

**Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
Fall Board Meeting – October 17, 2011**

The Blue Ribbon Committee and the Finance Committee met prior to today's 10 am board meeting.

The Fall Board Meeting of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by GCII President Robyn McCarthy at 10 a.m., Monday, October 17, 2011 at the Ashley Inn in Cascade ID.

Pledge of Allegiance – Marsha Jensen. Inspiration – Marge Cojerean. Welcome – Linda Thacker.

Prez Robyn introduced the GCII officers, Pacific Region advisor Sandra Ford, and past state presidents Louisa Cone, Sandra Ford, and Dotty Hurd.

Twenty-six (26) were present. The Chair declared a quorum.

**Committee to Approve Minutes: Jodene Caldwell, Pat Peutz.
Minute Minders: Helen Posluszny and Cleo Morton
Tellers – Carole Hearne and Carol Feider
Page – Jan Morrison**

Prez Robyn announced the following appointments:

**Historian – Karen Mallon
NGC President's Projects, Plantings for Public and Special Places: Marsha Jensen
NGC President's Projects, Photo Archiving of Accomplishments: Karen Mallon
NGC President's Projects: Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems: Sandra Ford**

The minutes of the Fall Board Meeting of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. October 18, 2010 were approved with the following corrections: clarify the cost of the 'fish' ornament to be \$15.00. Add: "A state life membership was awarded to Jerry McCarthy in the amount of a \$100.00 donation."

Report of Officers:

President, Robyn McCarthy. ◦ NGC project: "Planting for Public and Special Places" ◦ NGC and GCII "Plant it Pink" ◦ "Looking in, Reaching out" – Pacific Region project. ◦ "Help Membership Bloom" - \$100 award to state with greatest increased membership.

Maxine Smolowitz, Treasurer, reviewed the GCII Finance Committee Report, October 17, 2011 (handout; attached to the minutes on file).

Audit Report: Jerry McCarthy. GCII books were audited from June 2010-2011 and the information was found to be accurate and true.

District Directors – Clearwater – Jodene Caldwell; Southeast – Marsha Jensen (for Constance Blyth); Southwest – Inez Thomason (reports on file).

Reports of Committee Chairs: (Reports received were placed on file.) Blue Star, Butterflies, Civic Development, Finance Committee, Flower Show Schools, Gem State Gardeners, Historian,

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NGC project Protecting the Aquatic Ecosystems, Ornaments, Water Conservation, Webmaster, Youth Activities. Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl.

Clubs: please encourage your members to receive Gem State Gardener by e-mail and notify Jerry McCarthy when your members have e-mail address changes.

Tulip Sales – Maxine. The 'Angelique' tulip bulbs are ready for pick-up by clubs today and additional bulbs are available for purchase.

2011 State Ornaments – Louisa. Sandra Ford moved that GCII gift an Appaloosa ornament to each of the two designers of this year's ornament. Seconded and carried. Ornaments ordered prior to today were available for pickup with additional ornaments available for purchase.

2011 Convention Report – Marsha Jensen. Attendance was very low at state convention and only 7 (seven) club presidents were present. This creates an extreme budget strain on a District to host the convention when all districts are not well represented.

Banner Reimbursement – Karen Mallon moved that GCII gift to Janice Tefft, Culdesac \$50 for her work on the GCII quilted banner (changing the name from IGCI to GCII). Seconded and carried.

GCII Support of Clearwater FSS Course II – Edith Cole. Dotty Hurd moved that GCII continue to support the NGC Flower Show School as sponsored by the Clearwater District with a reimbursement of \$935.61 for Course II in September 2011 in Moscow. Seconded and carried.

Dotty Hurd moved that the GCII approve funding not to exceed \$1000 to reimburse the Clearwater District for NGC Flower Show School Course III in April 2012 in Clarkston WA if expenses exceed the income. Seconded and carried.

Report of Blue Ribbon Committee for the Future of GCII – Elmer Hurd. Elmer commented on the reports of (three District) committees that have studied the objectives and recommends the conclusions of the "Blue Ribbon" Committee to the GCII Board for approval. The objectives considered were mandatory travel for the President and Vice President, funding for travel, streamlining costs, travel and programs; and the proxy voting procedure.

In conjunction with the "Blue Ribbon" Committee recommendations, Maxine moved the following amendments to the "Blue Book" be approved:

Under GCII Officers, Elected Officers Duties, first paragraph:

Delete: "shall attend at least one District meeting of each District per year"

Add: Attendance at State/District Meetings:

Attendance at certain State/District functions as noted below is mandatory. Unless otherwise specified, GCII will pay for the President's expenses at these meetings to the extent that funds are available in the President's Travel Fund.

Attend State Annual Meeting (Convention) every year. The Convention funds shall pay for the President's registration and housing.

Attend the Fall Board Meeting every year. GCII pays for the President's expenses.

Attend at least one District Meeting outside his/her home District during the President's term preferably during the first year of his/her term. The expenses (registration and one night's lodging) for the mandatory District Meetings shall be paid by the host District. GCII shall not incur any costs for attendance at home District Meetings.

Attendance at Pacific Region/NGC Meetings:

The GCII President shall attend the Pacific Region Annual Convention and the NGC Annual Convention.

Under GCII Officers, Elected Officers Duties under Vice President's Duties:

Attendance at State/District Meetings.

