

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
66th ANNUAL FALL BOARD MEETING
“Planting the Seeds of Friendship”
October 30, 2015

Crown Plaza Hotel
Albuquerque, New Mexico

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am

Jane Pilley, **Protocol Chairman**, presided over the opening of the 66th NMGC Fall Board Meeting.

Shirley Tetreault, Blue Star Chairman, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Penni Davey, **Corresponding Secretary**, read the inspirational reading.

Mary Ann Moreno, **District I Director**, gave the welcome to Albuquerque.

Suzy Andrego, **NMGC President**, called the meeting to order at 9:48 a.m.

President Andrego introduced herself and the following officers:

Mary Ann Moreno, District I
Doris Jackson, District II
Colleen Hinker, District III
Nancy Ketchum, District IV
Judy Preston, District V
Immediate Past President, Isabel Olsen.

Also introduced were:

Becky Fuller, **Historian**; Laurie Hixson, **Treasurer**; Penni Davey, **Corresponding Secretary**; Carolyn Bedford, **Recording Secretary**; Jan Smith, **2nd Vice President**; Barbara Vance, **1st Vice President**, and Sally Warner, **Parliamentarian**.

Debi Harrington, **Registrar**, gave the credentials report. Motion made to adopted preliminary credentials report. Approved with a voting strength of 36.

Sally Warner, **Parliamentarian**, stated that we had a quorum.

Sally Warner, **Parliamentarian**, read the standing and general rules of the convention. Copy attached; a motion to accept the Standing Rules was made and adopted.

The Chair appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting: Barbara Vance, 1st Vice President; Jan Smith, 2nd Vice President and Judy Preston, District –V Director. .

The Chair appointed the following members as **Time Keepers**: John Sorrell, Water Conservation Chairman and Larry Layden, Angel Fire Garden Club Member.

The Minutes from the Spring 2014 convention were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was given by Laurie Hixson, Treasurer. Copies attached. Laurie started her term in July, 2015. Laurie reported that the fall semester scholarship for Derek Barchenger, a Research Assistant in the Chili Pepper Breeding and Genetics Department, had been paid to NMSU. New Mexico State pins are available for purchase from the Scholarship Chair, Christine Longthorp, at a cost of \$20.00 and those monies will be going to the Scholarship Fund. The last convention has a surplus and 50% of the profits (approximately \$1500) were given to the NMGC for the general fund.

District I Director, Mary Ann Moreno, requested that a \$1000 loan given to the NMGC State Scholarship Fund be returned to Valley Garden Club. NMGC agreed to repay this money.

Treasurer Hixson is in the process of moving the banking accounts from the Del Norte Credit Union to the Los Alamos National Bank because they have branches in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, and Los Alamos. This move will enable the 1st Vice President and the Treasurer easy access to all the organization's funds. Report filed for audit.

President Suzy Andrego gave her report and also her project, "Planting Seeds for Our Future, Helping Increase Monarch Butterflies and all other butterflies in NM." She noted that there is a new award "The Rose Award" The ROSE award is a recognition award at the District level. The candidates for this award are nominated by the District Director and club Presidents within the district. The candidates are members who have played a large role in their district and had a positive impact. The ROSE award stands for "Recognition of Service Excellence" and will be awarded at each fall and spring district meetings. Recipients will be presented with a rhinestone rose pin.

2015 Fall ROSE award recipients are:

District 1 – Debra Sorrell – Awards Chair

District 2 – Cindy Hills – Website Chair

District 3 – Jo Ann Layden – Butterfly Chair

District 4 – Linnea Egbert – NM Gardener Editor

District 5 – Lisa Peake – member of Lincoln Garden Club

Report attached.

Barbara Vance, 1st Vice President, report attached.

Jan Smith, 2nd Vice President, reported NMGC had 542 adult members at the end of May 2014. Two youth clubs were discontinued. A total membership is currently at 548. Report attached.

Becky Fuller, Historian, report attached. She asked that each club send her a one page report of the year's activities. Form to be used is in the Award 's Book.

Penni Davey, Corresponding Secretary, report attached. Penni gave out new updated copies of the contact information for all Officers, Chairpersons, District Directors and Club Presidents.

Isabel Olsen, Immediate Past President. Report attached.

District Director's Reports:

Mary Ann Moreno, District I, report attached

Doris Jackson, District II, report attached

Colleen Hinker, District III, report attached.

Nancy Ketchum, District IV, report attached.

Judy Preston, District V, report attached.

Carolyn Bedford, Recording Secretary, read the recommendations from the Executive Committee.

Recommendation 1: That \$884.94, from the President's Endowment CD is moved to the President's Endowment fund, to cover expenses of the spring 2015 President Elect's travel. Recommendation approved.

Recommendation 2: That \$970.77 from the President's Endowment CD is moved to the President Endowment fund to cover the cost of the six President medallions. Recommendation is approved.

Recommendation 3: That changes to the 2015-2016 Budget be adjusted which increases the NM Gardener budget from \$500 to \$1000 and increases the office administration budget from \$100 to \$200. Recommendation is approved.

Recommendation 4: That up to \$3,000 from the general CD is moved to the general fund, for 2015-2106 NMGC operating expenses. Recommendation is approved.

Other Reports:

Beulah Oyler, Registrar for 2015 NMGC Convention reported that 87 members attended the 2015 Annual Convention in Silver City. –District IV split the surplus monies and gave the state \$1471.48.

