

70TH ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION
“HIGH COUNTRY GARDENING”
PLAZA HOTEL, LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO
APRIL 4, 2019

Officers Attending: President-Barbara Vance
1st Vice President-Christine Longthorp
2nd Vice President-Jan Smith
Recording Secretary-Becky Fuller
Treasurer-Laurie Hixson
Historian-Larry Layden
Corresponding Secretary-Conni Elkins
Parliamentarian-Isabel Olsen
Immediate Past President-Suzy Andrego

District Directors: District I-Maple Levine
District II-Juanita Ortega
District III-JoAnn Layden
District IV-Judy Laird
District V-Nannette Tanner

1st Vice President Christine Longthorp presided over the opening of the 70th Spring Convention.

The inspiration was delivered by Carolyn Bedford, President of Santa Rosa Garden club.

The presentation of colors was led by VFW Post #1547, Las Vegas, NM.
Commander Gary Ludi led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Diane Springer, President of Amor de la Tierra, introduced Mayor Tonita Gurule-Giron, who welcomed us to Las Vegas. She has introduced several ordinances allowing water use for residents who have small gardens during water restriction.

District III Director Jo Ann Layden welcomed us to the convention.

District IV Director Judy Laird gave the response to the 2020 NMGC Spring Convention.

President Barbara Vance called the business meeting to order at 9:33 AM. She began by introducing the District Directors, Immediate Past President-Suzy Andrego and the officers at the head table.

Preliminary Credentials Report: JJ Huddleston, Registrar-the preliminary report showed a voting strength of 74. The report was adopted as written.

Parliamentarian Isabel Olsen reported there was a quorum present and read The Standing Rules. The Standing Rules were adopted as read.

The 2019 Spring Convention Program was presented by JJ Huddleston with the following changes; Appointments-date change from 2018 Fall Board Meeting minutes to 2019 Spring Convention minutes, blessing to be give by JJ Huddleston and resolutions to be given by Larry Layden. The program was adopted with changes.

Appointments: Christine Longthorp, Jo Ann Layden and Larry Layden to approve the minutes.
Penni Davey-timekeeper

Minutes of the 2018 Fall Board: Recording Secretary-Becky Fuller. They were corrected and approved.

Treasurers Report: Treasurer-Laurie Hixson-attached. The report will be reviewed and filed for audit.

State Officers Reports: President Barbara Vance-attached
1st Vice President-Christine Longthorp recalled her travels around the state, region and nation.
2nd Vice President-Jan Smith-attached. 550 adult and 71 youth for a total of 621 members. Sadly, Trailblazers Garden Club disbanded.
Historian-Larry Layden-attached
Corresponding Secretary-Conni Elkins-attached
Immediate Past President-Suzy Andrego-no report

District Director Reports: District I-Maple Levine-attached
District II-Juanita Ortega-attached
District III-Jo Ann Layden-attached
District IV-Judy Laird-attached
District V-Nannette Tanner-attached

SCR Director Report: Isabel Olsen brought greetings from former NMGC President Elizabeth O'Brien who was attending the Texas State Garden Clubs meeting. Isabel's term will end at the SCR Annual Convention April 12-13, 2019. She has enjoyed her time in office. Summit, Uptown, Morning and Angel Fire applied for the Directors' Project Award "Beautifying Our Communities".

One club from each state in SCR will win a cash prize of \$200.00 and a grand prize winner will receive a brass marker which was custom made for their garden club project. The theme of the 2019 Convention is "Plantastic!". Isabel thanked all her chairpersons, Shirley Tetreault, Mary Ann Moreno, Doris Jackson and Suzy Andrego, the editor of the SCR newsletter, "The Communicator".

Other Reports: Recommendations from the Executive Committee-Becky Fuller, Secretary.
1. The withdrawal to be considered as sponsor to the 2024 NGC Convention in New Mexico. The motion carried.

2. To approve the June 1, 2019 to May 31, 2020 budget. The motion carried.
 3. Transferring \$2,500.00 to Scholarship and \$1,500.00 to the President's Fund from the CD that matures in October 2019. The motion carried.
 4. Transferring up to \$3,000.00 to the Presidents' Endowment Fund from the CD that matures in October 2019. The motion carried.
- 2018 Fall Board final report by District V Director Nannette Tanner-attached

Chairpersons Reports: Awards-Sue Ferguson-attached
Blue Star-Shirley Tetreault-New Mexico has 23 Blue Star Memorials
Penny Pines-Larry Layden-attached
Scholarship-Christine Longthorp-the 2019 recipient is Masters candidate in landscape design at UNM, Haniyeh Niroomandi.
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl-Mary Ann Moreno-attached
Website-Cindy Hills-attached
Ways and Means-Mary Ann Moreno for Jennifer Moreno-attached
Gardening Schools-Debi Harrington-attached

District Directors 2019-2021: District I-Debra Sorrell
District II-Sue Ellen de Beer
District III-Johnese Turri
District IV-Ellie Nordgren
District V-Renate Reisel

Nominating Committee: Suzy Andrego-Chairperson
Slate of Officers: President-Christine Longthorp
1st Vice President-Carolyn Bedford, District III
2nd Vice President-Joyce Zaugg, District II
Treasurer-Laurie Hixson, District II
Recording Secretary, Dorothy Duff, District I
Historian-Julie Foster, District V

Election of Officers: President Barbara Vance asks if there are any nominations from the floor. Nominations for the slate are closed. Page Steed moved that the slate be accepted by acclamation. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Recognition of eleven first time attendees.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44 AM.

President Barbara Vance resumed the meeting at 7:30 PM for the Memorial Service presented by President Elect Christine Longthorp and the presentation of special awards. Design of the year-Debi Harrington, Beginner Design-Bunny Mason, Horticulturist of the year-Dorothy Duff,

Member of Honor-Penni Davey, Member of the year-Julie Foster, Mentor of the year-Sue Ferguson, Silver Medallion-Cindy Hills.

The meeting was adjourned until 10:00 AM.

President Barbara Vance reopened the meeting at 9:30 AM.

The Walter B. Suhr Tree Award was presented to Morning Garden Club.

Installation of the NMGC 2019-2021 Officers was performed by Mary Ann Moreno.

Ways and Means: Turquoise and Silver Necklace and Earrings-Ellen Carpenter
Liz Claiborne Handbag and Scarf-Kathy Otero
Ralph Lauren Handbag-Maple Levine
Black/Gray Glass Flower Design Vase-Colleen Herman

District IV Director Judy Laird(outgoing) and Ellie Nordgren(incoming), gave the invitation to the 2020 NMGC Spring Convention to be held Apr. 8, 9 & 10, 2020. Location to be to be announced.

Final Credentials Report: JJ Huddleston-Registrar-voting strength of 73-report attached. The report was voted on and adopted.

Courtesy Resolutions: Presented by Larry Layden of Angel Fire Garden Club. The resolutions were voted on and adopted.

Announcements: Debra Sorrell, District I Director, invited us to the 2019 NMGC Fall Board to be held in Albuquerque at the Courtyard Marriot, October 17-18, 2019. The theme will be "Bloom Where You Are Planted New Mexico."

Benediction: Johnese Turri

Adjournment: President Barbara Vance adjourned the meeting at 10:10 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Fuller
Recording Secretary

