

**PROPOSED RECOMMENDATIONS
AND
RESOLUTIONS**

**SUBMITTED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE
2025 GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING**



Review in Parlor and give to the
Parlor Delegate(s) to bring to the
Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in Bakersfield

CONSENT AGENDA

The following Recommendations and Resolutions will be presented as a group for approval by the voting members of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Please review them thoughtfully and discuss them with your Parlor before attending Grand Parlor. Any Voting Member wishing to remove an item from the Consent Agenda may do so by request from the State of the Order Committee.

The Following items will be on the Consent Agenda:

Items 2, 3, 4, 5, 5A, 5B, 5C, 7, 9, 14, 14A, 14B, 14C, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, 21A, 21B, 21C, 21D, 21E, 22, 23, 24, 24A, 24B, 24C, 24D, 24E, 25, 26, 26A

Adopted _____

Rejected _____

All items **NOT** on the Consent Agenda will be voted on separately by the Voting Members.

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SUBMITTED BY GRAND PRESIDENT DARLEEN CARPENTER

1. That the contribution of the Grand President's Special Fund of \$50 to Kern County Museum/Pioneer Village, 3801 Chester Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301, be ratified.

Financial Impact: Not applicable
Grand Parlor budgeted item

Ratified _____

Rejected _____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Finance
Grand President

2. That the action of the Grand President in granting permission to Liberty No 213, Elk Grove, to consolidate with Califia No. 22, Sacramento AND Manzanita No.29, Grass Valley to consolidate with Laurel No. 6, Nevada City be ratified.

Financial Impact: Possible Loss of revenue
to the Order

Ratified _____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO)
Grand President

Rejected _____

SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

3. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Ratification is needed for the following action taken by the Board of Directors at the November 16, 2024 meeting.

To save money and streamline the bookkeeping process by changing the method of payment of all bills owed by Subordinate Parlors to ACH, the Board of Directors, voted to set aside the following:

C.S.P. Page 91-92, Section 5, 4th paragraph and Manual of Instruction, Page 51-52, paragraph 9 that states Parlor's pay by check.

Financial Impact: None

Ratified _____

Referred to Committees:
Laws and Supervision
Ritual and Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors

Rejected _____

SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF GRIEVANCE

4. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

C.G.P., Committee Policies, Page 2, Item 1 states "The Policies of the Board of Grievance shall apply to the Grand President, Grand Officers, Past Grand Presidents, State Chairmen, Committee Members, Deputy Grand Presidents, Subordinate Parlors, or any Member of the Order. Members of the Board of Directors should not decide an issue wherein a member of the Board is a principal. This is a conflict of interest.

Further, two of the subsequent paragraphs in the Committee Policies are contradictory; e.g., C.G.P., Committee Policies, Board of Grievance, Page 3, Item 2 states that "the Board of Grievance shall take appropriate action relative to the degree of negligence." Whereas Page 3, Item 6 states, "the Board of Grievance shall report its findings in writing to the Board of Directors, The Board of Directors shall take action relative to the degree of the negligence; said action may include reprimand, fine, or removal of title, honors, or official position.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

C.G.P., Committee Policies, Page 3, Item 6, add the following sentence to the end of the paragraph:

If a Member of the Board of Directors is a principal involved in the grievance, the Board of Grievance shall report their findings to the College of Past Grand Presidents for resolution. The College of Past Grand Presidents shall notify the Board of Directors of their decision.

Financial Impact: None

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:
Laws & Supervision
Ritual & Manual of Instruction
Board of Directors

Rejected _____

5. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The word "Grievance" sounds negative. The name of the Committee should connote a fair resolution of the issue. We suggest the name of the Committee be changed.

We Therefore Recommend:

The name of the Committee be changed from "The Board of Grievance" to the "Committee for Conflict Resolution."

Financial Impact: None

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Board of Grievance

Rejected _____

5A. IF THE ABOVE PASSES, WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

C.G.P., By-Laws, Article Two Membership Qualifications, Voting, and Termination, Page 5, Section 13. The Board of Grievance shall now read:

"Section 13. Committee for Conflict Resolution: The Board of Directors shall instruct the Past Grand Presidents to appoint a committee of five Past Grand Presidents to serve two years. Said Committee shall be known as the Committee for Conflict Resolution."

Financial Impact None

Adopted: _____

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Grievance

Rejected: _____

5B. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

Change the references in the Constitution for Grand Parlor from the “Board of Grievance” to the “Committee for Conflict Resolution” cited in the following Books of the Order.

C.G.P. Procedures, Page 31, Native Daughters of the

Golden West Grand Parlor State Committees and Page 32, Paragraph 3,

C.G.P. Page 55, Past Grand Presidents

Committee Policies, Page 2, Title of Section and Paragraphs 1,

Committee Policies, Page 3, Paragraphs 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Financial Impact: None

Adopted: _____

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
State of the Order
Board of Grievance

Rejected: _____

5C. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies, Page 3, Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, the word, “grievance” is changed to “complaint”.

Financial Impact: None

Adopted: _____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Board of Grievance

Rejected: _____

SUBMITTED BY CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS, AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS

6. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The Native Daughters of the Golden West continues to prioritize the marking of historical landmarks and historical buildings within California to preserve the history of our golden state for future generations.

Unfortunately, the California History, Landmarks, and Historic Buildings Committee is extremely limited in this important work by the current policy only allowing for an entire cost of a building plaque (or marker) grant to a Subordinate Parlor not to exceed \$350.00 or one-half the total cost of the plaque. In the year 2025, \$350 is insufficient and will not cover the cost of a new or a replacement marker.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies, Page 5, Item 11.

Replace \$350.00 with funds available through fundraising efforts and allowable interest accrued earnings from interest, dividends, and fair market value of the "Securities Pool", based on its established percentage of the "Pool".

IT WILL THEN READ:

"11. The State Committee may authorize a grant to a Subordinate Parlor, not to exceed the total cost of a new or replacement plaque or marker. The total amount allocated shall not exceed the funds available to the State Committee raised through fundraising efforts and allowable earnings from interest, dividends, and fair market value of the "Investment

Pool”.”

Financial Impact: The Committee will only utilize available funds only for historical markings.

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:

State of the Order

NDGW Charitable Foundation

California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings

Rejected _____

SUBMITTED BY THE EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE

7. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The applicants for the NDGW Nursing Scholarship are exempt from the requirement of being born in California or eligible to affiliate with the Order. This exemption was omitted from the Education and Scholarships Regulations and Policies in the Books of the Order.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies, Education and Scholarships Regulations and Policies, Page 10, Paragraph 1, be amended to read "Item 1, Applicants applying for the Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW) Scholarships must have been born in California or eligible to affiliate with the Order. Applicants applying for a Sharon M. Johnston Music Grant, Bertha A. Briggs Scholarship for Veterans, or the NDGW Nursing Scholarship, are exempt from this requirement."

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
NDGW Charitable Foundation
Education and Scholarships

Adopted _____

Rejected _____

8. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The Bertha A. Briggs Scholarship for Veterans is the smallest monetary amount offered by the Education and Scholarships Committee and has few applicants.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies, Education and Scholarships Regulations and Policies, Page 12, Paragraph 9, Item e, be changed from six scholarships at \$850 each to two scholarships at \$2,550 each. A constant sum of \$5,100 shall be available to be awarded annually.

