

**SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION
131ST GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING
KNOTT'S BERRY FARM HOTEL
BUENA PARK, CALIFORNIA
JUNE 20 TO 23, 2017**

Please note: Numbers of the items below correspond to the number of the items as listed in the Proposed Recommendations and Resolutions submitted for consideration at the 2017 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting..

RECOMMENDATIONS RATIFIED

Submitted by Grand President Sherry A. Farley

1. 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, was ratified.
2. The action of the Grand President in granting permission to Chispa Parlor No. 40, lone, to consolidate with Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson, was ratified.
3. The action of the Grand President in granting a charter to Amapola Parlor No. 338, Sutter Creek, California was ratified.
4. 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 was ratified.

RECOMMENDATIONS ADOPTED

Submitted by the Board of Directors

5. Statement of Problem: According to the Non Profit 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 2 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."

7. Statement of Problem: The current fine for Subordinate Parlors failing to file a complete Semi-Annual Report is too low.

We therefore recommend:

7A. 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.”

We further recommend:

7B 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.”

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:

We recommend:

8A. 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.”

(Being adopted, this recommendation will apply retroactively to all Members.)

Since Item 8A was adopted, we further recommend:

8B. C.G.P., Standing Rules, Page 64, Honors to Members, Item 2, Paragraph 1, is 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.”

Since Item 8A was adopted, we further recommend:

8C. 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.”

Since item 8A was adopted, we further recommend:

8D. 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.”

Since item 8A was adopted, we further recommend:

8E. 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.

Since item 8A was adopted, we further recommend:

8F. 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.

Submitted by the N .D.G.W. Home Committee

9. Statement of Problem: To help defray the escalating cost of ongoing expenses and upkeep of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home, we recommend:

For the term 2017-2018, the Home Assessment will be \$6.00 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.

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

We therefore recommend:

10A. C.G.P., 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 and two Members with expertise in public relations as appointed by the Grand President. The Public Relations Committee will also be available for collaboration and consultation with any State Committee as needed.

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.”

We further recommend:

10D. COMMITTEE POLICIES OF THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, PUBLIC RELATIONS, Pages 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 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 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

Submitted by the 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.

11A. 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, the proposed Addendum "A" – Five Ceremonies: three Flag Presentations, Funeral Ceremony, and Memorial Service – as presented in the Recommendations and Resolutions were adopted.

11B. The proposed Addendum "B" – Ceremony of Initiation – as presented in the Recommendations and Resolutions was adopted.

11C. Since Item 11B was adopted, the Initiation Ceremony as part of the Institution Ceremony and the Member-at-Large Affiliation Ceremony were changed to reflect the adopted Ceremony of Initiation.

11D. The proposed Addendum "C" – Ceremony of Installation – as presented in the Recommendations and Resolutions was adopted.

11E. Since Item 11D was adopted, the Installation Ceremony as part of the Institution Ceremony was changed to reflect the adopted Ceremony of Installation.

11F. The proposed Addendum "D" - Subordinate Parlor Concise Meeting Script – as presented in the Recommendations and Resolutions was adopted.

11G. The proposed Addendum "E" – Subordinate Parlor Formal Meeting Script – as presented in the Recommendations and Resolutions was adopted.

11H. Since Items 11A, 11B, 11C, 11D, 11E, 11F, and 11G were adopted, the current Ritual and Manual of Instruction Committee is allowed to make punctuation, spelling, grammatical, and typographical modifications that do not materially change the original intent of the documents included in Addenda "A" through "E".

Submitted by the Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation Committee

Previous Notice No. 1 (hot pink paper)

Statement of Problem: From time to time, the Childrens Foundation State Committee receives requests from 501(c)(3) Foundations. The wording in our "Committee Policies of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Childrens Foundation" stipulates that any grants may only be approved in the month of May. The Childrens Foundation State Committee finds that this restriction is not necessary and therefore, we recommend:

COMMITTEE POLICIES OF THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, page 26, NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHILDRENS FOUNDATION, NUMBER 21, lines one, two, and three, remove the following sentence:

"When sufficient funds are available, grants may be given at the Committee's May meeting to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and agencies serving children from birth to eighteen years of age living in California."

and insert a new sentence that would read:

"When sufficient funds are available, grants may be given to non-profit 501(c)(3) organizations and agencies serving children from birth to eighteen years of age living in California."

Submitted by the Ritual and Manual of Instruction Committee

Previous Notice No. 2 (neon orange paper)

Since Items 11F and 11G were adopted, the following was also adopted:

C.S.P., Article Three, Pages 78 and 79, Meetings, Section 2, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

“A Subordinate Parlor may use the Concise Meeting Script or the Formal Meeting Script at a regular meeting. Both Meeting Scripts are found in the Ritual section of the Books of the Order.”

INVITATION ACCEPTED

The invitation submitted by El Pinal Parlor No. 163 to hold the 134th Grand Parlor Annual Meeting from June 16 through June 19, 2020 in the City of San Luis Obispo was accepted.

