

National Garden Clubs, Inc.
PACIFIC REGION
Executive Committee Meeting
September 27, 2013
St. Louis, MO
Minutes

Present: Elaine Gunderson, Carol Norquist, Debbie Hinchey, Becky Hassebroek, Brynn Tavasci, Peggy Olin, Greg Pokorski, Robin Pokorski, Jeanette Pruin, Carol Mossholder, Vicki Yuen, Karen Mallon, Rita Desilets

Guests: Albert Chang, Della Barry, Sandy Ford, Julie West, Debbie Skow, Alexis Shafer, Marilyn Oberti, Joan Craig, Jan Iseli, Garnet Ascher, Shane Looper, Lee Pearn, Sally Priebe

Call to Order

Pacific Region Director, Elaine Gunderson, called the meeting to order at 3:13 p.m.

Appointment of Secretary

Without objection, the Director appointed Carol Norquist Secretary Pro Tem.

Quorum

The Director declared a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Without objection, the agenda was adopted as distributed by the Director.

Appointment of the Committee to Approve the Minutes

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

Brynn Tavasci, President of Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Peggy Olin, President of The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian

Approval of Minutes

Greg Pokorski reported that the minutes from April 22, 2013 Executive Committee Meeting were approved by the Committee to Approve the Minutes, and were distributed on May 3rd, 2013.

Reports of the Officers

The following officers reported:

Elaine Gunderson, Director (attached)

Elaine Gunderson for Gale Baullinger, Treasurer (attached)

New Business

Director Elaine Gunderson presented a request for Char Mutschler concerning NGC 2014 Convention Flowers.

Robin Pokorski, WACONIAH Editor, moved that \$50 be allotted for the 2014 NGC Convention flower arrangement, with receipts for reimbursement. **Motion adopted.**

Robin Pokorski, WACONIAH Editor, moved that \$50 be allotted for a honorarium for the Oklahoma Wild Care Foundation since the speaker for the PR Breakfast/Luncheon at the NGC 2014 Convention, Norman, OK is charging a fee. **Motion adopted.**

Robin Pokorski, WACONIAH Editor, moved that up to \$150 be allotted for AV equipment for the

PR Breakfast/Luncheon at the 2014 NGC Convention. **Motion adopted.**

Director Elaine Gunderson presented a request for Karen Varty, Book of Recognition Chairman, concerning an embosser.

Robin Pokorski, WACONIAH Editor, moved that up to \$200 be allotted for a Pacific Region table embosser and related supplies. **Motion adopted.**

Robin Pokorski, WACONIAH Editor, moved to add \$200 to the budget for WACONIAH expenses. **Motion adopted.**

The meeting recessed at 3:57 p.m. to move to another room.

The meeting was reconvened at 4:00 p.m.

Reports of Committee Chairmen

Julie West, Awards Chairman, presented the 2013-2015 changes to the PR Awards.

Julie West, for the Awards Committee, moved to ratify the published revised awards for 2013-2015. **Motion adopted.**

Carol Norquist, Website Chairman, moved that Awards #6-8 return to the previous two categories, four small and four large states. **Motion defeated.**

Carol Mossholder, Arizona President, moved that Awards #6-8 be changed into three categories: small 0-500, medium 501-4000, large, over 4000. **Motion adopted.**

Robin Pokorski, WACONIAH Editor, reported.

Carol Norquist, Website Chairman, reported.

Sandy Ford, 2014 PR Convention Chairman, reported.

Greg Pokorski reported that NGC Chairman Judy Newman wants to talk about promoting Environmental Studies Schools and will write an article for WACONIAH.

Director Elaine Gunderson reported that for the Pacific Region to win the NGC #25 Award of Excellence for Regions, all eight states must participate.

Director Elaine Gunderson reported that Carol Parrott, Alternate Director, would assist Inez Thomason with the Pacific Region Butterfly project. Balloting to choose a regional butterfly will take place after the first of the year and before the next convention.

Director Elaine Gunderson reported, for Maxine Smolowitz, on the Pacific Region Fundraising Project.

Jeanette Pruin, Policy and Procedure Manual Chairman, moved to adopt the 2013 Policy & Procedures Guidelines as distributed to the Executive Committee, with a few minor typographical errors noted. **Motion adopted.**

Director Elaine Gunderson reported that Nevada is to provide the 2015-2017 Pacific Region Director. The name is to be presented at the 2014 PR Convention in Idaho. Arizona and California will each provide a NGC nominating committee member and alternate for the 2015-2017 NGC term.

Sandy Ford, Pacific Region 2013-2015 Director's Project, reported.

Director Elaine Gunderson asked each state president to report on what their state is doing towards the "It's Our World! It's Our Responsibility! Plant Seeds of Knowledge and Stewardship" project.

Brynn Tavasci (Washington), Carol Mossholder (Arizona), Rita Desilets (California), Peggy Olin (Oregon), Vicki Yuen (Nevada), and Karen Mallon (Idaho) reported.

Robin Pokorski, WACONIAH Editor, asked the Executive Committee to start thinking about whether the WACONIAH publication should be forwarded to those who have not paid for a subscription. If we do, the fundraising aspect goes away. She also mentioned a possible fundraiser of magnetic signs. We could get 250 for about \$300.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NGC Convention - Norman, OK - April 30-May 4, 2014 - PR Breakfast Meeting
PR Convention and Annual Meeting 2014 - Coeur d'Alene, ID - July 1-3, 2014
PR Convention and Annual Meeting 2015 - Eugene, OR - April 20-22, 2015
Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Carol Norquist
Secretary Pro Tem