

Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc.  
75<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention Minutes  
April 8, 2018 – Chena Hot Springs Resort, Alaska

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:43 p.m. by the Pacific Region Director Peggy Olin. The Recording Secretary was present.

Invocation

Jeanette Pruin, Historian presented the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian.

Conservation Pledge

The Conservation Pledge was led by Brynn Tavasci, Recording Secretary and Youth Coordinator/Awards.

Welcome to the Convention

Becky Hassebroek, Convention Chairman welcomed the assembly to the convention.

Welcome to Alaska

Chris Wood, Alaska Garden Clubs President welcomed the assembly to Alaska.

Introductions

Peggy Olin introduced National Garden Clubs, Inc. Corresponding Secretary and 2019 – 2021 Pacific Region Director – elect Robin Pokorski, former National Garden Clubs, Inc. President Linda Nelson- Bentson, 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.

Initial Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman moved to adopt the Initial Credentials report as presented with a voting strength of 38. Motion passed.

Quorum

The Director declared a quorum was present.

Initial Registration Report

Becky Hassebroek presented the Initial Registration Report for information only with total registration of 51.

Adoption of the Convention Rules

Greg Pokorski presented the convention Rules as listed on pages 6 and 7 of the Convention Program. Without objection the Convention Rules were adopted.

Adoption of the Convention Program

Becky Hassebroek 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  
Sherry Cossey, Alternate Director  
Chris Woods, Alaska Garden Clubs President

### Appointment of the Timekeepers

Without objection, the following were appointed as timekeepers:

Lucy Chambers  
Winnie West

### Introductions of the Pages

The pages were introduced: Joan Robson for the Director and Barbara Horner-Miller for Alaska Garden Clubs President Chris Wood.

### Approval of Minutes

Greg Pokorski reported that the minutes of the 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, April 2017 in Seattle, Washington were reviewed and distributed.

### Executive Committee Members' Reports

The following officers reported:

Peggy Olin, Director  
Sherry Cossey, Alternate Director  
Brynn Tavasci, Recording Secretary  
Sherry Cossey for 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  
Sherry Cossey for Marcie Brooks, President, Arizona Garden Clubs  
Krystal Migliore, President, California Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Gaye Stewart, President, The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs  
Kristie Livreri for Nancy Lee Loesch, President, Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Claudia Hambacker, President, Idaho Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Chris Wood, President, Alaska Garden Clubs  
Ann Swider, President, Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

### Chairman Reports

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

Becky Hassebroek, Wildlife Gardening

Lauri Baker, Butterflies  
Robyn McCarthy, Trees and Shrubs  
Chris Wood, Community/Public Gardens  
Robin Pokorski for Alexis Slafer, Life Membership  
Nancy Ebsen for Lee Pearn, Blue Star Markers  
Shirley Schmidt, Youth Poetry Contest  
Brynn Tavasci for Diane Franchini, PR Directors Project  
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Terry Critchlow, Scholarship Boosters  
Kristie Livreri, Scholarship  
Greg Pokorski, Schools  
Jeanette Pruin, Organization Study

### 2017 Convention Final Report

Brynn Tavasci, 2017 Convention Chairman, presented the final report of the 2017 Convention in Seattle, Washington.

### Convention Invitation

Sue Bennett, 2019 Convention Chairman extended the invitation to attend the Pacific Region's 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention, "Soaring to New Heights," April 5 – 10, 2019, in Van Nuys, California.

It was announced that the location of the 2020 Convention is to be announced because Idaho has declined and the convention will be in Oregon.

### Report of Actions by the Board of Directors

#### Standing Rules

The Board of Directors approved changes to the Standing Rules, including Page 7, 6p. 4, Scholarships: PRGC Scholarship Boosters: Anyone who wishes to be a PRGC Scholarship Booster shall pay a minimum of \$30 per term, check payable to PRGC.

Page 6, 6i, 2.

Receive Life Membership applications with \$75.

It was announced that:

The resignation of Nancy Lee Loesch as Awards Chairman and the appointment of Carol Norquist as Awards Chairman were ratified.

The resignation of Carol Parrot as Scholarship Chairman and the appointment of Kristi Livreri as Scholarship Chairman were ratified.

### New Business

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

#### Bylaws

That primarily housekeeping and formatting changes as distributed by email and these changes:

Page 4, Section 1. A. The regular meeting shall be held preceding the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors. Nine (9) members with five (5) states represented shall constitute a quorum. (change from 6 states)

Section 2. a. The regular meeting shall be held prior to the Annual Convention. One-third (1/3) of those registered and eligible to vote with five (5) states represented shall constitute a quorum. (change from 6 states)

Page 6, Section 6. A majority of the voting members as set forth in Section 5, above who are registered at the convention, with a minimum of five (5) states being represented, shall constitute a quorum. (change from 6 states)

Be adopted by the voting members.

Passed unanimously. Copy attached.

#### 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.

#### Memorial Service

The Memorial Service was conducted by Nancy Ebsen.

The meeting was recessed on Sunday, April 8 at 5:24 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened on Monday, April 9 at 10:10 a.m.

#### Final Credentials Report

Carol Norquist, Credentials Chairman, moved to adopt the Final Credentials Report as presented with a voting strength of 38. Motion passed.

#### Final Registration Report

Becky Hassebroek, Registration Chairman, presented the Final Registration Report for information only with total registration of 55.

#### Courtesy Resolutions

Carolyn Olley presented the Courtesy Resolutions and moved their adoption. Motion passed. Copy attached.

#### Benediction

Nancy Ebsen, presented the benediction.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m. Sine die.

Brynn Tavasci  
Recording Secretary