet Peterson for Claudia Hambacker, President, Idaho Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Chris Wood, President, Alaska Garden Clubs

### Chairman Reports

Sandy Ford, Convention Reports Coordinator, presented the following chairmen who reported:

Nancy Ebsen, Blue Star Marker and Celebration of Life  
Shirley Schmidt, Youth Poetry Contest  
Diane Franchini, Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest  
Robyn McCarthy, Trees  
Kristie Livreri, Scholarships  
Greg Pokorski, Parliamentary Procedure, NGC Schools, and Life Memberships  
Becky Hassebroek, Wildlife Gardening  
Alexis Slafer, Life Membership  
Lana Finegold, NGC Schools  
Art Loesch, Penny Pines

The meeting was recessed on Monday, April 8 at 4:20 p.m.  
The meeting was reconvened on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:05 a.m.

#### Interim Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman moved to adopt the Interim Credentials report as presented with a voting strength of 50. Passed

#### Quorum

The Director declared a quorum was present.

#### Interim Registration Report

Robin Pokorski presented the Interim Registration Report for information only with a total registration of 159.

#### Pacific Region Convention Invitations:

Tanya Swanson, Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs President – elect extended the invitation to attend the Pacific Region’s 77<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, “Connecting in a Kaleidoscope of Colors,” April 27 – 30, 2020 at the Oregon Garden and Resort in Silverton, Oregon.

Judy Stebbins, Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc. President – elect. Extended the invitation to attend the Pacific Region’s 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, **April 8 – 12, 2021** in Las Vegas Nevada.

#### New Business

#### Recommendations from the Executive Committee/Organization Study Committee

Brynn Tavasci, Recording Secretary moved the acceptance of this recommendation.

The bylaws (Article V) already state:

Section 5. The Treasurer shall: a. Maintain a checking account with the Treasurer, Region Director and Alternate Region Director as authorized signers. Only one signature is required.

Amend to say

Section 5. The Treasurer shall: a. Maintain a checking account and any other required bank accounts with the Treasurer, Region Director and Alternate Region Director as authorized signers. Only one signature is required on checks.

Amend the Bylaw to add:

With the change of administrations in the odd-numbered year, the outgoing Director, Alternate Director and Treasurer shall be removed as signers from all bank accounts and the incoming Director, Alternate Director and Treasurer shall be added as signers to all bank accounts. In the year prior to a convention the Convention Treasurer shall be added as a signer to the Convention/Event Account.

Passed

Brynn Tavasci moved the acceptance of this recommendation.

Article XI Conventions

Add Section 8

Minutes of the Annual Pre-Convention Meeting must include the name of the treasurer of the following years convention with the authorization to sign checks on the Convention/Event account.

Passed unanimously.

Presented

2019 – 2021 Region Director Robin Pokorski and Alternate Director Sue Bennett elected by California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Presented

2019 – 2021 NGC Nominating Committee Members:

Alaska – Carol Norquist and Alternate Debbie Hinchey.

Oregon – Linda Nelson-Bentson and Alternate Shirley Schmidt.

The meeting was recessed on Tuesday, April 9 at 10:17 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened on Tuesday, April 9 at 9:26 p.m.

Final Credentials Report

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

Final Registration Report

Robin Pokorski, Registration Chairman, presented the Final Registration Report for information only with total registration of 159. ? I don't have the actual signed report.

Courtesy Resolutions

Joan Craig, Chairman

Installation of 2019 – 2021 Officers

Installing Officer Beverly Brune, 2005 – 2007 PRGC Director

Acceptance Speech

Robin Pokorski, 2019 – 2021 PRGC Director

Benediction

Nancy Ebsen, Memorial Services Chairman

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 p.m. Sine die.

Brynn Tavasci

Recording Secretary