

SUBMITTED BY GRAND PRESIDENT SHERRY A. FARLEY

1. That the contribution of the Grand President's Special Fund of \$50, for Humboldt Redwoods State Park, to the Humboldt Redwoods Interpretive Association (HRIA). P.O. Box 276, Weott, California, 95571, be ratified.

Financial Impact: Not applicable
Grand Parlor budgeted item

Ratified_____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Grand President

Rejected_____

2. That the action of the Grand President in granting permission to Chispa No. 40, Ione, to consolidate with Ursula No. 1, Jackson, be ratified.

Financial Impact: Possible loss of revenue

Ratified_____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Grand President

Rejected_____

3. That the action of the Grand President in granting a charter to Amapola No. 338, Sutter Creek, California, be ratified.

Financial Impact: Increase revenue

Ratified_____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Grand President

Rejected_____

4. That the action of the Grand President to set aside the provision in the NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee Policy No. 21, and allow a grant to be awarded to a 501(c)(3) entity in January rather than May, be ratified.

Financial Impact: \$150

Ratified _____

Referred to Committees:

State of the Order

Grand President

NDGW Childrens Foundation

Rejected _____

SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

According to the Nonprofit Integrity Act 2004, charitable corporations with gross revenues of \$2 million or more must prepare annual financial statements audited by an independent certified public accountant (C.P.A.). The statements must use generally accepted accounting principles, and the independent C.P.A. must follow generally accepted auditing standards.

The Procedures of the Constitution of Grand Parlor require an audit every five years. Since an audit (\$30,000 to \$50,000) is more expensive than a financial review (\$15,000 to \$20,000), an audit every five years may not be a necessary expense.

We therefore recommend:

C.G.P., Procedures, Page 41, Number 11, Paragraph 1, sentence two be deleted and replaced with the following:

“A complete audit must be done annually by an independent certified public accountant (C.P.A.) for gross revenues of \$2 million or more.”

Financial Impact: Potential savings

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| Referred to Committees: | Adopted _____ |
| Legislation | |
| Board of Directors | Rejected _____ |
| Finance | |

6. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

A Subordinate Parlor’s participation at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting is important in contributing to the advancement of our Order. The current fine for nonrepresentation at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting does not motivate Subordinate Parlors to be represented at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

6. A. We therefore recommend:

C.G.P., Procedures, Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, Page 24, Number 8, be deleted and replaced with the following;

“Subordinate Parlors neglecting to send Delegates to the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting will be fined \$500.00 per Delegate; \$50.00 of the fine per Delegate will be reimbursed to the previous Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee within sixty days following the close of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.”

Financial Impact: Increased revenue

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| Referred to Committees: | Adopted _____ |
| Legislation | |
| Board of Directors | Rejected _____ |
| State of the Order | |
| Finance | |

6. B. We further recommend:

C.G.P., Procedures, Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, Page 24, Number 9, be

deleted and replaced with the following;

“A Grand Officer absenting herself from a session of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting without a valid excuse will be fined the sum of \$50.00.”

Financial Impact: Increased revenue

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Directors
Finance

Adopted _____

Rejected _____

6. C. We further recommend:

C.G.P., Standing Rules, Subordinate Parlors, Page 58, Number 20, Paragraph 2,

be deleted and replaced with the following:

“A Subordinate Parlor failing to hold its meetings for six months or failing to pay the per capita tax levied by the Grand Parlor in the specified time, will not be entitled to the record of the Proceedings of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and will be fined \$50.00.”

Financial Impact: Increased revenue

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Directors
Finance
State of the Order

Adopted _____

Rejected _____

7. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The current fine for Subordinate Parlors failing to file a Semi-Annual Report does not motivate to submit complete.

7. A. We therefore recommend:

C.G.P., Standing Rules, Subordinate Parlors, Page 56, Number 7, last sentence, be deleted and replaced with the following:

“A fine of \$50.00 will be imposed on all Subordinate Parlors failing to file the complete Semi-Annual Report including the membership gain, membership loss, and list of officers by July 31 and January 31 of each year.”

The paragraph will then read:

“7. Each Subordinate Parlor will at the end of each semi-annual term, complete and return to the Grand Parlor Office, the Semi-Annual report forms issued by the Grand Parlor Office. A fine of \$50.00 shall be imposed on all Subordinate Parlors failing to file the complete Semi-Annual Report including the membership gain, membership loss, and list of officers by July 31 and January 31 of each year.”