IT WILL THEN READ:

Item e. "Two (2) Bertha A. Briggs Scholarships up to a maximum of \$2,550 each shall be awarded to students attending any accredited university, college, vocational program, trade school, or online course based within the state of California. Applicants need not be California-born or eligible to affiliate with the Order. They must be a Veteran, personnel serving on active military duty, a dependent of a Veteran, or a dependent of personnel serving on active military duty. Their application packet must include proof of discharge, proof of active military duty, proof of being a dependent of a Veteran, or proof of being a dependent of personnel serving on active duty."

Financial Impact: None

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:

State of the Order

Rejected _____

NDGW Charitable Foundation

Veterans Welfare

Education and Scholarships

SUBMITTED BY THE LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

9. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

There is a conflict between C.G.P., Procedures, page 39, Section 23 and Committee Policies, page 24, NDGW Charitable Foundation, No.1.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Procedures, page 39, Section 23 NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INC. COMMITTEE

Delete lines 2-5 replace with the following:

shall consist of the Grand President, Grand Vice President, Grand Marshal (who shall serve as a non-voting Member) and the State Chairman of each of the Public Benefit Committees.

IT WILL THEN READ:

C.G.P., Procedures, page 39, Section 23 NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHARITABLE FOUNDATION INC. COMMITTEE shall consist of the Grand President, Grand Vice President, Grand Marshal (who shall serve as a non-voting Member) and the State Chairman of each of the Public Benefit Committees. The Committee shall elect the officers from its own members. The purpose of the Foundation..... (The remainder of the section remains the same.)

Financial Impact: None

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:

State of the Order
NDGW Charitable Foundation
Legislation

Rejected _____

**SUBMITTED BY LEGISLATION
AND THE ASSESSMENT AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE**

10. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The qualifications to run for the Board of Directors need to be updated in order to allow Members who desire to serve on the Board of Directors an opportunity to participate based on their qualifications.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

C.G.P., Bylaws, Article Four, Directors Qualifications and Election, Page 10, Section 2, third paragraph delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

Qualifications: To be elected as a Grand Officer, the Member must be a member of the Order for at least 5 years, must be a resident of California or resident of a state that borders California. Sponsored by her Subordinate Parlor and have attended at least two-thirds of her Parlor meetings the previous year. Attended at least one Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. A candidate for election who is not a current Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Grand Parlor Permanent Member shall be an in-person delegate from her Subordinate Parlor. Members aspiring to a Grand Parlor office shall have previously served at least one year as a Deputy Grand President to a Subordinate Parlor. Served one year as a committee member on one of the following NDGW Committees: Legislation, State of the Order, Finance, Investment, Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation Inc., NDGW Childrens Foundation, or NDGW Home.

Financial Impact: Possible additional Board of Directors expenses

The above requires a 2/3 vote for adoption

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Directors
State of the Order
Assessment & Renewal

Rejected _____

10A IF THE ABOVE PASSES, WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

C.G.P., Bylaws, Article Six, Officers Qualifications and Election, Page 16, Section 1, second paragraph, delete in its entirety and replace with the following:

Qualifications: To be elected as a Grand Officer, the Member must be a member of the Order for at least 5 years, must be a resident of California or resident of a state that borders California. Sponsored by her Subordinate Parlor and have attended at least two-thirds of her Parlor meetings the previous year. Attended at least one Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. A candidate for election who is not a current Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Grand Parlor Permanent Member shall be an in-person delegate from her Subordinate Parlor. Members aspiring to a Grand Parlor office shall have previously served at least one year as a Deputy Grand President to a Subordinate Parlor. Served one year as a committee member on one of the following NDGW Committees: Legislation, State of the Order, Finance, Investment, Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation Inc., NDGW Childrens Foundation, or NDGW Home.

No elected Director may serve in the same office for more than two consecutive years, with the exception of the Grand Secretary and Grand Trustees, who may serve for no more than five consecutive years.

Financial Impact: Possible additional Board of Directors expenses

The above requires a 2/3 vote for adoption

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:

Legislation

Board of Directors

State of the Order

Assessment & Renewal

Rejected _____

**SUBMITTED BY THE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST
HOME COMMITTEE**

11. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

To help defray the escalating cost of ongoing operational expenses as well as replacing the heating system and refurbishing six walk-in showers and numerous toilets, it is necessary to increase the NDGW Home Assessment. Both of these projects are estimated to cost approximately \$150,000.00.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

For the term 2025 – 2026, the NDGW Home Assessment shall be \$20.00 per Member, one-half payable by October 31, 2025, and one-half payable by April 30, 2026, based on the membership as of June 30 and December 31, respectively.

Financial Impact:

Increased operating budget to the NDGW Home.

Increased financial impact to Subordinate Parlors.

Approved: _____

Referred to Committees:

State of the Order

NDGW Home Committee

Rejected: _____

12. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

To simplify the process of making a reservation, and be better stewards to the environment, it is unnecessary to complete a Reservation Form, in addition to making a reservation in writing, by email or by telephone.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies, Page 30, Number 5, First and second paragraph, delete and replace with the following:

5. All room reservations shall be made in writing, by email, or by telephone with the staff of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home. Following the arrangements made for all room reservations by any of the above means of communication, a one night's fee for each person must be sent (if time permits) to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home mailing address: 555 Baker Street, San Francisco, CA 94117-1405, or may be paid using online payment methods supported by the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home.

A 24-hour cancellation notice is required to receive a refund.

In the event a 24-hour cancellation notice is not given by a Member who has made a reservation and a deposit has not been received, said Member shall be billed by the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home Committee for one night's fee for said reservation.

Financial Impact: Increased Revenue

Adopted _____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
NDGW Home

Rejected _____

13. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

All sponsored rooms must pay a monetary fee as room sponsors of the NDGW Home room sponsor program. The monetary fees for the bedrooms and bathrooms remain the same. We need to add the television and library rooms to the fee schedule.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies, Page 31-32, Number 11, Fourth paragraph, add fees for the television room and library to the end of the paragraph:

11. Rates will be as follows:

Room with one bed \$100.00

Room with two beds \$150.00

Public Bathrooms \$50.00 (1st & 2nd Floor)

Guest Bathroom \$50.00 (3rd & 4th Floor)

Television Room \$50.00

Library Room \$50.00

Financial Impact: Increased operating revenue for the NDGW Home.

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
NDGW Home

Approved: _____

Rejected: _____

14. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The Evelyn I. Carlson Collection began sixty-six years ago. Through the years the Collection has been catalogued and managed by the Evelyn I. Carlson Committee comprised of dedicated ladies who have diligently preserved our distinguished Members' gowns, jewelry, mementoes, and miscellaneous museum-quality items through donations entrusted to them to display for our Members and guests to enjoy viewing. The Collection has recently been expanded in a beautiful museum setting in the Bertha Briggs Auditorium.

The Pioneer Roster and N.D.G.W. Archives Committee has developed and advanced our Pioneer Roster Collection over the decades by beginning and continuing written entries

in sixty-nine bound volumes containing Pioneers who were born in or emigrated to California before 1870. They have modernized our collections via microfilming and currently by scanning and computerizing files for easier viewing and accessing for public use.