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, Bonita No. 10, Eshcol No. 16, Santa Cruz No. 26, Veritas No. 75, San Jose No. 81, Forrest No. 86, Woodland No. 90, San Miguel No. 94, Aleli No. 102, San Luisita No. 108, Darina No. 114, El Vespero No. 118, Reina del Mar No. 126, Junipero No. 141, Calistoga No. 145, Encinal No. 156, Annie K. Bidwell No. 168, San Juan Bautista No. 179, Fresno No. 187, Donner No. 193, Morada No. 199, San Diego No. 208, Fort Bragg No. 210, El Tejon No. 239, Grace No. 242, Charter Oak No. 292, Tierra de Oro No. 304, Gilroy No. 312, Poinsettia No. 318, Rancho La Puente No. 331, El Paso de Robles No. 335, and Zinfandel No. 337.

MOTIONS MADE FROM THE FLOOR

It was moved by sPGP Dolores Ferez, seconded, and carried to have Grand Secretary Marti Noyes send letters to those Past Grand Presidents who were unable to attend the Grand Parlor Annual meeting.

It was moved by PGP Marilyn Bustillos, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors, which appear in the Advance Reports, be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

It was moved by JrPGP Bonnie Tabor, seconded, and carried that the 2015-2016 Proceedings be accepted as the Annual Corporate Report for our Order.

It was moved by GT Renee Chandler, seconded, and carried that C.G.P., Article Four, Section 2, Number, Positions, and Qualifications of Directors, Qualifications: Sentence 3 “Members aspiring to a Grand Parlor office shall have previously served at least one year as a Deputy Grand President to a Subordinate Parlor.” be set aside for one year.

It was moved by GVP Cynthia Connelly, seconded, and carried that an open discussion be held on the topic of non-representation at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

It was moved by PGP Sharon Johnston, seconded, and carried that all references to various types of meetings in the Books of the Order be removed, pending adoption of proposed legislation item 11F (Subordinate Parlor Concise Meeting Script) and item 11G (Subordinate Parlor Formal Meeting Script).

It was moved by Judge of the Election Board Elza Paul, seconded, and carried that the elected Grand Officers serve as the Board of Directors of the Native Daughters of the Golden West as specified in the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution of the Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

It was moved by PGP Christine Tripod, seconded, and carried that the minutes of the Past Grand Presidents' meeting of April 28, 2017, as accepted, be included in the Proceedings.

It was moved by Billie McArthur and seconded that proposed Item 9 regarding the NDGW Home Assessment be adopted; however, no vote was taken and item 9 was referred back to the Home and State of the Order Committees for further discussion.

It was moved by PGP Beth Perrin, seconded, and carried that the information included in the annual report of the Grand Parlor Office regarding membership be deleted from that report and included in the Annual Report of the Extension of the Order Committee.

It was moved by PGP Suzi Riley, seconded, and carried that the fee to stay at the Native Daughters Home be increased to \$45 per Member per night and \$60 per guest per night.

It was moved by PGP Sharon Johnston, seconded, and carried to accept the change in the per capita tax from \$27.00 per member to \$29.00 per member.

It was moved by PGP Marilynn Rodrigues, seconded, and carried that the per capita tax for the ensuing term be set at \$29.00 per Member per year; \$14.50 payable as of July 31, 2017 based on the membership as of June 30, 2017, and \$14.50 payable as of January 31, 2018 based on the membership as of December 31, 2017.

It was moved by PGP Christine Tripod, seconded, and carried to accept the corrected 2017-2018 budget for the Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee.

It was moved by PGP Suzi Riley, seconded, and carried to accept the corrected 2017-2018 budget for the Native Daughters Home Committee..

It was moved by Viola Gene Dana, seconded, and carried to accept the corrected 2017-2018 budget for the NDGW Childrens Foundation Committee.

It was moved by PGP Marilynn Rodrigues, seconded, and carried to accept the corrected 2017-2018 budget for the NDGW Grand Parlor.

It was moved by PGP Marilyn Rodrigues, seconded, and carried that the pro-rata allocation of \$10,000 be taken from all the Grand Parlor Invested Funds to be paid to the Grand Parlor General Fund for administrative costs.

It was moved by PGP Marilyn Rodrigues, seconded, and carried that any deficit from the 2017-2018 budget be taken from the Grand Parlor General Fund invested funds.

It was moved by GS Marti Noyes, seconded, and carried that the corrected minutes of Day One of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, (June 19, 2017) be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

It was moved by GS Marti Noyes, seconded, and carried that the corrected minutes of Day Two of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, (June 20, 2017) be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

It was moved by GS Marti Noyes, seconded, and carried that the minutes of Day Three of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, (June 21, 2017) be accepted and printed in the Proceedings.

It was moved by GS Marti Noyes, seconded, and carried that the minutes of Day Four of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (June 22, 2017) and the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of June 24, 2017, be reviewed by the Board of Directors for correction, acceptance, and printing in the Proceedings.

RECOMMENDATIONS WITHDRAWN

Submitted by the Board of Directors

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 non-representation at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting does not motivate Subordinate Parlors to be represented at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

6A. 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.”

6B. 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.”

6C. 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.”

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.

10B. C.G.P., 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.”

10C. C.G.P., 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.”