Attendance at certain State/District functions as noted below is mandatory. Unless otherwise specified, GCII will pay for the Vice President's expenses at these meetings to the extent that funds are available in the Vice President's Travel Fund.

Attend State Annual Meeting (Convention) and attend the Fall Board Meeting every year.

Attend at least one District Meeting outside his/her home District during the Vice President's term preferably during the second year of his/her term. The expenses (registration and one night's lodging) for the mandatory District Meetings shall be paid by the host District. GCII shall not incur any costs for attendance at home District Meetings.

Attendance at Pacific Region/NGC Meetings:

The GCII Vice President shall attend the Pacific Region Annual Convention and the NGC Annual Convention in the second year of his/her term.

Seconded and carried.

Karen Mallon moved approval of the following addition to the GCII Policies and Procedures Book including an amended statement to the GCII Membership Form (see below).

PROXY VOTING AT ANNUAL MEETING DEFINED

GCII Bylaws specify that "A Member may vote either in person or by proxy executed in writing by the Member."

Voting by proxy occurs when an authorized person acts as the agent for the voting member who will not be present at a specific meeting. A proxy transfers authority to act for another. It gives the Proxy Holder the right to vote as he or she sees fit on any business that may be brought before the membership at a meeting.

GCII's Proxy Vote is only to be used at the GCII Annual Meeting (State Convention).

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Club Presidents will be notified when a vote will be required. Each Club President will go to their active Club members and obtain each member's vote. The members may vote yes, no or abstain.

If the Club President is attending the State Convention, the Club President shall take the Proxy Votes to the State Convention. If the Club President does not go to the State GCII Convention, the Proxy Votes shall be taken to the State Convention by the Club Vice President. In the case where neither will be attending the State Convention, the Proxy Votes shall be given to the District Director of their respective District. A member attending the State Convention shall vote in person.

At a State Convention, if a new motion comes to the floor, the Proxy Holder (Club President, Club Vice President or District Director) has the authority to vote in the best interests of their members.

GCII has a general proxy as the GCII Bylaws have no defining instructions or limitations. A general Proxy Holder should be someone that can be trusted to act in one's behalf in a manner sensitive to the Member's interests. A general proxy can accommodate for the many actions on the floor during an Annual Meeting that are new or modified and could not be published.

Amendment to GCII Membership Form: add the following statement to the GCII Membership Form: "In an election year, the voting proxy is given to a prior year officer as specified. In a non-election year, the voting proxy is given to a current officer (Club President, Club Vice President, District Director or Designated Member.)"

Seconded and carried.

Meeting recessed at 12:15 p.m. for lunch. Blessing: Marge Cojerean.

Meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m.

New Business.

Maxine moved that the following proposal be approved as a new GCII Award.

GCII Civic Improvement Award.

Application must be by a GCII Member Club.

To recognize permanent improvement for the public benefit via the development of public gardens. The program may be continuous but must have an advanced degree of completion prior to making application.

Two awards are to be given each year if eligible applications are received. The award will be granted to cover material expenses up to \$200 each. Receipts must be submitted to document expenses along with a book of evidence including pictures to show progress of the project.

Prior year recipients are not eligible, but substantial improvements will be awarded another grant. Maintenance expenses are not eligible.

Seconded and carried.

GCII Gardener of the Year Award – Jerry McCarthy. Jerry moved that the monetary award for this recognition be increased to \$50. Seconded and carried.

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2014 Pacific Region Convention – Sandra Ford. Sandra and Dotty outlined the details of contracting to have the PR Convention June 30-July 3 in 2014 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in CdA Idaho. Rooms will be made available for \$139 per night. Jan Morrison moved that GCII continue plans for the regional convention in Coeur d'Alene as stated above. Seconded and carried.

Southwest DD Inez Thomason and Dotty Hurd invited all to attend the 2012 GCII State Convention, themed "A Kaleidoscope of Culture", at the Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner June 25-27, 2012. NGC President Shirley Nicolai has accepted an invitation to attend.

GCII President Robyn presented Elmer Hurd with a GCII "cap" as "Thanks to one of the guys" who works so hard on behalf of the organization.

Announcements.

Blue Book updates

Deadline for Gem State Gardeners articles - Oct. 23rd

Awards applications due to Maxine Smolowitz by Dec 1

NGC Course III Flower Show School, Clarkston WA April 24, 25, 26, 2012

NGC Convention, Buffalo, NY May 16-19, 2012.

GCII State Convention – Red Lion Hotel Boise Downtowner, June 25-27, 2012

Pacific Region Convention – Anchorage, Alaska July 26-28, 2012

Plant it Pink NEW deadline – October 1, 2012

PROGRAM: *"The Best Kept Secret"* by Sue Patterson of Alpha Nursery and Garden Center.

Meeting adjourned with a "Happy Trails" serenade from Long Valley President Jan Morrison on her ukulele. Attendees were invited to view the Long Valley Gardeners Memorial Garden and visit the Alpha Nursery and Garden Center, 12 Alpha Lane, Cascade.

Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary
GCII

Attested to:

Jodene Caldwell - 10/26/11

Pat Peutz – 10/31/11

Louisa Cone –

NGC website – link through www.GCII.org

Handouts to District Directors and Club Presidents: • "Plantings for Public and Special Places" • NGC Project 2011- 2013 • NGC Youth Activities, Poetry Contest • GCII Deductible Contributions • "Plant It Pink" – GCII Awards • Water Web Resources • Boise Watershed Bulletin, Fall 2011.