Combining these two committees and renaming it as the “Native Daughters of the Golden West Museum and Archives” is expedient and will enable them to more efficiently collaborate with each other to manage the historical collections of our Order.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Combine Evelyn I. Carlson Committee and the Pioneer Roster and Archives Committee into a newly formed committee named:

“Native Daughters of the Golden West Museum and Archives”.

Financial Impact: None

Referred Committees:
State of the Order
Pioneer Roster
Evelyn I. Carleson Historical Collection
NDGW Home

Approved: _____

Rejected: _____

14A IF THE ABOVE PASSES, WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Page 32, Grand Parlor State Committees, NDGW Home, Number 6, Insert Native Daughters of the Golden West Museum and Archives, and delete items a. and b.

Financial Impact: None

Approved: _____

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Pioneer Roster
Evelyn I. Carleson Historical Collection
NDGW Home

Rejected: _____

14B IF THE ABOVE PASSES, WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures Page 40, Native Daughters of the Golden West Committees, Native Daughters of the Golden West Home, insert Native Daughters of the Golden West Museum and Archives and delete items a. and b. with the following:

The NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE shall consist of seven members including one as the NDGW Home Committee representative. The Committee shall elect its own Program Manager and Secretary. Two members shall compile the Pioneer Roster entries. The Committee shall be responsible for all acquisition, organization, preservation, display, storage, and management of the artifacts, Pioneer Roster, NDGW Archives, and promotion of the California Reference Collection and Historical Museum.

Financial Impact: None

Approved: _____

Referred Committees:
Legislation
Pioneer Roster
Evelyn I Carleson Historical Collection
NDGW Home

Rejected: _____

14C WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies, Page 32-35, NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, SUB-COMMITTEE EVELYN I. CARLSON NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST HISTORICAL COLLECTION and NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST HOME, SUB-COMMITTEE PIONEER ROSTER NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST ARCHIVES delete in its entirety and insert, NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST HOME, SUB COMMITTEE NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES COMMITTEE.

1. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly during the year. Other meetings shall be called as necessary; maximum six times during the term.
2. Meeting expenses shall be allowable as outlined in the Constitution Grand Parlor, Policies, Miscellaneous, Number 3.
3. The Program Manager shall preside over all meetings.
4. Within seven days after a regular or special meeting of the Committee, the Secretary shall send minutes electronically to each Committee member who shall offer corrections no later than fourteen days after the meeting. Draft Minutes will be sent to the Grand Parlor Office. The Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant shall prepare the draft minutes for distribution in the monthly mailing. The draft minutes must be available upon request no later than thirty days after the meeting if the monthly mailing is not within the thirty-day time limit. Following approval of the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, a copy of the final approved minutes shall be sent to the Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant within fourteen days for

distribution to the Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, and members of the State of the Order Committee.

5. Docents shall give tours of the Museum. No fee shall be charged however, donations shall be accepted.
6. The reference library schedule, including days and times, shall be established by the Committee for the year beginning July 1 of each term. The reference library shall be open at least one day a month or by appointment and shall be supervised by a committee member. The Program Manager shall consult with the NDGW Home Committee State Chairman for proposed dates. A logbook shall be kept for docent tours of the Museum and made available upon request by the NDGW Home Committee or the Board of Directors.
7. The schedule of docent tours shall be posted on the Orders' website, www.ndgw.org, and included in the August Grand Parlor Office Mailing and in the Fall issue of the California Star.
8. After review and approval by the Board of Directors, all artifacts donated to the Native Daughters of the Golden West Museum and Archives Committee must have a signed gift deed from the donor. All gifts are final.
9. Complete detailed records shall be kept by the Committee of the Collection and stored appropriately in the NDGW Home when not on display.
10. Rotation of the Collection shall be changed as needed or upon request by the NDGW Home Committee or the Board of Directors.
11. All members of the Committee shall be acquainted with the functions of the Committee and be prepared to perform assigned tasks. The Native Daughters of the

Golden West Museum and Archives Docent Book shall be reviewed and updated yearly and made available to all Committee members that are Docents and the NDGW Home Committee.

12. When a new supplement to the Index to the Pioneer Roster is available copies shall be made available to the Members. Requests for research within the reference collection may be assigned to members of the committee for a reply. As each volume is completed it shall be bound and placed in the Pioneer Roster Collection; funding to be provided by Grand Parlor.
13. A Committee Procedure Manual shall be kept which includes all the details for the acquisition, organization, preservation, and access management of the Collection. As detailed in the Manual, separate accession books, indices, catalogs, and records shall be kept for the Roster of California Pioneers with its Indices, Supplements, and Addendum, the California History reference materials, and the Native Daughters of the Golden West Archives, and inventories shall be kept for the equipment and contents of the reference room and the Committee's supplies. Working Policies shall be created and approved by the Board of Directors.
14. The Committee shall periodically contact Public, Academic, Historical, and Genealogical Libraries in each geographical area. A copy of the Pioneer Roster shall be made available upon request.
15. The Grand Parlor Annual Report referred to as "Proceedings" shall be kept in the Archives as warranted and bound as needed every two years. Other archives including directories, programs, brochures, "California Star", and general publications shall be kept in the Archives for historical preservation.

16. All funds collected for copies of specific pages within the Pioneer Roster volumes shall be separately recorded in the annual NDGW Home Committee Budget.
17. An annual proposed Budget shall be presented for the NDGW Museum and Archives Committee and placed on the NDGW Home Committee Budget presented at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting for Delegates' approval.
18. The Program Manager of the NDGW Museum and Archives Committee shall present an annual report at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Finance
Pioneer Roster
Evelyn I. Carleson Historical Collection
NDGW Home Committee

Approved: _____

Rejected: _____

SUBMITTED BY STATE OF THE ORDER

15. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The 2019 edition of the Constitution Grand Parlor, Standing Rules, page 53 and 54, outline the qualifications and duties for Supervising District Deputy Grand Presidents and Deputy Grand Presidents. At the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in 2021, the qualifications for a Deputy Grand President were reworded for a three-year trial basis to cover the 2021-2022, 2022-2023, and 2023-2024 terms. Legislation was to have been submitted at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to either make the rewording permanent or the qualifications would revert to the pre-2021 wording. While legislation was submitted to at GPAM 2024 to eliminate the Supervising District Deputy Grand President position was submitted and passed, the qualifications for the Deputy Grand President were not addressed.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

CGP (2023 and 2024 editions), Standing Rules, Deputy Grand Presidents, Page 57, Number 1 be made permanent. Number 1 will then read:

1. A Deputy Grand President must have served as Parlor President for two years, attending at least two-thirds of the meetings, or she may serve concurrently as Past President of a Subordinate Parlor during her appointment as Deputy Grand President.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Laws and Supervision
State of the Order

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

16. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

In a special survey conducted in the Fall of 2023 by the Assessment and Renewal Committee, an impressive seventy-seven percent of respondents expressed their support for the creation of a "Manager" position when combining Committees.

