

**Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.**

78<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

April 26-27, 2022, Las Vegas, NV

Nevada Garden Club Center

**Business Meeting #1**

Director Lana Finegold called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m. on Tuesday, April 26, 2022.

Director Lana Finegold introduced the officers, state presidents, former directors, Director-Elect Carol Norquist and Alternate Director-elect Debbie Hinchey (Alaska Garden Clubs), pages, timekeeper, Pacific Region Board of Directors, NGC Nominating Committee members, and special guest NGC President Mary Warshauer.

Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. President Sharon Davis gave the inspiration.

Director Lana Finegold gave Alternate Director Terry Critchlow a Citation of Appreciation.

Credentials Chairman Carol Norquist gave the initial credentials report with a voting strength of 37 and moved for its adoption. **Motion passed.**

Director Lana Finegold declared a quorum present with a voting strength of 37.

Convention Registrar Dorlene Waite gave the initial registration report with 72 registered.

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

Convention Chairman Vicki Yuen moved to adopt the Convention Program as corrected. **Motion passed.**

Without objection, the Chair appointed the following committee to review the minutes of this meeting: Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski, Immediate Past Director Robin Pokorski, and Former Director Peggy Olin.

Director Lana Finegold thanked the members of the Nevada Garden Clubs for hosting this meeting.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported that the minutes of the 2021 Convention at the Oregon Gardens in Silverton, Oregon were recorded and reviewed. A date change correction was made. **Without objection these minutes were approved as corrected.**

**Financial Reports:**

Treasurer Susan Nash reported assets of \$28,818.17 in the general checking account and \$14,810.09 in the scholarship account. She announced that the 2022-2023 budget and the 2023 Convention budget were previously approved by the Executive Committee and adopted by the Board of Directors at the Pre-Convention Board meeting. She presented highlights of the budgets.

Corresponding Secretary Alexis Slafer reported on Thursday Thoughts from Lana.

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

First-Timers (15 registered) were recognized and thanked for attending.

Memorials Chairman Daina Moore conducted a **Memorial Service.**

Director Lana Finegold gave announcements.

Meeting Recessed at 11:40 a.m.

## **Business Meeting #2**

Meeting reconvened at 9:08 a.m. Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

Alaska Garden Clubs president Sharron Jordan Carlson gave the inspiration.

Without objection, the Chair appointed Cheryl Drumheller as timekeeper.

Director's Citations were given to Chris Wood, Kristie Livreri, Vicki Yuen, Michele Noe, and Marcia Brown.

Director Lana Finegold introduced the officers, former directors, state presidents, pages, and NGC President Mary Warshauer.

## **Officers' Reports**

Director Lana Finegold reported.

Alternate Director Terry Critchlow reported.

Recording Secretary Diane Franchini reported.

Corresponding Secretary Alexia Slafer reported.

Historian Brynn Tavasci reported.

Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski reported.

Advisor Robin Pokorski reported.

Webmaster Launa Gould reported.

WACONIAH Editor Vicki Yuen reported that June 30<sup>th</sup> is the next deadline.

## **State Presidents' Reports**

Washington – Anne Sullivan reported.

Arizona – Sharon Davis reported.

California – Lynne Batchelor reported.

Oregon – Cheryl Drumheller reported.

Nevada – Marcia Brown reported.

Alaska – Sharron Jordan Carlson reported.

## **Committee Chairmen Reports**

Pollinators Chairman Judy Unrine reported.

Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman Judy Swortz reported.

Youth Coordinator Sue Bennett reported.

Pollinator Poster Contest Chairman Terry Critchlow reported.

Scholarship Co-Chairman Kristie Livreri reported that three scholarships were awarded.

The three winners receiving \$1000 each were:

\*Abigail Gribksov submitted by Oregon

\*Katey Wilcox submitted from California

\*Kyle Johnson submitted from Washington

NGC Schools Chairman Greg Pokorski reported.

Sustainable Consumption Co-Chairman Gail Vanderhorst reported.

Photography Chairman Al Finegold reported.

## Report from the Board of Directors

### Recording Secretary Diane Franchini reported:

Since the 2021 Organization Meeting, the Board of Directors:

1. ratified additional appointments to the board.
2. approved Jeanette Pruin as the 2023 Convention Treasurer with authorization to sign checks on the PRGC Convention/Event account.
3. approved the 2022-2023 Pacific Region budget.
4. approved the 2023 Convention budget.
5. approved amendments to the Standing Rules.