Financial Impact: Increased revenue

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Directors
Finance

Adopted _____

Rejected _____

7. B. We further recommend:

C.S.P., Article 8, Duties of Officers, Section 3, Page 85, Paragraph 9, the last sentence be deleted and replaced with the following:

“For failure to comply with this law, the Board of Directors will authorize the Grand Parlor Office personnel to levy a fine of \$50.00 against the Subordinate Parlor.”

Financial Impact: Increased revenue

Referred to Committees:

- Laws and Supervision
- Board of Directors
- Finance

Adopted _____

Rejected _____

8. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Currently, Members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West receive service emblems only for continuous membership. No credit is given for the previous years of service should there have been a break in service to the Order.

In order to recognize all years of service from a Member’s original date of Initiation until their resignation or suspension,

8. A. We recommend:

C.S.P., Article Two, Membership, Section 16: Resignations, Page 77, insert a third paragraph to Section 16 as follows:

If a Member has resigned or been suspended from the Order of Native Daughters of the Golden West, and desires to re-affiliate with the Order, upon payment of the required dues and assessments to the Subordinate Parlor, she will be given credit for all previous years of membership and will be considered a Member in good standing.

Financial Impact: Cost of emblems

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| Referred to Committees: | Adopted _____ |
| Laws and Supervision | |
| Board of Directors | Rejected _____ |
| Finance | |
| State of the Order | |

(If this recommendation is adopted, it will retroactively apply to all Members.)

8. B. If the above recommendation is adopted, we further recommend:

C.G.P., Standing Rules, Page 64, Honors to Members, Item 2, Paragraph 1, be revised as follows:

“2. When placing orders for Twenty-five, Fifty, or Seventy-five Year Service Emblem(s), Subordinate Parlors must verify total years of membership and notify Grand Parlor of the name of Member(s) to be honored.”

Financial Impact: Cost of emblems

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| Referred to Committees: | Adopted _____ |
| Legislation | |
| Board of Directors | Rejected _____ |
| Finance | |

8. C. If the above recommendation is adopted, we further recommend:

C.G.P., Standing Rules, Page 64, Honors to Members, Item 3, be revised as follows:

“3. A Twenty-five Year Service Emblem will be purchased from the Grand Parlor and be presented by a Subordinate Parlor to a Member who has held membership for twenty-five years. Twenty-five Year Service Emblems may be presented within six months prior to the Member’s anniversary date.”

Financial Impact: Cost of emblems

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| Referred to Committees: | Adopted _____ |
| Legislation | |
| Board of Directors | Rejected _____ |
| Finance | |

8. D. If the above recommendation is adopted, we further recommend:

C.G.P., Standing Rules, Page 64, Honors to Members, Item 4, be revised as follows:

“4. A Fifty-Year Service Emblem will be provided by Grand Parlor to all Native Daughters who have held membership for forty-nine years or more.”

Financial Impact: Cost of emblems

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| Referred to Committees: | Adopted _____ |
| Legislation | |
| Board of Directors | Rejected _____ |
| Finance | |

8. E. If the above recommendation is adopted, we further recommend:

C.G.P., Standing Rules, Page 64, Honors to Members, Item 5, be revised as follows:

“5. A Seventy-five Year Service Emblem will be provided by Grand Parlor to all Native Daughters who have held membership for seventy-three and one-half years or more.”

Financial Impact: Cost of emblems

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Directors
Finance

Adopted _____

Rejected _____

8. F. If the above recommendation is adopted, we further recommend:

C.G.P., Standing Rules, Page 65, Honors to Members, Item 7, regarding certificate of non-continuous years of membership, be deleted and the remaining items be re-numbered accordingly.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Directors

Adopted _____

Rejected _____

SUBMITTED BY THE N.D.G.W. HOME COMMITTEE

9. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

To help defray the escalating cost of ongoing operational expenses and upkeep of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home,

We recommend:

For the term 2017-2018, the Home Assessment will be \$ 8.00 per Member, one-half payable in October and one-half payable in April, based on the membership as of June 30 and December 31 respectively.

Financial Impact: Home Operating Income

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
NDGW Home

Adopted _____
Rejected _____

SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

10. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Since the Order has evolved into the 21st century in technology, several social media options are available to promote the Native Daughters of the Golden West. In an effort to broaden the scope of publicity to include marketing for our Order, a concerted effort to cooperatively promote our Order needs to be made using the current Public Relations, Official Publication, Extension of the Order, and Electronic Communications Committees.