Following this feedback, the Delegates at the 2024 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting approved the establishment of a new "Program Manager" position on a one-year trial basis ending at the close of the 2025 Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Since this role is not currently defined in the Books of the Order, it is crucial to outline the responsibilities and provide a clear definition for the Program Manager to ensure effective implementation and understanding of this new position.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

C.G.P., Standing Rules, Page 57, insert a new position and description, titled "PROGRAM MANAGER" between STATE CHAIRMEN and DEPUTY GRAND PRESIDENT which will read:

A Program Manager is an appointment by the Grand President and serves under a State Chairman of a Committee. This role involves designing and implementing specific programs that align with our organization's mission, vision, and goals. The Program Manager will monitor program operations to ensure quality, efficiency, and

effectiveness. They will organize information, facilitate outreach communications, perform forecasting, and measure program performance. Additionally, the Program Manager will implement a fundraising and development strategy to identify potential donors and funding sources while conducting outreach initiatives. Collaboration with partners is crucial to ensure that special events effectively publicize our organization and its programs within the community, supporting our overarching goals. The Program Manager will also assist in developing grant applications or proposals to secure necessary funding. At the end of the term, the Program Manager collaborates with the State Chairman in the writing of the annual Committee report to be included in the Proceedings.

Financial Impact: Reduced Committee expenses

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
State of the Order

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

17. Hotel and Dates for Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2026

That the action of the Grand President in signing the contract presented by the Grand Vice President to hold the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting 2026 at the Hilton Hotel in Stockton, California, at 2323 Grand Canal Blvd., with business sessions being held June 9th through June 11th, 2026, be ratified. The room rate is \$169.00 per night.

Financial Impact: Cost of Rooms

Ratified _____

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order

Rejected _____

Finance
Grand President
Grand Vice President

SUBMITTED BY ASSESSMENT AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE

18. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

The Delegates at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting (GPAM) 2024 approved a one-year trial period, to combine the Public Relations, Roll of Honor, Legislative Measures and Extension of the Order Committees into one new Committee known as Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO). A State Chairman was appointed by the Grand President and the Committee members above were referred to as Program Managers.

During this term collaboration Zoom meetings were beneficial to establish policies and procedures. PRACO discussed Marketing and Public Relations opportunities to benefit exposure for Native Daughters of the Golden West (NDGW) through different avenues. We considered collectively supporting projects using our established publicly recognized contests and our history of NDGW members honoring citizens. PRACO also defined ways to Market Membership keeping in mind that prospective members support NDGW's mission, vision and goals for our Order's future success.

Please review Advance Report from PRACO to review the outcome of some of the projects that were successfully completed in collaboration with other organizations recommendations proposals and plans for future projects or implementation. Advanced reports can be found on the official website www.ndgw.org/gpam-2025.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) become a permanent State Committee.

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
Electronic Communications
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

18A. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor State Committees,
Page 31, delete No. 4, 11, 15 and 18. Insert New Committee and renumber as needed:

Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO)

- a. Extension of the Order
- b. Native Daughters of the Golden West California Image Awards
- c. Roll of Honor Contest
- d. State of California Legislative Measures

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
PRACO
Legislative Measures
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

18B WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Native Daughters of the Golden West Committees, Page 35, move
Number 10, Page 39, Number 22, Page 42-43, Number 30, and Page 43, Number 33,
reword and move to Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee as
reworded:

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH (PRACO) Committee will meet at least quarterly and consist of five members. A State Chairman with expertise in public relations will be appointed by the Grand President. The State Chairman, Program Managers from Native Daughters of the Golden West California Image Awards, Legislative Measures, Extension of the Order Committee and Roll of Honor will also serve on Public Relation and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee and be available for marketing strategies, collaboration, and consultation with any State Committee as needed. Collaboration with like-organizations as partners shall be explored and collectively promote the Mission Statement: "To actively preserve California's history and quality of life through education and community service" and Vision Statement of the Order "NDGW would be a recognized leader in California with membership that includes every California-born individual."

The Committee will be responsible for reviewing, judging, and presenting the annual Roll of Honor and Native Daughters of the Golden West California Image Awards at Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Said awards are funded by the Grand Parlor Budget. Extension of the Order and the Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee are also funded by Grand Parlor Budget. Participation in any special public relations project, community outreach or monetary contributions to be made on 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. Any fundraising efforts, and donations received for use of the programs shall be designated for PRACO Committee projects. The Report of the Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee shall

be given by the State Chairman in an Advanced Report and supplemental report if needed at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and include:

- Names of Roll of Honor submissions and winner(s).
- Name of the NDGW California Image Award submission and winner(s).
- Total number of members initiated, reinstated, resigned, and deceased according to Grand Parlor Office records from June 1 of the previous year through May 1 of the current year.
- All legislative matters affecting history and landmarks, natural resources of our State, or any legislation affecting our Order.

The report will also include all activities relating to community outreach and their effectiveness.

All Program Managers will be involved in Community Outreach. The jobs of Program Managers will be:

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER The Program Manager shall endeavor to maintain and increase Subordinate Parlor Membership through a coordinated plan; shall work with Organizers of new Subordinate Parlors in obtaining new members; and shall keep in close working relationship with Subordinate Parlor Extension of the Order Committee. The Program Manager, through circulars or direct communication, shall study membership trends. The Program Manager shall work with Subordinate Parlors considering consolidation or relinquishing their Charter. Under extenuating circumstances, the Grand

President may appoint a representative other than a Member of the Committee to assist Subordinate Parlors with special membership problems.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CALIFORNIA IMAGE AWARDS The Program Manager will be responsible for collecting, reviewing and presenting the entries for consideration of Image Awards to the Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee for selection of the winner(s).

ROLL OF HONOR The Program Manager will collect the submissions from Parlors for honorees in accordance with the Committee Policies. Includes names and qualifications of women not eligible for membership in the Native Daughters of the Golden West who have performed some significant and/or noteworthy service for the Native Daughters of the Golden West or for the State of California. Submission(s) for the Honoree(s) will be presented to the Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee for consideration and selection(s) of the Honoree(s).

STATE OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE MEASURES Program Manager shall monitor all State Legislative matters affecting history and landmarks, natural resources of our State, or any legislation affecting our Order, and shall report to the Subordinate Parlors on a nonpartisan basis.

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
PRACO

Adopted: _____

18C WE FURTHER RECOMMEND: Committee Policies of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Page 38-39, PUBLIC RELATIONS and ROLL OF HONOR delete in entirety and replace with the following and insert a new EXTENSION OF THE ORDER and STATE OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE MEASURES re alphabetize the Committee Policies:

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER

Information on the Committee may be found in the Procedures of the Constitution Grand Parlor under Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee. Program Manager shall promote a campaign to increase membership with collaboration with the PRACO Committee.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CALIFORNIA IMAGE AWARDS

Information on the Committee may be found in the Procedures of the Constitution Grand Parlor under Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee. The Program Manager shall serve on the Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee. Upon requests, the Committee will assist with the promotional activities and marketing of the PRACO Committee.

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 Native Daughters of the Golden West 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 Program Manager 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 PRACO or the Native Daughters of the Golden West Image Award 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 NDGW 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 NDGW California Image Award(s) will be made by the PRACO Committee with approval of the Grand President.

The Program Manager will contact those to be honored with a California Image Award and make appropriate arrangements for their attendance at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting for presentation of their award.

The Native Daughters of the Golden West California Image Award presented shall be in the shape of the State of California.

ROLL OF HONOR

Upon submission from any Subordinate Parlor(s), the Program Manager shall evaluate the candidacy of any woman not eligible for membership in the Native Daughters of the Golden West, who has performed some significant and/or noteworthy service for the Native Daughters of the Golden West or for the State of California.