The Board is unable to advise at this time where the 2024 Convention will be held or who the chairman will be.

### New Business

#### Organization Study Committee Proposed Bylaws Changes

Organization Study Committee Chairman Greg Pokorski presented proposed changes to the Bylaws as distributed by email on April 4, 2022. On behalf of the Organization Study Committee a motion was made to adopt the Bylaws changes. **Motion passed. See attachment.**

#### Convention 2023 Invitation

2023 Convention Chairman Brynn Tavasci and members of the Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs extended an invitation to the 2023 Convention at Embassy Suites in Lynnwood, Washington.

### Announcements

Director Lana Finegold announced that Carol Norquist and Debbie Hinchey were elected by Alaska Garden Clubs to serve as 2023-2025 Director and Alternate Director.

NGC Nominating Committee members for the 2023-2025 term are to be elected by Nevada and Alaska at least 12 weeks prior to the 2023 PRGC Convention.

The meeting recessed at 11:10 a.m.

The meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m. following the Life Member Banquet.

Director Lana Finegold made announcements.

Credentials Chairman Carol Norquist gave the final credentials report and moved for its adoption with a voting strength of 41. **Motion passed.**

Convention Registrar Doralene Waite gave the final registration report with 80 registered (57 full-time and 23 part-time).

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

Designer Larri Tarver gave the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m., *sine die*.

Diane Franchini \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

## Proposed Bylaws Amendments

- a. Assist on points of parliamentary procedure when requested.
- b. Fulfill required duties as outlined in *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*.
- c. Attend committee meetings at the request of the Region Director.
- d. Serve on the Organization Study Committee.

Section 7. The **Historian** shall:

- a. Request reports from each state garden club regarding accomplishments and main events of each term.
- b. Compile a report of Region accomplishments and events for the term.
- ~~c. Submit reports on state garden club and PRGC activities as requested by the NGC Historian.~~

Section 8. The **WACONIAH Editor** shall (See Standing Rules Section 6n for additional duties):

- a. Coordinate the content and layout of *WACONIAH*, the official publication of PRGC.
- b. Publish *WACONIAH* four times per year.
- c. Arrange to have archive copies filed on the PRGC website.

Section 9. The **Website Chairman** shall:

- a. Maintain and update the website on a timely basis.
- b. Add and subtract information on the website as directed by the Region Director and/or Board of Directors.

Section 10. The **State Presidents** shall (See Standing Rules Section 4 for additional duties):

- a. The incoming state president shall send the state roster to the incoming Region Director and the incoming Alternate Region Director as soon as available.
- b. Advise State Treasurer to send PRGC Dues of \$30 per delegate, as in NGC Bylaws Article XII, Section 2.B, to the PRGC Treasurer. Dues are due June 1, delinquent September 1 of each year.

## ARTICLE VI - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. Duties – The Board of Directors shall:

- a. Transact the business of PRGC except as otherwise provided for by the Articles of Incorporation or these Bylaws.
- b. Act on recommendations presented by the Executive Committee.
- c. Authorize publications to advance the objectives of PRGC.
- d. Keep minutes of meetings and report actions to the next convention.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be composed of:

- a. Executive Committee
- b. Former Directors of PRGC
- c. All committee chairmen
- d. NGC Nominating Committee members who reside in the Pacific Region.

## ARTICLE VII – MEETINGS

Section 1. Executive Committee

- a. The regular meeting shall be held preceding the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. Nine members with four states represented shall constitute a quorum. Guests may attend with the permission of the Region Director.
- b. Meetings may be held during the NGC Convention and Fall Board Meeting at the Call of the Director. All PRGC members are welcome to attend with no vote.
- c. The incoming Executive Committee may meet during or immediately following the *Adopted 4/8/18, Amended 4/9/19 & 8/11/21 Page 3*

PRGC Annual Convention in the odd-numbered year.

d. The committee may conduct meetings by electronic means and may vote on urgent matters by email. (See Email Voting Guidelines in the Standing Rules.)

#### Section 2. Board of Directors

a. The regular meeting shall be held prior to the Annual Convention. One-third of those registered and eligible to vote with four states represented shall constitute a quorum.

b. In odd-numbered years, the incoming Board of Directors shall meet during the convention or immediately following.

c. PRGC members are welcome to attend with no vote.

d. The Board of Directors (including all committees) may conduct meetings by electronic means and may vote on urgent matters by email. (See Email Voting Guidelines in the Standing Rules.)

