



COMMITTEES OF THE GRAND PARLOR, NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST

AMERICANISM AND CIVIC PARTICIPATION – This Committee is responsible for promoting good citizenship and active participation in community affairs. A founding principle of our Order, Devotion to our Flag, is carried out year after year through the many presentations of American and Bear Flags to schools, public buildings, and institutions of various kinds. This promotes patriotism and brings attention to our Order, assisting in building a better community and State.

CALIFORNIA ADMISSION DAY – This Committee is responsible for the Admission Day festivities we sponsor. We participate in joint parades and other events with the Native Sons of the Golden West annually near or on September 9th. Also, Subordinate Parlors are encouraged to promote and participate in Admission Day activities in their communities.

CALIFORNIA HISTORY AND LANDMARKS – This Committee is responsible for approving the wording on all plaques placed by a Subordinate Parlor. A Historical Landmark book is kept with photographs and short descriptions of all landmarks we have dedicated. The two subcommittees of this Committee are the Art Talent Contest and the Essay Contest for the youth of California. These encourage the young people of our state to capture in any art medium, or in words, the wonders of our Golden State. The Art Talent Contest also includes a members' division.

CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION- Assist in marking and/or contributing toward the restoration of these monarchs of our California coastline.

EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIP – This Committee is responsible for perusing scholarship applications and determining the winners of the scholarships annually awarded by the Native Daughters of the Golden West. Members, as well as their sons and daughters, are eligible for scholarships.

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS- The main responsibility is to expand and maintain electronic communication and provide technology support for the members and social media access communications.

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES – Things pertaining to the conservation of our natural wonders and ways of making our state safe for its populace are the concerns of this Committee. Some projects taken on have been: a recycling campaign, Pennies for Pines (fundraising to replant acres of National Forest), Poppy seed planting, and saving the California Quail (our State Bird).

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER – Attempting to realize a gain in membership as well as retain members are the main goals of this Committee. Several Subordinate Parlor and area representative members are a part of this committee and conduct membership workshops throughout the State to assist Parlors in making our Order more attractive to the eligible women in California.

FINANCE – This Committee is responsible for approving the monthly bills for payment and for preparing an annual budget for the Grand Parlor.

FRATERNAL JEWELRY- Shall work with the suppliers of fraternal jewelry to design or supply official jewelry for the Order.

GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING – Preparing for the annual convention is the responsibility of this Committee. Each June the Native Daughters of the Golden West assemble to legislate for the good of the Order, and this Committee is charged with making all arrangements for the meeting. Subcommittees include Credentials, Printing and Supplies, and Transportation.

CREDENTIALS – This committee is responsible for an accurate count of the attendance at our Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and for certifying that the delegates and visitors are registered properly.

PRINTING AND SUPPLIES – This committee is responsible for the sale of all Grand Parlor supplies at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. It is also responsible for inventorying and packing all supplies at the end of the convention.

TRANSPORTATION – This committee peruses all mileage claims and prepares mileage checks during the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. It works in cooperation with the Credentials committee to be sure that all claims are made by those certified and qualified to attend the convention.

GRIEVANCE – The Grievance Committee, composed of five Past Grand Presidents, is charged with receiving and working out all grievances received from Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, and Subordinate Parlors.

HISTORIAN OF THE ORDER – This Committee of one is annually asked to research a particular topic for the Grand President and present a written report to the Grand Parlor. These reports are always of historic interest to our members.

INSURANCE – The State Committee on Insurance is responsible for arranging insurance coverage for the Grand Parlor, NDGW Home, and Parlors along with the bonds required for the personnel.

INVESTMENT – This Committee is charged with prudently investing the funds of the Grand Parlor; these responsibilities are carried out with the cooperation of a brokerage firm.

JAMES D. PHELAN – Sisters may apply when in great need of financial assistance for a grant from this committee. The Committee reviews the confidential application and decides on the proper course. Also, this committee reviews applications from Subordinate Parlors for grants from the Building Relief Fund, which provides funds to those in dire need of help restoring a Parlor-owned building.

LAWS AND SUPERVISION – This Committee is responsible for perusing proposed changes in the By-laws of Subordinate Parlors. All changes, additions, and deletions to Subordinate Parlor By-laws must be approved by the Committee.

LEGISLATION – Most of the work done by this Committee is done at Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. The Committee is responsible for presenting to the Grand Parlor all legislation dealing with the

Constitution of Grand Parlor and determining when, and if, a particular recommendation is considered an emergency.