Service to the Order or to the State can be in any area, such as historical projects, the arts, education, conservation, civic participation, social welfare, and/or medicine.

Subordinate Parlors shall submit to the Program Manager a biography of their candidate.

This biography shall not exceed 500 words and shall contain the following information:

- a. Name, place of birth, current residence, and occupation.
- b. Education and or organization background.
- c. Accomplishments and all pertinent information bearing upon the candidacy, such as publications, research projects, awards, and honors.

Subordinate Parlors shall submit all recommendations to the Program Manager by March 15.

By April 15, the selection of the honoree(s) for Roll of Honor shall be made by the Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee with the approval of the Grand President.

No more than two candidates shall be selected annually. The honoree(s) shall be awarded with an appropriate plaque.

Nameplates for all honorees shall be engraved and placed on a perpetual plaque to be displayed in the Native Daughters of the Golden West Museum and Archives at the NDGW Home.

The Program Manager shall contact the honorees and make appropriate arrangement for their attendance at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

By April 30, the Program Manager shall forward all pertinent information to the State Chairman of the PRACO Committee in order that a press release may be issued prior to the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Information on State of California Legislative Measures may be found in the Procedures of the Constitution Grand Parlor under Public Relations and Community Outreach (PRACO) Committee. The Program Manager shall serve on the PRACO Committee. Upon request, Legislative Measures will assist with the promotional activities and marketing of the PRACO Committee. Subordinate Parlors, State Committee's or the Board of Directors may request State of California Legislative Measures to research and report to the requestor matters affecting history and landmarks, natural resources or legislation affecting our Order on a nonpartisan basis.

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
PRACO
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

19. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Over the last decade the loss of Parlor and Delegate representation at GPAM has shifted towards an unhealthy balance of voting members. It is important that the majority of the voting block be comprised of Subordinate Parlor Delegates.

In an attempt to balance this problem a solution would be to eliminate State Chairmen voting privileges in an attempt to have a larger voice from the Parlor membership and delegation. Changes made to the Order through recommendations, resolutions and directives for the future success of the Native Daughters of the Golden West needs to be from the membership.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

CGP, By-Laws, Page 2, Article 2, Sec.1, item e, delete in its entirety

Requires a 2/3 vote for the Adoption

Financial Impact: Decrease in mileage and committee expenses

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
State of the Order
ARC

Adopted:_____

Rejected:_____

19A WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, By Laws, Page 8, Sec. 14, Voting and Dual Capacity: Line 2, delete "or State Chairman"

IT WILL THEN READ:

“Section 14 Voting and Dual Capacity: If a Grand Officer, Past Grand President, or Permanent Member is also a Delegate from a Subordinate Parlor, she shall cast her ballot or vote in the capacity of Delegate from her Subordinate Parlor.”

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Requires 2/3 vote for the Adoption

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
State of the Order
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

20. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

In the event interim voting is enacted, a Parliamentarian must be appointed by the Grand President.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

CGP, Standing Rules, Duties of Officers, Page 49, Number 1 THE GRAND PRESIDENT:

insert after c. a new letter d, and re-alphabetize the section.

Item d will then read:

d. Parliamentarian will be appointed by the Grand President and stays in effect until the start of the next Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Parliamentarian shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised on all points not covered by the Constitution of Grand Parlor, Constitution of Subordinate Parlors, and all other Books of the Order

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
Legislation

Adopted: _____

Board of Directors
ARC

Rejected: _____

21. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Many Members of the Order have asked why we have so many committees? Why we do not combine committees that have similar goals? Seventy-three percent of the membership from the 2023 ARC Survey indicated a strong support combining three committees, Americanism and Civic Participation, Veterans Welfare and Welfare Committees. Renaming of a new committee "Americanism and Community Support" is expedient and will enable them to more efficiently collaborate with each other to manage the programs beneficial to the citizens of our State. Another concern is Grand Presidents are having difficulty finding members who will fill positions.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Combine Americanism and Civic Participation, Veterans Welfare and Welfare Committees into a newly formed committee named: Americanism, Veterans, and Community Support.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
NDGW Charitable Foundation
Americanism and Civic Participation
Veterans Welfare
Welfare
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

21A WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor Administrative Committees, Page 31, Number 4, Remove a., h., i., and insert a new letter a. and re-alphabetize Number 4:

a. Americanism, Veterans, and Community Support

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:

Legislation

NDGW Charitable Foundation

Americanism and Civic Participation

Veterans Welfare

Welfare

Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

21B WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Page 31, Native Daughters of the Golden West Committees, Number 1, Page 44, Number 34 and 35 delete. Insert a new Number 1 and renumber the section.

1. AMERICANISM, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT The Grand President shall Appoint a State Chairman and three Program Managers. Program Managers: American Patriotism, Veterans' Services and Community Assistance will serve on the Committee. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly during the term. The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings. A Secretary will be appointed by the Committee. Other meetings shall be called as necessary; maximum six times during the term. The State Chairman shall serve on the Native Daughters of the Golden

West Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee. Meeting expenses shall be allowable as outlined in the Constitution Grand Parlor, Policies, Miscellaneous. Within seven days after a meeting of the Committee, the Secretary shall send minutes electronically to each Committee Member who shall offer corrections no later than fourteen days after the meeting. Draft minutes will be sent to the Grand Parlor Office. The Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant shall prepare the draft minutes for distribution in the monthly mailing. The draft minutes must be available upon request no later than thirty days after the meeting if the monthly mailing is not within the thirty-day time limit. Following approval of the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, a copy of the final approved minutes shall be sent to the Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant with fourteen days for distribution to the Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, and members of the State of the Order Committee. An annual budget shall be presented to the NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. The Committee will be available for marketing strategies, collaboration, and consultation collectively to help with the Americanism and Community Support public relations. Participation in any specific public relations project, community outreach or monetary contributions to be made on behalf of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, as approved by the Board of Directors will be supported through the Funds in each Committees' bank accounts or investments or the Grand Parlor Budget. Any funds received to the committee will be distributed to the three Charitable Foundation Committee's. Inc. restricted funds. The Americanism and Community Support Committee Report shall be given by the State Chairman in an Advanced Report and supplemental report if needed at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and include all

activities relating to community outreach of the three committee's and their effectiveness.

All Program Managers will be involved in Community Outreach and Humanitarian Aid.

The jobs of Program Managers will be:

a. AMERICAN PATRIOTISM Program Manager shall promote good citizenship through the preservation of the ideals of the American Way of Life and shall be alert to counteract subversive activities and trends of thought. The Committee shall encourage members of the Order and the Subordinate Parlors to participate in community projects thereby stimulating public awareness of principles and projects of the Order and assisting in building a better community and State.

b. COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE Program Manager shall assist Subordinate Parlors or the request from the Board of Directors when a need is requested in their community for individual or natural disaster, philanthropic, humanitarian or special need projects are brought to their attention.

c. VETERANS' SERVICES Program Manager is to provide service and to honor our Veterans who have faithfully serve/d our Nation. The Committee shall be governed in accordance with the Native Daughters of the Golden West Committee Policies.