### **ARTICLE VIII – ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Section 1. All former PRGC Directors shall comprise the Advisory Council.

Section 2. The chairman shall be the immediate former Region Director. If unable to serve, a Chairman shall be elected from the former Region Directors present.

Section 3. The Advisory Council functions at the request of the Region Director or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

### **ARTICLE IX – ELECTIONS REGION DIRECTOR AND ALTERNATE DIRECTOR**

Section 1. The offices of Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall be filled by rotation among the region's states. (See Standing Rules Section 1a for rotation list.) They are elected by the member state, not by PRGC.

Section 2. Eligibility: (See Standing Rules Section 1b).

Section 3. State's duties in providing a Region Director and an Alternate Region Director include:

a. The candidates for Region Director and Alternate Region Director are elected by the governing body of that state garden club whose turn it is to provide the Region Director and Alternate Region Director.

b. The Region Director and the Alternate Region Director are to be elected at a state garden club session in the even-numbered year.

c. Competition may be held within a state, however only one Director-elect and one Alternate Director-elect may be submitted to the Region Director prior to the Annual Convention in the even-numbered years for presentation to the PRGC Board of Directors.

d. In the event the state whose turn it is to furnish a Region Director does not have an eligible candidate for Region Director, the Region Director shall be notified and will then notify the state following in rotation, asking this state to fill the position.

~~e. A state without an eligible or willing candidate may present rationale to the Executive Committee for approval to exchange its place in the rotation with the next state in rotation (provided that state is in agreement). Following any switch, states will return to the original rotation.~~

~~f. A state that cannot fill the position of Region Director loses its turn and shall wait for~~

the next rotation to fill the position.

## **ARTICLE X - NGC NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Section 1. Nominating Committee Members shall be filled by rotation among the states. (See Standing Rules Section 2 for rotation list.)

Section 2. Eligibility: NGC Bylaws shall be adhered to. NGC Bylaws Article X NOMINATING COMMITTEE, Section 1. - STRUCTURE, B. Members (See Standing Rules Section 2.)

a. PRGC shall provide two Members to serve on the NGC Nominating Committee.

b. The two states next in rotation order for providing NGC Nominating Committee Members shall each elect one eligible member to serve as Member.

c. The names of the persons elected for each position shall be submitted to the Region Director to send to the NGC Nominating Committee Vice Chairman, President-Elect and the Administrative Assistant no later than 12 weeks prior to the NGC Convention in the odd-numbered year prior to service.

d. In the event the state whose turn it is to elect a Member does not have an eligible candidate, the Region Director shall be notified and then request the state that follows in rotation to fill the position.

e. A state that cannot fill the position of Member loses its turn in rotation and shall wait until the next rotation to provide a Member.

f. No state shall have two Members serving on the NGC Nominating Committee at the same time (other than the NGC Nominating Committee Chairman and Alternate Chairman if from PRGC).

## **ARTICLE XI – CONVENTIONS**

Section 1. The Annual Convention shall be hosted by rotation among the member states. (See Standing Rules Section ~~3~~ 3a for rotation list.)

Section 2. PRGC Conventions shall not conflict with NGC Conventions and shall make every effort not to conflict with member state conventions.

Section 3. A state that passes its turn to host loses its turn in rotation and shall wait until the next rotation to host. Switches in rotation may be permitted with reasonable cause and approval of the Region Director.

Section 4. The voting membership at conventions shall consist of members of the Board of Directors and delegates (or their alternates) from each state. Delegates for each state are determined by the number of members ~~for whom dues were remitted to NGC as of June~~ **October 31 and additional dues remitted prior to March 31**, as listed in NGC Bylaws Article XII, Section 2.B. (See Standing Rules)

Section 5. A majority of the voting members as set forth in Section 4 above who are registered at the convention, with a minimum of four states being represented, shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6. Distribution of Revenue

a. The net proceeds of the convention shall be split 50/50 between the host state and PRGC.

b. In case of a deficit, the host state shall be responsible for the first ten percent with the remainder the responsibility of PRGC.

Section 7. Minutes of the Annual Pre-Convention Meeting must include the name of the treasurer of the following year's convention with the authorization to sign checks on the