LEGISLATION MONITORING- Proofread and prepare for printing updates reflecting all changes adopted at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES – Keeping the membership abreast of legislation being presented and discussed in the State Legislature is the responsibility of this Committee. Frequently we are asked to sign petitions and write to our Legislators.

MISSION RESTORATION – This project is one that is dear to the hearts of many Native Daughters. Over the years, we have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to the twenty-one California Missions so that the labors of the Californians of yesteryear will not have been in vain. We labor to help preserve and restore these beautiful monuments to Christianity, the Spanish padres, and the Indian laborers.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHARITABLE FOUNDATION-

The purpose of the Foundation shall be social development, mental improvements, and public benefit; the uniform administration of the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, perpetuating the memory of the Pioneers of California. Financial support is eligible as a 501c(3) charity for tax purposes. Within the context of the general purposes stated above, the special purpose of this Foundation is to receive all donations for the Americanism and Civic Participation, California Admission Day, California History and Landmarks and Historic Buildings, California Lighthouse Preservation, Education and Scholarships, Environmental Issues, Mission Restoration, Veterans Welfare, and Welfare, public benefit committees.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION – Assists the children of our Great State from infancy to the eighteenth birthday, regardless of race, color, or creed, who are not eligible for any other existing aid for their particular needs. This service reaches the average income families who sometimes find that the needs of their children are greater than their ability to finance. Financial support is eligible as a 501c(3) charity for tax purposes.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST HOME – This Committee is responsible for the management of our Home at 555 Baker Street in San Francisco. We have great pride in our Home and ask that all Sisters keep the Home in their hearts.

EVELYN I. CARLSON NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST HISTORICAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE – This Committee is responsible for the artifacts in the Native Daughter Home House Museum. This labor of love in behalf of the Home is most appreciated.

OFFICIAL PUBLICATION – This Committee is responsible for the publication of the California Star, the newsletter of our Order. Our Official Publication is mailed free of charge to our members and includes interesting articles about our Projects, Activities, and the Historical Nature of Subordinate Parlors.

PERSONNEL- The duty of the Personnel Committee is to seek and interview qualified candidates for positions in the Grand Parlor Office and Native Daughters of the Golden West Home for employment needs.

PIONEER ROSTER AND NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST ARCHIVES – This Committee is responsible for the archival materials and the roster of California Pioneers (those who

entered or were born in California before 1870). Many of our materials are used by the public to assist in genealogical research.

PROCEEDINGS – Each fraternal year, the Native Daughters publish a report which includes the minutes from that year’s Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and a number of other materials. This committee is responsible for working with the Grand Parlor Office on the compilation of that report and preparation of it for printing.

PUBLIC RELATIONS – This Committee is responsible for maintaining a positive image of the Order with the public. We attempt to participate in activities which will bring needed publicity to the Order and which will comply with the tenets of the Order and the activities of our Committees. California Image awards are presented annually to those who have promoted in a special way the State of California.

REAL PROPERTY- Real Property Committee shall have the power to prescribe all rules and methods of procedure for Subordinate Parlors in connection with the Investment in real property and/or buildings.

RITUAL AND MANUAL OF INSTRUCTION – The Ritual and Manual of Instruction Committee is charged with the responsibility of assuring that the Ritual and Manual of Instructions is kept up-to-date and complies in all cases with the Constitutions of the Grand Parlor and Subordinate Parlors.

ROLL OF HONOR – This Committee is charged with determining if a woman merits being included on our Roll of Honor. The Roll of Honor pays recognition to women not born in our Golden State who have performed some signal service to the State of California or the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

STATE OF THE ORDER – The State of the Order Committee works very hard at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to ascertain the condition of the Order. It is responsible for presenting much of the legislation on the floor of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and for the completion of the Summary of Legislation at the close of every session.

VETERANS WELFARE – This Committee works diligently to encourage support of the veterans of our armed forces who live in the veteran’s facilities of our Golden State. An annual budget is prepared for the use of the Subordinate Parlors in their veterans support projects. This Committee has a Roll of Honor album to honor our past, present, and any future Native Daughters of the Golden West veterans of the United States Armed Services who have served their country with honor and distinction.

WELFARE – This Committee works to assist Parlors in welfare and philanthropic projects in their communities.

YEARBOOK – The submission of yearbooks, or scrapbooks, and judging thereof is the responsibility of this Committee. The books are taken to the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and Subordinate Parlors are awarded for their efforts.