

Pacific Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
73rd Annual Convention
April 6-7, 2016 – Green Valley Ranch Resort – Henderson, Nevada

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 by the Pacific Region Director Kristie Livreri. The Recording Secretary was not present. Without objection, Robin Pokorski was appointed Secretary Pro Tem.

Introductions

The Executive Committee members, former Directors, and 2013 – 2015 NGC President Linda Nelson Bentson were presented.

Initial Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman, moved to adopt the Initial Credentials Report as presented with a voting strength of 44. Motion passed.

Quorum

The Director declared a quorum was present.

Initial Registration Report

Vicki Yuen, Registrar, presented the Initial Registration Report for information only with total registration of 84.

Adoption of Convention Rules

Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian, presented the Convention Rules. Without objection, the Convention Rules were adopted.

Adoption of Convention Program

Art Loesch, Convention Co-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
Sherry Cossey, Corresponding Secretary
Janet Petersen, President, Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.

Appointment of the Timekeepers

Without objection, the following were appointed as timekeepers:

Chris Wood, Community Gardens/Public Gardens Chairman
Debbie Hinchey, Horticulture Chairman and 2011-2013 Pacific Region Director

Introductions of Pages

The pages were introduced.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the 72nd Annual Convention, April, 2015 in Eugene, Oregon were adopted as distributed on July 13, 2015.

Executive Committee Members' Reports

The following Executive Committee members reported:

Elaine Gunderson, Advisor
Carol Norquist, Website Chairman
Robin Pokorski, *WACONIAH* Editor – The editor moved to increase *WACONIAH* printed copy subscription to \$25 for two years. Motion passed.
Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian
Jeanette Pruin, Historian
Becky Hassebroek, Treasurer
Sherry Cossey, Corresponding Secretary

Vicki Yuen, Alternate Director
Kristie Livreri, Director

Executive Committee Members' Reports continued

The following Executive Committee members reported:

Terry Critchlow, President, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs
Judy Tolbert, President, Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Sue Bennett, President, California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Shirley Schmidt, President, The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Vicki Yuen, 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.

Report of the Actions of the Board of Directors

The Secretary Pro Tem announced the following actions adopted by the Board of Directors:

Approval of the 2016-2017 budget.
Approval of the 2017 Seattle, Washington Convention budget.
Approval of the Policy and Procedures' housekeeping changes (e.g. convention rotation and changing all references of "regional" to "region") and to eliminate the \$20 first-place monetary award for adult awards on the 2016-2017 budget.
Approval that Pacific Region Boosters be an annual \$20 contribution.
Approval that the Pacific Region continue with a new EIN.

Resignations and Appointments

The Director announced the following:

The resignation of Garnet Ascher, Community Gardens/Public Gardens Chairman was accepted with regret.
The appointment of Chris Wood as Community Gardens Chairman.
The appointment of Karen Galloway as Awards Committee Member.
The appointment of Mary-Jo Noth as Natural Disasters Chairman.

Special Committee Appointed

The Director appointed the following Special Committee to research the Region moving forward with its own EIN:

Jeanette Pruin, Chairman
Carol Norquist, Website Chairman
Robin Pokorski, *WACONIAH* Editor

Meeting recessed on Wednesday, April 6 at 11:32 a.m.

Meeting reconvened on Thursday, April 7 at 9:15 a.m.

Inspiration

Robin Pokorski, *WACONIAH* Editor, presented the inspiration.

Interim Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman, moved to adopt the Interim Credentials Report as presented with a voting strength of 54. Motion passed.

Interim Registration Report

Vicki Yuen, Registrar, presented the Interim Registration Report for information only with total registration 102.

Presentation of 2017-2019 Pacific Region Director and Alternate Director

The Oregon delegation presented Peggy Olin and Sherry Cossey, from Oregon, as the 2017-2019 Pacific Region Director and Alternate Director.

NGC Nominating Committee Members Announced

The following were announced as the 2017 – 2019 NGC Nominating Committee Members and Alternates:

Washington – Jeanette Pruin, member and Terry Critchlow, alternate
Nevada – pending Nevada meeting

Chairmen Reports

Sherry Cossey, Convention Reports Coordinator, presented the following chairmen who reported:

Sherry Cossey, Convention Reports Coordinator

Sandy Ford, Region Project Chairman

Becky Hassebroek, Backyard Habitat Chairman, Boosters, Bee a Wildlife Action Hero, Million Pollinator Garden Challenge

Orvalita Hopkins, Birds Chairman

Art Loesch, Penny Pines Chairman

Robyn McCarthy, Trees & Shrubs Chairman

Peggy Olin, Youth Poetry Contest Chairman

Carol Parrott, Scholarship Chairman

Lee Pearn, Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman

Greg Pokorski, NGC Schools Coordinator

Alexis Slafer, Life Memberships Chairman

Dorlene Waite, Awards Chairman

Debbie Hinchey, NGC Member Award of Honor Chairman

Chris Wood, Community Gardens/Public Gardens Chairman

Elaine Gunderson, NGC Scholarships Chairman, Ames Tools Chairman

Terry Critchlow, WACONIAH Circulation, Pacific Region Boosters

2015 Convention Final Report

Sherry Cossey, 2015 Convention Chairman, presented the final report of the 2015 Convention in Eugene, Oregon.

Memorial Service

Shirley Schmidt, Memorial Chairman, conducted the memorial service.

Convention Invitation

Brynn Tavasci, 2017 Convention Chairman, led the Washington delegation in extending the invitation to attend Pacific Region's 74th Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington, April 18-20, 2017.

Meeting recessed on Thursday, April 7 at 10:54 a.m.

Meeting reconvened on Thursday, April 7 at 9:29 p.m.

Final Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman, moved to adopt the Final Credentials Report as presented with a voting strength of 54. Motion passed.

Final Registration Report

Vicki Yuen, Registrar, presented the Final Registration Report for information only with total registration of 109.

Courtesy Resolution

Joan Craig presented the Courtesy Resolution and moved to adopt. Without objection the motion was adopted. Copy attached.

Benediction

Sandy Ford, Region Project Chairman, presented the benediction.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 p.m. Sine die.

Submitted,

Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary Pro Tem