

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc., 4th Annual Convention

"Reflection of Nature", June 30, 2014

The 4th Annual Convention of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. was called to order by President Janet Petersen at 6:28pm., Monday June 30, 2014 at the Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene Idaho.

Invocation: Laurie DuRocher, President, Merry Tillers

Pledge of Allegiance – Beth Suhr, President, Ada Gardeners

Welcome – GCII President Janet Petersen. Janet extended a special thanks to Sandy and Russ Ford and Robyn and Jerry McCarthy.

Introductions: President Janet introduced Elaine Gunderson, Pacific Region Director, Sandra Ford Past Region Director and Chairman for the 2014 Region Convention and Regional Committee Chairs Russ Ford, Robyn McCarthy, and Maxine Smolowitz.

President Janet introduced her current GCII Officers and Committee Chairs. And Past GCII Presidents Louisa Cone, Sandra Ford, Robyn McCarthy, and Karen Mallon. District Directors Jodene Caldwell, Janet Zabriskie, and Pat Peutz. Club Presidents in attendance (6) and Flower Show Judges (7) were recognized.

Roll Call: All Seasons 1, Hill & Valley 2, Moscow 3, Nezperce 0, Valley 1.

Southeast: Garden Talk 2, Idaho Falls 4, Roberts Town and Country 0

Southwest: Ada 1, Golden 6, Long Valley 0, Merry Tillers 5, Nampa 1, Owyhee 1, Payette 3

The chair declared a quorum.

Minutes of the 2013 Annual GCII Convention were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report (handout on file with the official minutes). Action as reported by the Treasurer were approved.

Audit Report June 25, 2012 to June 19, 2013 – Jerry McCarthy.

Appointments: Minute Monitors: Barbara Paulson, Linda Carter-Beck, Laurie DuRocher.

Pages: Janice Zabriskie, Pete Petersen.

Announcements. New Blue Books are available for all Garden Club Presidents.

Unfinished Business. It was voted on by the membership to put on a Gardening Study School during the annual meeting 2013. The school is to begin spring 2015. Allen Deitz is the State Chairman and is willing to provide advice on how to go about setting up the School. We need a Garden Club to sponsor this.

New Business. Re: Bylaws: An emergency Bylaw change was suggested by GCII President Janet due to the Principle office and the Registered Office currently listed with Robyn MCarthy's old address (they have moved).

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Motion (Pat Peutz): Bylaw 1.1 Principle Office. The principle and the registered office of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. to be the address of the current President of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. The Corporation may have such other offices as the Board of Directors may designate or as the business of the Corporation may require from time to time. Maxine Smolowitz expressed concern that we may lose our 501(c) 3 if any changes were made to our Bylaws. The motion was withdrawn.

Motion (Joyce DiGiovanni) Bylaw 1.2. Registered Office. The Registered Office of the Corporation required by the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, Chapter 3, Title 30 Idaho Code ("ACT") to be maintained in the State of Idaho shall be located at the address of the current President of Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. and may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors. Seconded and carried.

GCI needs to elect a person from Idaho to be on the National Garden Club Nominating Committee plus an alternate for the 2015-2017 term. Sandra Ford has agreed to take the position of "The Member" and Robyn McCarthy has consented to the Alternate position. Zabriskie moved that the two nominated members be approved. Seconded and carried.

Blue Book changes. Motion (Pat Baker): Change the wording of the duties of the First Vice President on Page 41 to read: The First Vice President in the absence, disability, or resignation of the President shall assume the duties of the Presidency; shall be chairman of the Membership Committee and a Member of the Finance Committee. Seconded and carried.

Motion: change the wording of the duties of the Second Vice President on page 42: The Second Vice President in the absence, disability, or resignation of the President and/or the First Vice President shall assume the duties of the First Vice and/or the Presidency and be Protocol Chairman. Seconded and carried.

Scholarships. Motion: "The State will allow the form provided by NGC to be used by applicants for State, Regional, and National applications. It may be duplicated and submitted by the State Scholarship Committee Chair. Applications are to be submitted by February 20 to the State Scholarship Committee chair in order for selection for National to be forwarded by the National deadline of March 1 and the Regional deadline of March 31" . Seconded and carried.

Gem State Gardeners. "Going Green" Motion (Joyce DiGiovanni). "The official publication of the Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. shall be entitled "*Gem State Gardeners*" to be published at least twice a year under the editorship of a Managing Editor, who is responsible for the editing, financing, and mailing of the publication (crossing out mailing to read "e-mailing and/or mailing.) Seconded. A motion to amend to read "e-mailing or mailing upon request" was seconded and carried. The motion, as amended, was carried.

Ways and Means. President Janet will appoint a Ways and Means Committee and asked that \$1000 be authorized to be used by Ways and Means to develop and carry out money making projects for GCI. Ideas for projects include t-shirts, notecards, garden flags, car license plate holders, etc.

Karen Mallon moved that "Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. set aside up to \$1000 for pursuit and development of money making projects for Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. to be determined by the Ways and Means Committee appointed by the President of GCI. Seconded.

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There was a brief recess as NGC President Linda Nelson dropped by the meeting room and offered a few words of wisdom. The meeting continued and the motion carried.

Sandy Ford presented a proposal for a Blue Star Memorial Byway Marker for McEuen Park in Coeur d'Alene. Cost approximately \$400.

Idaho members were asked to hostess a table at the Pacific Region convention.

Karen Mallon was presented with a gift for her service to GCI.

Awards (Pat Baker). Scholarship. National \$4000 to Lindsay Eliason and Dotty Hurd Scholarship \$500 from GCI. Robyn McCarthy was presented with "Garden Person of the Year" award. Joyce Di noted this year's entries for Smokey Bear awards increased by over 400. All awards will be posted on line and published in the *Gem State Gardeners*.

Memorial Service (Edith Cole). Those remembered: Marvel Davis – Garden Club for All Seasons; Joyce Brammer, Doris Pettichord – Hill and Valley Garden Club; Harley Wright – Moscow Garden Club.

Catherine Muller – Early Morning Garden Club; Edna Reicher – Merry Tillers Garden Club; Edith Curtin – Nampa Garden Club; Jeanne Lundell – Golden Garden Club.

President Janet invited all to the GCI Fall Board Meeting October 6 at the Ashley Inn, Cascade ID.

Pat Peutz extended an invitation to the 5th Annual Meeting of the GCI, 2015 hosted by the Southwest District.

Benediction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Joyce Parr, Recording Secretary, GCI

Attested to:

Barbara Paulson

Linda Carter-Beck

Laurie DuRocher