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
NDGW Charitable Foundation

Adopted: _____

Americanism and Civic Participation
Veterans Welfare
Welfare
Assessment and Renewal

Rejected: _____

21C WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Page 39, Native Daughters of the Golden West Committees, Number 23, delete and replace with the following:

23. NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. COMMITTEE shall consist of a State Chairman appointed by the Grand President. Members include the Grand President, Grand Vice President, the Grand Marshal shall serve as a non-voting Member of the Committee. The following five State Chairmen shall also serve on the Committee: Americanism, Veterans, and Community Support; California Admission Day; California Historical Landmarks; Education and Scholarships; and Environmental Issues.

The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings. A Secretary will be appointed from the Committee Members. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly. Other meetings shall be called as necessary; maximum six times during the term. Meeting expenses shall be allowable as outlined in the Constitution Grand Parlor, Policies, Miscellaneous. Within seven days after a meeting of the Committee, the Secretary shall send minutes electronically to each Committee Member who shall offer corrections no later than fourteen days after the meeting. Draft minutes will be sent to the Grand Parlor Office. The Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant shall prepare the draft minutes for distribution in the monthly mailing. The draft minutes must be available upon request no later than thirty

days after the meeting if the monthly mailing is not within the thirty-day time limit. Following approval of the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, a copy of the final approved minutes shall be sent to the Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant with fourteen days for distribution to the Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, and members of the State of the Order Committee. The purpose of the Foundation shall be social development, mental improvements, and public benefits; the uniform administration of the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Order of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, perpetuating the memory of the Pioneers of California. Within the context of the general purposes state above, the special purpose of this Foundation is to receive all donations for the CFIC Committee's. An annual budget shall be presented to the NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. The Committee will be available for marketing strategies, collaboration, and consultation collectively to help with the State Committee's that are under the umbrella of CFIC with public relations. Participation in any specific public relations projects.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to:

- a. Record all donations received and to notify each committee on a quarterly basis of their balances.
- b. Review grant expenses and direct the bookkeeper to pay approved expenses and distributions.
- c. Administer any grants or bequests received.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
Legislation

Adopted:_____

NDGW Charitable Foundation
Americanism and Civic Participation
Veterans Welfare
Welfare
Assessment and Renewal

Rejected: _____

21D WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Page 41-43, VETERANS WELFARE and WELFARE delete in entirety and replace with VETERANS SERVICES and COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE, under a new Committee known as AMERICANISM, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT Page 1, add the following to Page 1, a new AMERICAN PATRIOTISM and AMERICANISM, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT re-alphabetize the Committee Policies:

AMERICANISM, VETERANS, AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT

A State Chairman shall report to NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. on behalf of the Committee. Serving under this committee shall be Program Manager's American Patriotism, Community Assistance and Veterans Support. The Information on the Committee may be found in the Constitution Grand Parlor, Procedures. This Support Committee is to help the above committees.

AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

Information on the Program may be found in the Constitution Grand Parlor, Procedures.
A Program Manager shall promote patriotism within the State of California.

1. The Program Manager shall send a bulletin in the October mailing, to be approved by the Grand President to the Grand Parlor Office to suggest ways in which the Subordinate Parlors might provide assistance in their communities.
2. If during the term there is a specific State or community program initiated by the Grand President, she shall notify the Program Manager who shall assist in any way needed.
3. If donations are collected for a specific program, the Program Manager shall provide a detailed report to the State Chairman of Americanism and Community Support who will report and deliver the fund to the CFIC State Chairman for deposit in the Community Assistance Account for distribution as needed.
4. The Program Manager shall compile a report for the Advanced Report by April 30 and deliver to the State Chairman of Americanism and Community Support Committee for insertion of the Committee report.

COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

The Program Manager shall serve on the Americanism and Community Support Committee

1. The Program Manager shall send a bulletin in the October mailing, to be approved by the Grand President to the Grand Parlor Office to suggest ways in which the Subordinate Parlors might provide assistance in their communities.

2. If during the term there is a specific State or community program initiated by the Grand President, she shall notify the Program Manager who shall assist in any way needed.
3. If donations are collected for a specific program, the Program Manager shall provide a detailed report to the State Chairman of Americanism and Community Support who will report and deliver the fund to CFIC State Chairman for deposit in the Community Assistance Account for distribution as needed.
4. The Program Manager shall compile a report for the Advanced Report by April 30 and deliver to the State Chairman of Americanism and Community Support Committee for insertion of the Committee Report.

VETERANS SERVICES

1. The Veterans Services Program shall consist of a Program Manager appointed by the Grand President. The Program Manager shall serve on the Americanism and Community Support Committee.
2. The aim of this Committee is to provide a never-ending service and honor to our veterans who have served so faithfully, honorably, and bravely to keep our Nation free.
3. The members of this Committee shall have a deep interest in veterans' welfare and be available to assist the Subordinate Parlors upon request.
4. All Americanism and Community Support Committee members shall promote interest and involvement in veterans' welfare for those in veterans or private facilities, as well as those who are not confined to a facility.

5. The Program Manager shall become aware of veterans' rights and benefits granted by law and bring these to the attention of the veterans and their dependents by urging them to utilize the expert services provided by governmental agencies and Veterans organizations in their communities so they may be adequately represented.

6. Bertha A. Briggs Veterans Scholarships

The Veterans Services Program Manager shall concur on the Bertha A. Briggs Education and Service Fund for scholarships to be awarded by the Education and Scholarships Committee.

7. Awards for special needs of veterans for health, comfort, and welfare items will be considered upon application of the veteran, or his/her representative, with supporting information from medical authorities, if applicable, and/or individuals as appropriate.

Applications for grants for special needs shall be submitted to the Committee on Veterans Services for consideration, adequacy of purpose, and budget, and if approved, paid by the Grand Parlor upon demand.

8. The money in the Veterans Services Fund shall be invested by Grand Parlor. Funds available for the Subordinate Parlors shall be \$1,750.00.

9. The Veterans Services Program shall establish 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.

a. A Subordinate Parlor and/or individual may submit the name of a Native Daughter of the Golden West veteran, living or deceased, for inclusion in the Roll of Honor album. The veteran nominee need not have been a Member of the Order at the time of service.

b. The Roll of Honor album shall be kept on permanent display in the California Room of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Home, under jurisdiction of the Pioneer Roster and Native Daughters of the Golden West Archives Committee.

c. Information in the Roll of Honor album shall include: Name and Subordinate Parlor affiliation; service branch(es); date(s) of service; brief service history; special honors; and a military photograph.

d. Original and detailed information forms shall be kept in a separate and permanent file. Information forms shall be available from the Veterans Services Program Manager , Grand Parlor Office, and Subordinate Parlors.

e. Program Manager shall maintain and update the Roll of Honor album and the Information Form file as names of veterans are submitted.

f. All information and records received by the Program Manager shall be turned in for proper filing by the Pioneer Roster and Native Daughters of the Golden West Museum and Archives.

10. As a participant in the "Securities Pool", this fund shall accrue earnings from interest, dividends, and fair market value of the "Pool", based on its established percentage of the "Pool". Payment of a portion of the money manager's fee and administrative fee, when assessed, must be paid based upon the same percentage.

11. If funds are collected for a specific program, the Program Manager shall provide a detailed report and funds to the State Chairman of Americanism and Community Support who will report and deliver fund to CFIC State Chairman for deposit in the Community Assistance Account for distribution as needed.