10. A. We therefore recommend:

CGP, Procedures, NDGW Committees, Page 38, No. 31. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE, delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

31. PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE shall consist of a State Chairman, two Members with expertise in public relations as appointed by the Grand President, and the State Chairmen of the Official Publication, Extension of the Order, and Electronic Communications Committees.

The Committee will be responsible for reviewing, judging, and presenting the annual NDGW California Image Awards at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Said awards are funded by the Grand Parlor Budget.

Participation in any special public relations projects or monetary contributions to be made in behalf of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, as approved by the Board of Directors, will be supported through the Grand Parlor Budget, fundraising efforts, and donations received for use of the Committee.

Financial Impact: None

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees

Rejected _____

- Legislation
- Public Relations
- Finance
- Official Publication
- Extension of the Order
- Electronic Communications

10. B. We further recommend:

CGP, Procedures, NDGW Committees, Page 31, No. 11. EXTENSION OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE, paragraph one, delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

11. EXTENSION OF THE ORDER COMMITTEE will include the State Chairman of the Public Relations Committee. The Committee will endeavor to maintain and increase Subordinate Parlor membership through a coordinated plan; will work with Organizers of new Subordinate Parlors in obtaining new Members; will keep in close working relationship with Subordinate Parlor Extension of the Order Committee Chairmen through circulars or direct communication, and will study membership trends. The Committee will work with Subordinate Parlors who are considering consolidation or relinquishing their Charter. Under extenuating circumstances, the Grand President may appoint a representative other than a Member of the Committee to work with Subordinate Parlors with special membership challenges.

Financial Impact: None

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees
Legislation
Extension of the Order
Public Relations

Rejected _____

10. C. We further recommend:

CGP, Procedures, NDGW Committees, Page 37, No. 28. OFFICIAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE, paragraph one, delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

28. OFFICIAL PUBLICATION COMMITTEE will consist of the State Chairman of Official Publication, the State Chairman of Electronic Communications, the State Chairman of Public Relations, and three reporters-at-large. The State Chairman will serve for a term of two years and be a member of the Electronic Communications and Public Relations Committees.

Financial Impact: Minimal

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees
Legislation
Official Publication
Public Relations
Electronic Communications

Rejected _____

10. D. We further recommend:

COMMITTEE POLICIES OF THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, PUBLIC RELATIONS, Page 36-37 delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

The Native Daughters of the Golden West Public Relations Committee:
Information on this Committee may be found in the Procedures of the Constitution Grand Parlor.

Public Relations Committee will be available to collaborate with the Board of Directors, State Committees, Subordinate Parlors, Members, and the public as approved by the Board of Directors using all media for public participation, advertising, and campaigns planned, supported or implemented in behalf of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

With the approval of the Grand President, the Committee will prepare press releases to promote the Order and its projects.

Upon request the Committee will assist with the promotional activities and marketing.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West California Image Awards will be awarded to individuals, groups, organizations, or businesses that publicly portray the positive image of California.

No more than four California Image Awards shall be presented annually.

Names of candidates for consideration for a Native Daughters of the Golden West California Image Award will be sent to the State Chairman of Public Relations postmarked or electronically submitted not later than March 1. Names may be submitted by Subordinate Parlors, individual Members, Board of

Directors, or the members of the Public Relations State Committee. Candidates from prior years will not be carried over to the next year. Future consideration of a former candidate requires resubmission of the entire application.

When submitting a candidate's name for a California Image Award, pertinent information, and any other valuable items from websites, social media, and references that promote a positive image of California, must be included.

By April 15, the selection of the California Image Award(s) will be made by the Public Relations State Committee with the approval of the Grand President.

The Public Relations State Chairman will contact those to be honored with a California Image Award and make appropriate arrangements for their attendance at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

The California Image Award presented shall be in the shape of the State of California.

Financial Impact: None (Budgeted Item)

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees
State of the Order
Public Relations
Finance
Board of Directors

Rejected _____

**SUBMITTED BY RITUAL AND MANUAL OF INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

11. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

In order to maintain the designation of The Native Daughters of the Golden West by the Internal Revenue Service as a Domestic Fraternal Society [501(c)(10)], the Ritual of the Native Daughters of the Golden West is required to be used by both Grand Parlor and all Subordinate Parlors. Many years have passed since the last substantive revisions were made to the Ritual and other Ceremonies. The vernacular is no longer current, and some of the content is not historically accurate. In addition, several Subordinate Parlors requested ritualistic ceremonies that allow for open meetings and meetings which are brief and concise.

