

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST  
137<sup>TH</sup> GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING  
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SECOND DAY MINUTES – JUNE 24, 2023

**Morning Session:**

The second day of the 137<sup>th</sup> Grand Parlor was called to Order at 8:44 A.M. by Grand President Nina Coffenberry.

Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter led the Members in the Flag Salute and the singing of the National Anthem.

Grand President Nina announced that the minutes of the June 23, 2023 meeting are posted on the door of the meeting room and on the NDGW Website.

PGP Suzy Riley presented the Credentials Report for Day 2, June 24, 2023 at 8:55 A.M., as follows: 9 Grand Officers, 2 acting as Delegates, 15 Past Grand Presidents, 0 Acting as Delegates, 12 State Chairmen, 40 Delegates, 16 on Zoom, for a total Voting Members of 100. Zero one-day attendees, 29 non-voting Members, for a total in attendance of 130. Eleven Parlors were not represented: Parlors 168, 282, 213, 328, 155, 255, 63, 75, 140, and 226.

Grand President Nina announced the nominations of Grand Parlor Officers for 2023-2024 at 9:00 A.M., as follows:

Office of Grand President: GP Nina called for nominations for the position of Grand President. Kathy Wilcox, Tierra de Oro Parlor No.304, Santa Barbara, nominated Rae Rosas, Tierra de Oro No. 304, who accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations for Grand President, GP Nina closed the nominations.

Office of Jr. Past Grand President: GP Nina called for nominations for the position of Jr. Past Grand President. PGP Marilyn Bustillos, Califia No. 22 and Ursula No. 1, nominated Nina Coffenberry of Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson who accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations for Jr. Past Grand President, GP Nina closed the nominations.

Office of Grand Vice President: GP Nina called for nominations for the position of Grand Vice President. PGP Sherry Farley, Grace Parlor No. 242, Fullerton, nominated Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, who accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations for Grand Vice President, GP Nina closed the nominations.

Office of Grand Marshal: GP Nina called for nominations for the position of Grand Marshal. PGP Christine Tripod, Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, nominated Heidi Dillon, Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, who accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations for Grand Marshal, GP Nina closed the nominations.

Office of Grand Secretary: GP Nina called of nominations for the position of Grand Secretary. PGP Marilyn Rodrigues, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, nominated Shelley Buchberger, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore, who accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations for Grand Secretary, GP Nina closed the nominations.

Office of Grand Trustee: GP Nina called of nominations for the position of Grand Trustee. Jenni King, Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland, nominated Renee Rianda, Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland and Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas, who accepted the nomination. PGP Susan Collins, Fort Bragg Parlor No. 210, Fort Bragg, nominated Marion "Sonny" Graves, Amapola Parlor No. 338, Sutter Creek and Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton, who accepted the nomination. Hearing no other nominations, GP Nina closed the nominations.

Office of Grand Inside Sentinel: GP Nina called of nominations for the position of Grand Inside Sentinel. Hearing none, GP Nina closed the nominations.

Office of Grand Outside Sentinel: Grand President Nina called of nominations for the position of Grand Outside Sentinel. Hearing none, GP Nina closed the nominations.

GP Nina announced the names of those receiving nominations telling the Members present that these are those Members running for Grand Office for 2023-2024. She then closed Nominations of Grand Officers for 2023-2023.

Grand President Nina called for the Assessment & Renewal Committee (ARC) report. GM Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield and GT Renee Rianda, Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland & Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas, Co-Chairman, invited everyone to read the Vision Plan 2026 that is included in the Grand Parlor Binder and to provide comments, suggestions, etc. to Renee Rianda at [rianda@aol.com](mailto:rianda@aol.com). She and Darleen thanked the Committee for their good work this year.

GP Nina called on State of the Order for a report. PGP Sherry Farley directed the Members to page 43 of the Proposed Recommendations and Resolutions and read the recommended change to 21 A, Motion Carried and so ordered at 9:21 A.M. She then read item 21 B. She moved to adopt. Motion carried and so ordered at 9:22 A.M. PGP Sherry Farley directed the Members to page 44, and read item 21 C. She moved to adopt. Motion carried and so ordered at 9:25 A.M. PGP Sherry Farley directed the Members to page 45, and read item 21 D. PGP Camelia Robles brought to everyone's attention the fact that the camperships awards are named in memory of PGP Hazel B. Hansen and PGP Jewel McSweeney because they are the persons who founded the Childrens Foundation. PGP Sherry moved to adopt. Motion carried and so ordered at 9:27 A.M. PGP Sherry Farley directed the Members to page 45, and read item 21E. She moved to adopt. Motion carried and so ordered at 9:28 A.M. This was a Partial Report.

PGP Marilyn Bustillos reminded the Members that we are to vote with our right arm raised.