Parliamentarian report: Sally Warner explained her duties as Parliamentarian.

President Andrego asked all Committee Chairmen to submit one article to the New Mexico Gardener- Several Chairman have already done so and were rewarded by President Andrego with a small gift.

Committee Chairmen Reports:

Audit Chairman, Norma Tech presented the Audit results and recommendation from the committee. In honor of all Norma has done for NM Garden Clubs, President Andrego presented Norma with a replacement NMGC Silver Medallion that she found at an estate sale after hearing Norma's had been stolen from her home.

Butterfly Chairman: Joann Layden presented her brochure on Butterflies of New Mexico. It is available on the NMGC website. Copy of report attached.

Awards Chairman: Debra Sorrell presented the 2015 Updated edition of the NMGC awards books. She went over - the changes. -. One of the notable changes is that all photo entries must be taken in NM. And there are 6 photo sections to enter. She also asked that awards to be submitted to South Central Region must be to - her by mid-January. She asked chairpersons, members and clubs to sponsor a monetary award for any awards they are giving, or for a project they like or just monies for the general awards fund. Copy of report attached.

Judges Council Chairman: Shirley Tetrault explained that the Exhibition Tables were all prepared by Student Judges. She reported that Diane Doddridge made all the doilies used with the table scapes for the miniatures and they are for sale.

Penny Pines Chairman: Isabel Olsen is the State Chairman, the South Central Regional Chairman and the National Chairman for Penny Pines. She has a donation form and jar for each club. She will travel anywhere in

the state to give a program on Penny Pines. New Mexico has five national forests, one in each of the NMGC Districts. They are as follows:

- District I – Cibola National Forest
- District II – Santa Fe National Forest
- District III – Carson National Forest
- District IV – Gila National Forest
- District V – Lincoln National Forest

Chairman Olsen suggested we donate to the forest in our district in memory of loved ones or deceased members.

Scholarship Chairperson: Christine Longthorp reported that New Mexico has 3 NEW national life members. Cost is \$200 for national life membership and \$40 for state life membership. Christine is selling the new state pens for \$20 which will go into the scholarship fund. Derek Barchanger, a NMSU Master's Program student, is our scholarship recipient and the SCR scholarship winner.

Website Chairperson: Report submitted by Cindy Hills and read by Carolyn Bedford. Scholarship information can now be found on the NMGC website. Along with the 2015 edition of the awards book, the District Directors Club Presidents report form and the new Butterfly brochure. Watch for upcoming District pages. She gave us the user name and password for the website. Report attached.

Habitat for Humanity Chairperson: Sonia James, report attached.

Smokey Bear: Mary Ann Moreno, Chairperson, gave information for the poster contests and offered herself and President Andrego will come and help your club crate posters with your youth group. Chairman Moreno reminded members that January 22 is the deadline for the poster contest. -

Environmental School Chairperson: Mary Ann Moreno, recognized Suzy Andrego and Debi Harrington as recent graduates and gave special cards to Colleen and Fred Hinker for their dedication to this school. School 4 is planned for early summer, 2016 for the Bosque with plans to stay at New Mexico Tech.

National Chairperson for Container Gardening: Mary Ann Moreno said prizes are offered for all entries in container gardening but must be submitted by March 15.

Youth Therapy/Activities: Esther Russell, Chairperson, reported that the state had lost three youth groups this year, however there are 2 continuing and new clubs are planned. Awards are available for all youth groups.

Nominating Committee: Maggie Rubino. Report Attached.

Doris Jackson will be our NMGC representative for the SCR nominating committee. Sally Warner will be the alternate.

The Regional Director and Alternate Director nominees must be endorsed by vote of the State Board of Directors at its regular meeting. New Mexico has two candidates to nominate for the positions: **Shirley Tetreault and Isabel Olsen**. The candidate names will be posted in the winter issue of the NM Gardener, along with a few words from each. At the Annual convention, a ballot vote will be taken. The candidate with the most votes will be Director and the other candidate will be the alternate.

Ways and Means Committee: Juanita Ortega, Chairman reported that there will be four drawings in the first year of this President's term. The first and second prizes will be drawn today and are an all expense paid trip to

the Spring Convention and the decorative Lightning Bolt ☳. The second drawing will be held at the Spring Convention for the Lapis Heshi necklace and the smiling sculpture.

Archives Chairperson: Beulah Oyler will put an article in the next NM Gardener.

No unfinished business.

No new business.

President Andrego welcomed all first time Fall Board attendees and presented each with a small gift.

Meeting was recessed at 12:00 by **President** Andrego for the “Planting Seeds of Friendship” program and lunch.

Meeting resumed at 2:00 p.m. in the Rancher club.

Juanita Ortega, Ways and Means Chairman, drew for the all expense paid trip to the 2016 Annual New Mexico Garden Clubs Convention. The winner is Jan Smith from Home Garden Club in Roswell, NM. -The winner of the Creative Lightning Bolt container, Jo Ann Layden of Angel Fire Garden Club, Angel Fire, NM.

Announcements: Next Board of Directors Meeting will be March 30, 31 and April 1, 2016 in Alto, NM.

Debi Harrington, Registrar, gave the Final Registration and Credentials Report. We had 54 members attending and a voting strength of 46. Report attached.

Courtesy Resolutions were given by Diane Peterson & Johnese Turri, Co-Chairs. The Courtesy resolutions were adopted.

Benediction was given by Becky Fuller.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Carolyn Bedford, Recording Secretary