12. The Program Manager shall compile a report for the Advanced Report by April 30 and deliver to the State Chairman of Americanism and Community Support Committee for insertion of the Committee Report.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
NDGW Charitable Foundation
Americanism and Civic Participation
Veterans Welfare
Welfare
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

21E WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies of the NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC., PAGE 24-27: reword to changes above which will be inserted in the Committee Policies as follows.

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.

A. State Committee:

1. The Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation Committee shall consist of the Grand President, Grand Vice President, Grand Marshal (who shall serve as a non-voting Member) and the State Chairman of each of the Public Benefit Committee Chairman as follows:

State Chairman Americanism, Veterans, and Community Support

State Chairman California Admission Day

State Chairman Education and Scholarships

State Chairman Environmental Issues

State Chairman Historical Landmarks

2. Meetings:

- a. The meetings of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee (CFIC) will be held quarterly.
- b. The meetings of this Committee shall be held at the Native Daughters of the Golden West Corporate Headquarters, 543 Baker Street, San Francisco, California, or at a time and place designated by the State Chairman by electronic communications.
- c. Special meetings may be called by the State Chairman with the approval of the Grand President.
- d. Committee members may receive travel expenses, as stated in the Policies of the Constitution of the Grand Parlor, Miscellaneous, Number 3, to any Committee meeting, payable from the CFIC funds.

3. Attendance:

- a. If a member of the CFIC is unable to be present at a regular meeting or special meeting, she shall contact the State Chairman or Secretary prior to the day of the meeting.
- b. A member of the CFIC shall be considered absent unless excused by the State Chairman for a valid reason. If a member misses two meetings without being excused, the State Chairman shall report said absences to the Grand President and may request that said member be replaced.

4. Officers:

The officers shall be elected by the Committee of the CFIC which shall be: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary(ies) for Bequests and Donations, Financial Secretary for Grants, and Investment Committee Representative.

5. Duties:

- a. At least quarterly, the State Chairman shall direct the bookkeeper to forward to each member of the CFIC and the Program Manager the income and expenses and their current balances.
- b. The State Chairman shall consult semi-annually with the Public Benefit Committees to obtain projected operating expenses. If funds are needed by those Public Benefit committees that are participants in the Investment Pool, the State Chairman shall direct said committee chairman to request funds from the Investment Committee prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Investment Committee. The State Chairman shall also forward this information to the bookkeeper.
- c. The CFIC will prepare its annual budget to be presented for approval by the membership at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.
- d. At such time that all Programs of the CFIC become participants of the Securities Pool, the fund shall accrue earnings from interest, dividends, and fair market value of the "Pool", based on its percentage of the "Pool". This will apply to the Public Benefit Committees within the Charitable Foundation, Inc. Payment of a portion of the money manager's fee and the administrative fee, when assessed, must be paid based upon the same percentages.
- e. Within seven days after a regular or special meeting of the Committee, the secretary will send minutes either electronically or by regular mail to each Committee member who will offer corrections. No later than fourteen days after the meeting, draft minutes will be sent to the Grand Parlor Office. The Grand Parlor Office staff will prepare the draft minutes for distribution either electronically or in the monthly mailing. The draft minutes must be

available upon request no later than thirty days after the meeting if the monthly mailing is not within the thirty-day time limit. Following approval of the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, a copy of the final approved minutes shall be sent to the Grand Parlor Office within fourteen days for distribution or availability to the Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, members of the State of the Order Committee, the Investment Committee, the members of the CFIC, and the State Chairmen of the Public Benefit Committees and two subcommittees.

f. The Grand President shall sign all contracts and/or agreements executed on behalf of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc.

g. Any two of the four members of the Board of Directors empowered to sign checks must sign all fund transfers.

h. Any monies received for participating committees after November 24, 2008, as designated as the effective date of exemption by the Internal COMMITTEE POLICIES 27 Revenue Service shall be under the direction of the CFIC. Each Public Benefit Committee shall be an individual sub-account of the Charitable Foundation.

B. Fund Management:

1. Any funds not expended by the end of the term by the Public Benefit Committees will become the Committees 'starting funds for the next term.

2. The CFIC Undesignated Fund will pay all filing fees, accounting, and legal fees, and CFIC expenses.

C. Grant Administration:

1. The Public Benefit Committees will research and apply for their own grants for special projects.

2. A copy of the grant application must be received by the Financial Secretary for Grants and updates received on a regular basis.
3. The Public Benefit Committees must submit a proposal for planned expenditures for their project to the Financial Secretary for Grants.
4. When the grant is awarded the Financial Secretary for Grants will develop spreadsheets for each grant received, listing special criteria for each grant.
5. All expenditures must be submitted to the Financial Secretary for Grants. The Financial Secretary for Grants will present these expenditures to the CFIC for approval at the next meeting. If these expenditures must be paid before the committee meets, the approval may be made by the committee via electronic communications. The Chairman of the CFIC will then instruct the bookkeeper to pay the approved grant expenses.
6. The grant money will be recorded in a sub-account of the NDGW bookkeeping system under the Public Benefit Committee receiving the grant.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
NDGW Charitable Foundation
Americanism and Civic Participation
Veterans Welfare
Welfare
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

22. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Approximately one-third of Subordinate Parlors do not send delegates to the GPAM or submit a certificate of election by the due date. There is no fee to submit a certificate of

election, however there is a fine for not sending a delegate to GPAM. Parlors may not realize that according to the books of the order, a delegate remains a delegate until the next GPAM. In order to have representation and participate throughout the year, a Parlor needs to have its certificate of election on file by the date indicated on the certificate of election form.

With the potential approval of the new Interim Voting legislation, it is necessary to clarify policy and procedure changes for GPAM Non-Attending Parlors. Presently, NDGW does not recognize a formal status for Non-Attending Parlors.

Before, if a Non-Attending Subordinate Parlor has paid their fine within 30 days of GPAM, then the Subordinate Parlor returned to good standing. But, based on the potential new Interim Voting legislation, with no certificate of election on file, a Non-Attending Parlor would not be in good standing and could not participate in Interim Voting.

Without a Non-Attending Delegate solution, one-third of our members would automatically be disenfranchised. The next opportunity for a Subordinate Parlor to elect a delegate would be one-year later. Clearly, excluding Parlors from our fraternal proceedings is not in the best interest of sustaining an active and engaged membership.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

CGP By-Laws, Pg. 3, insert a new Section 7 and renumber the balance.

IT WILL THEN READ:

7. Subordinate Parlors not planning to send a delegate in person or by digital conferencing, may elect a delegate and apply for Non-Attending Delegate status on the GPAM application form. Delegate certification requirements apply to non-attending delegates. Fines must be paid within thirty days of the close of the GPAM in order for the Subordinate Parlor to retain its right to participate in Interim Meetings and voting. Parlors failing to pay their fine and elect delegates in a timely manner will lose their Interim Meeting and Voting privileges.

Once the non-attending delegate certification and Subordinate Parlor's fines are satisfied, the Non-Attending Delegate will have full Interim Voting rights and the Parlor will return to good standing.

This requires a 2/3 vote to be Adopted

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Directors
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

23. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Since Mid-Twentieth Century the speed to transact business has more than quadrupled. Now that instant digital and telephonic communication is the norm, Native Daughters remains behind the times.

We have opportunities for timely, swift and efficient legislative decision-making.