GP Nina expressed that earlier submission of legislation this year has helped tremendously.

GP Nina Called on Legislation for a report. PGP Marilyn Rodrigues directed the Members to page 9, and read the recommended change to 9 A. There was a great deal of discussion on pros and cons. GP Nina reminded everyone that this matter requires a 2/3 majority to pass. A vote was taken and it was rejected. This was a partial report.

At 9:56 A.M. GP Nina called for a 10-minute break and directed the Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter to attend to her duties at the Altar.

At 10:21 A.M. GP Nina opened the meeting by directing the Grand Marshal to attend to her duties at the Altar.

GP Nina announced that we will be welcoming special guests, Sr. Past Grand President Dolores Ferez, Hayward Parlor No. 122, Hayward a 75-year Member, and her daughter, Maureen Christiansen, a 50-year Member, who will be arriving later in the morning.

At 10:22 A.M. Alba Arosio moved to accept the slate of officers nominated to serve in 2023-2024. PGP Debi Stalder announced that she is exercising her right to request a vote by paper ballot. Grand President Nina confirmed that there will be a vote by ballot.

GP Nina called for the Report of the Historian of the Order. Mary Louise Days, Reina de Mar No. 126, Santa Barbara, said that her report was in the Advanced Reports on page 24 and, by request of GP Nina, read the biography of Rae L. Rominger, PGP, Califia Parlor No. 22 Sacramento. This was a final report.

GM Darleen and her assistants distributed the four Previous Notices to Delegates.

GP Nina asked any first-time Delegates that did not get a name badge to see PGP Bonnie Tabor.

GP Nina called for the Report of the California Lighthouse Preservation Committee that was presented by State Chairman Vickie Van Winkle, San Bruno Parlor No. 246, San Bruno. This was a final report.

GP Nina called for the Report of the Ritual and Manual of Instruction Committee. GT Rae Rianda, Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland & Aleli Parlor No. 102, Salinas, Chair of the Committee, referred the Members to page 39 of the Advanced Reports and noted that she had nothing to report due to Ritual and Manual being closed for two more years. This was a final report.

GS Shelley Buchberger read the minutes from the Board of Directors meeting held on Wednesday, June 22, 2023.

GP Nina directed GM Darleen Carpenter to attend to her duties at the Altar.

Honored guests PGP Dolores Ferez and her daughter Maureen Christensen were escorted to the Alter for greetings from Grand President Nina where she awarded PGP Dolores with her 75-year Member pin, and Maureen with her 50-year Member pin. GVP Rae Rosas and PGP Marilyn Bustillos provided a short talk about PGP Dolores' active years in NDGW, noting PGP Dolores' total devotion and passion for the Order. A Standing Ovation was given by all in attendance. PGP Dolores thanked everyone for their kind words and action noting that the Order still has a long way to go, advising the Members to keep up the hard work. She noted missing the days when she was busy with so many activities in Native Daughters and closed by stating that she will be leaving a video with Grand President Nina regarding the work that was finally done at Mission San Jose. Maureen was extended a congratulations on receiving her 50-years of service recognition.

Those assembled then stood and sang "I Love You California" to PGP Dolores and her daughter, Maureen. A final Standing Ovation was given and an invitation for them to remain for the meeting and to join everyone for lunch.

GP Nina directed Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter to attend to her duties at the Altar.

GP Nina called on GS Shelley to read any communications or announcements.

Jr. PGP Susan Collins advised that her year's Proceedings still need to be accepted. GP Nina reminded her that it was determined yesterday that the Proceedings would be accepted when the actual copy arrives.

PGP Marilyn Bustillos announced at 11:20 A.M. that the sample ballet had arrived and directed them to be distributed.

GP Nina called on a Report from Legislation Measures. PGP Debi Stalder, Laurel Parlor No. 6, Nevada City, State Chairman, referred the Members to Advanced Reports, page 29. She reported that it was not a very active year. The Committee will continue to keep Parlors informed. This was a final report.

GP Nina called on a report from Fraternal Jewelry Committee. Chairman PGP Camelia Robles, Poppy Trail Parlor No. 266, Montebello, referred the Members to the Advanced Reports, page 23. She announced that the 10-year pins are finally here. They will sell for \$10 each. Every Parlor at Grand Parlor can purchase one to take back to their Parlors to show the Members and to place orders with the Grand Parlor Office. This was a partial report.

GP Nina called on a report from Mission Restoration Committee. GP Nina referred the Members to the Advanced Reports, page 30. This is a final report.

GP Nina called on a report from Laws and Supervision Committee. Chairman GM Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield, referred the Members to the Advanced Reports, page 28. This was a final report.