11. A. In an effort to address requests and responses of our Sisters to the proposed revision and modernization of the Flag Presentation Ceremonies, Funeral Ceremony, and Memorial Service we recommend:

The proposed Addendum "A" – Five Ceremonies: three Flag Presentations, Funeral Ceremony, and Memorial Service - as presented in the enclosed Recommendations and Resolutions be adopted.

Financial Impact: None

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors
State of the Order

Rejected _____

11. B. We further recommend:

The proposed Addendum “B” - Ceremony of Initiation - as presented in the enclosed Recommendations and Resolutions be adopted.

Financial Impact: None Adopted _____

Referred to Committees: Rejected _____
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors
State of the Order

11. C. If the above Addendum “B” is adopted, we further recommend:

The Initiation Ceremony as part of the Institution Ceremony, and the Member-at-Large Affiliation Ceremony be changed to reflect the above-adopted Ceremony of Initiation.

Financial Impact: None Adopted _____

Referred to Committees: Rejected _____
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors
State of the Order

11. D. We further recommend:

The proposed Addendum “C” – Ceremony of Installation - as presented in the enclosed Recommendations and Resolutions be adopted.

Financial Impact: None Adopted _____

Referred to Committees: Rejected _____
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors
State of the Order

11. E. If the above Addendum “C” is adopted, we further recommend:

The Installation Ceremony as part of the Institution Ceremony be changed to reflect the above adopted Ceremony of Installation.

Financial Impact: None Adopted _____

Referred to Committees: Rejected _____
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors
State of the Order

11. F. We further recommend:

The proposed Addendum “D” – Subordinate Parlor Concise Meeting Script - as presented in the enclosed Recommendations and Resolutions be adopted.

Financial Impact: None Adopted _____

Referred to Committees: Rejected _____
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors
State of the Order

11. G. We further recommend:

The proposed Addendum “E” – Subordinate Parlor Formal Meeting Script - as presented in the enclosed Recommendations and Resolutions be adopted.

Financial Impact: None Adopted _____

Referred to Committees: Rejected _____
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors
State of the Order

11. H. If all the above recommendations are adopted, we further recommend:

The current Ritual and Manual of Instruction Committee be allowed to make modifications that do not materially change the original intent of the documents included in Addenda “A” through “E”.

Financial Impact: None

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors
State of the Order

Rejected _____

SUBMITTED BY EL PINAL PARLOR No. 163

**Invitation to hold the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting
in the City of San Luis Obispo in June 2020**

12. El Pinal Parlor No. 163, Native Daughters of the Golden West, Cambria, extends an invitation to hold the 134th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting from June 16 through June 19, 2020 in the City of San Luis Obispo.

The sessions of the Grand Parlor will be held at The Alex Madonna Expo Center. Lodging will be nearby with accommodations ranging from \$100.00 to \$200.00 per night. Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

Letters of support were received from the following Subordinate Parlors:

Ursula No. 1, Jackson; Bonita No. 10, Redwood City; Eshcol No.16, Napa,
Santa Cruz No. 26, Santa Cruz; Veritas No. 75, Merced; San Jose No. 81, San
Jose; Forrest No. 86, Plymouth; Woodland No. 90, Woodland; San Miguel No.
94, San Miguel; Aleli No. 102, Salinas; San Luisita No. 108, San Luis Obispo;
Darina No. 114, San Francisco, El Vespero No. 118, San Francisco; Reina del
Mar No. 126, Santa Barbara; Junipero No. 141, Monterey; Calistoga No. 145,
Calistoga; Encinal Parlor No. 156, Alameda; Annie K. Bidwell No. 168, Chico;
San Juan Bautista No. 179, San Juan Bautista; Fresno No. 187, Fresno; Donner
No.193, Byron; Morada No.199, Modesto; San Diego No. 208, San Diego; Fort
Bragg No. 210, Fort Bragg; El Tejon No. 239, Bakersfield; Grace No. 242,
Fullerton; Placerita No. 277, Van Nuys; Charter Oak No. 292, Visalia; Tierra de
Oro No. 304, Santa Barbara; Gilroy No. 312, Gilroy; Poinsettia No. 318, Ventura;
Rancho La Puente No. 331, La Puente; El Paso de Robles No. 335, Paso
Robles, and Zinfandel No. 337, Lodi.

Accepted _____

Rejected _____