GP Nina called on a report from the Insurance Committee. Chairman Anna Ortiz, Reina Del Mar Parlor No. 126, Santa Barbara, referred the Members to the Advanced Reports, page 26. She reported that insurance costs will be going up in the new term due to the NDGW Home having several claims this past year. This is a final report.

GP Nina called on State of the Order. PGP Sherry Farley noted to clarify the verbiage on page 4 through 6. She then referred the Members to the Previous Notice Number One and moved for the ratification. Motion carried and so ordered at 11:40 A.M. This was a partial report.

Grand President Nina called on Legislation. PGP Marilyn Rodrigues noted to clarify the verbiage on page 5 and 6 of 8A. She moved to adopt 8A. Adopted at 11:46 A.M. This was a partial report.

Grand President Nina called on Judge of Elections to come to the podium. Susan Tinkley, Poppy Trail No. 266, gave direction on voting, explaining the scanning process and marking ballots correctly. Grand President Nina announced that voting will be held today between 1:30 p.m. and 3pm.

PGP Suzy Riley announced that PGP Lorraine Robinson was here. Grand President Nina had here escorted to the Altar and introduced. She then joined the Past Grand President.

GP Nina directed Grand Marshal Darleen Carpenter to attend to her duties at the Altar.



plaque that we dedicated last year and it is in front of the meeting room if anyone would like to look at it. This is a final report.

PGP Dawn Dunlap of El Pinal Parlor no. 163, Cambria, Chairman of the Board of Grievance, was appointed by the Past Grand Presidents and her report is found on page 7 in the Advanced Reports. This is a final report.

Susan Tinkley, Judge of Elections returned to Sessions. GP Nina asked for a report from the Board of Elections. Susan thanked her Board for their assistance. She reported that there were 97 eligible voters. 90 Ballots were cast with no invalid ballots.

GP Nina declared the following Officers elected for the ensuing term of 2023-2024:

Grand President Rae Rosas, Tierra De Oro Parlor No. 304, Santa Barbara  
Jr. PGP Nina Coffenberry, Ursula Parlor No. 1, Jackson  
Grand Vice President Darleen Carpenter, El Tejon Parlor No. 239, Bakersfield  
Grand Marshal Heidi Dillon, Joaquin Parlor No. 5, Stockton and Oakdale Parlor No. 125

Oakdale

Grand Secretary Shelley Buchberger, Angelita Parlor No. 32, Livermore  
Grand Trustee Renee Rianda, Woodland Parlor No. 90, Woodland, and Aleli Parlor No.

102, Salinas

Grand Trustee Marion "Sonny" Graves, Amapola Parlor No. 338, Sutter Creek.

Judge Susan moved that the elected Grand Officers serve as the Board of Directors as specified in the Articles of Incorporation and Constitution of Grand Parlor. PGP Sherry Farley seconded. Motion carried and so ordered.

PGP Joan Hall, Charter Oak Parlor no. 292, Visalia, Chairman of the Investment Committee gave her report. It is on page 27 of the Advance Reports. This year has been up and down with our investments but we are doing well. This is a final report.

PGP Joan Hall , Chairman of the Legislative Monitoring Committee, gave her report. It is found on page 28 of the Advanced Reports. The Books of the Order are online on our website and all updates have been made. This is a final report.

GP Nina called for a report from Legislation. PGP Marilyn read item no.10 and moved for the rejection. The vote for rejection failed so item no.10 was adopted. She then read Item 11a. There were a few items that needed to be corrected so it was returned to Committee.

GP Nina asked GM Darleen to attend to her duty at the altar.

Break at 4:10 P.M., back at 4:26 P.M.

GP Nina asked GM Darleen to attend to her duty at the altar.

GP Nina asked for a report from the State of the Order Committee. PGP Sherry Farley read Previous Notice No. 3. She moved the adoption. Motion carried and so ordered. This is a partial report.

Nina asked the Environment Issues Chairman for her report. Leona Sunseri, Sutter's Mill Parlor No. 336, Coloma, said her report was on page 19 of the advanced reports and this is her final report.

Nina asked for a report from Legislation. PGP Marilynn Rodrigues reported that on page 13, Item 11A has been withdrawn. She then read 11B but due to some grammatical issues, it was returned to committee. This is a partial report.

Nina asked for a report from the State of the Order Committee. PGP Sherry Farley read Previous Notice No. 2 and moved for the adoption. After discussion, it was moved and so ordered.

Jr. PGP Susan Collins reminded the Board of Directors that practice for the Installation is on Monday morning at 7 A.M.

GP Nina asked GS Shelley for announcements or communications.

Jr. PGP Susan Collins performed the Divine Blessing.

Meeting recessed at 5:15 P.M. and will reconvene at 8:30 A.M. Sunday, June 25, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley Buchberger  
Grand Secretary