The solution is Interim Voting. Already written into the Books of the Order is CGP Article Two Membership Qualifications, Voting, And Termination; Section 3 where the Delegate Term states: “that Delegates shall serve and be Voting Members of the Corporation for a one-year term, from the beginning of the first session of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to which they have been elected to the commencement of the first session of the next Grand Parlor Annual Meeting”.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND

CGP By-Laws page 3 Section 3 Delegate Term be revised by adding the following:

- a) The BOD can call for an electronic Interim vote at any time during the year.
- b) The BOD shall set a suitable timetable for each voting cycle based on the needs of the matter at hand and delegate’s responses. The timetable will be conveyed to and adhered to by all voting members.
- c) Interim Meetings and/or voting can be held using any and/or all current technical means including digital conferencing and electronic communications.
- d) Once a topic/issue is dispatched to the Delegate, the Delegate must bring the topic to her Subordinate Parlor for discussion and Parlor vote.
- e) The Delegate’s vote must be submitted within the declared timetable in order to be counted.
- f) Interim Meetings shall be chaired by the Grand President or her designee. The Grand President shall cast the deciding vote when a tie occurs.

- g) Interim Meetings shall include a participating Parliamentarian, a member of the State of the Order Committee and the Grand Secretary. Minutes shall be taken and those minutes shall be included in the Proceedings.
- h) Interim Meetings shall comply with the Books of the Order membership, quorum and voting method rules.
- i) Interim Meetings shall adhere to the spirit of the Books of the Order but be considered business meetings without ritual restrictions of traditional protocols or rules. All agendas and procedures shall be modified for simplicity, speed and efficiency.
- j) Results of Interim Meeting votes shall be posted on NDGW Website members only section, and sent to Board of Directors, PGPs, Committee Chair, and Parlor Secretaries electronically.
- k) All votes taken at Interim Meetings shall be considered valid, certified and take effect immediately unless otherwise defined.

Financial Impact: Potential decrease for expenses for GPAM and voting members

Referred to Committees:
 Legislation
 Manual of Instruction
 Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

24. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Many Members of the Order have asked why we have so many committees? Why we do not combine committees that have similar goals? Sixty percent (60%) of the respondents from the 2023 ARC Survey indicated a strong support for combining three committees: Mission Restoration, California Lighthouse Preservation, and California History, Landmarks and Historical Buildings, along with the Art Talent and Essay Contest Sub-

Committees. Reorganizing these Committees in to Committee called “California Historical Landmarks” is expedient and will enable them to more efficiently collaborate with each other to manage the programs beneficial to the preservation, protection and financial support for these State Landmarks.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

Combine California History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings and Sub-Committees Art Talent and Essay Contest, California Lighthouse Preservation, and California Mission Restoration into a newly named Committee “California Historical Landmarks”.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
History, Landmarks, and Historical Buildings
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

24A WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor Administrative Committees, Page 31-32, Number 4, Remove c, d, g, and insert a new letter c. and re-alphabetize Number 4 and re-sub-letter as needed:

c. California Historical Landmarks

1. California Historical Buildings Protection
2. California Lighthouse Preservation
3. California Mission Restoration
4. Art Talent Contest

5. Essay Contest

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:

Legislation

State of the Order

NDGW Charitable Foundation

Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

24B WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Page 33-34, Native Daughters of the Golden West Committees, Number 5, 6, Page 39, Number 22 delete and rewrite and number 5, 6 Page 39. Insert a new California Historical Landmarks heading and renumber as needed.

5. CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS shall consist of a State Chairman and four Program Manager members California Historical Buildings Protection, California Lighthouse Preservation, California Mission Restoration. The Grand President shall appoint the State Chairman and Program Managers. The State Chairman shall serve on the Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation , Inc. Committee. District Chairmen may be appointed, as necessary, to assist the Committee in the performance of their duties.

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly during the term. The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings. A Secretary will be appointed by the Committee. Within seven days after a regular or special meeting of the Committee, the secretary will send minutes either electronically or by regular mail to each Committee member who will offer corrections. No later than fourteen days after the meeting, draft minutes will be sent to the Grand Parlor Office. The Grand Parlor Office staff will prepare the draft minutes for

distribution either electronically or in the monthly mailing. The draft minutes must be available upon request no later than thirty days after the meeting if the monthly mailing is not within the thirty-day time limit. Following approval of the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, a copy of the final approved minutes shall be sent to the Grand Parlor Office within fourteen days for distribution or availability to the Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, members of the State of the Order Committee, and the State Chairman of Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation Inc. The Grand President shall sign all contracts and/or agreements executed on behalf of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. Other meetings shall be called as necessary; maximum six times during the term. Committee members may receive travel expenses, as stated in the Policies of the Constitution of the Grand Parlor, Miscellaneous, Number 3, to any Committee meeting, payable from the CFIC funds. The Committee will be available for marketing strategies, collaboration, and consultations collectively to help with the California Historical Landmarks Committee public relations. Participation in any specific public relations project, community outreach or monetary contributions to be made on behalf of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, as approved by the Board of Directors will be supported through the Funds in each Committees' bank accounts or investments or the Grand Parlor Budget. Any funds received to the committee will be distributed to the three Charitable Foundation Committees. The Committee shall utilize every possible means to preserve our heritage, and our State's treasured historical buildings, lighthouses, and missions. Collaboration with the Program Managers of the Committee is crucial to our founding principles. The California Historical Landmarks Committee report shall be given by the State Chairman

in an Advanced Report and supplemental report if needed at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and include all activities relating to outreach of the five committee's and their effectiveness.

The assigned Program Managers will be:

ART TALENT CONTEST PROGRAM shall consist of a Program Manager and shall be appointed by the Grand President. The Grand Parlor Annual Meeting Committee shall make arrangements for display of entries at the Annual Meeting location The GPAM will work with the Program Manager to acquire Judges for the final contest and appointment of judges. All funds for the contest will be on the Grand Parlor Budget.

ESSAY CONTEST PROGRAM shall consist of a Program Manager and shall be appointed by the Grand President. The Program Manager shall do the planning for local essay contests and shall conduct an annual "Wonders of California" essay contest according to rules prescribed by the Grand Parlor. Winning entries shall be forwarded, postmarked by March 15, to the Program Manager.

The rules and regulations for the contests will be published through the Grand Parlor monthly mailing no later than August 31 of each year. All funds for the contest will be posted the Grand Parlor Budget.

The Program Manager shall acquire judges for the contests at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Winners shall be announced at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

All Program Managers will be involved in Community Outreach.

The jobs of Program Managers will be:

a. CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS The Program Manager shall be appointed by the Grand President. The approval of all wording on all markers will be done by the Program Manager. The Program Manager shall collect and record historic data pertaining to our Order and State; assist Subordinate Parlors in marking historic buildings or sites; preserve the memory of the Pioneers; be alert to prevent destruction of buildings or sites having historical significance and to proposed changes in names of areas, towns, and streets having historical significance; and make it possible to preserve our heritage. Any Subordinate Parlor desiring to place a marker or monument, or in any way to publicly recognize an historic spot shall consult with the Grand President and State Chairman of California Historical Landmarks Committee. No arrangements shall be entered into for such recognition without first notifying Subordinate Parlors in the adjacent area that such marking is contemplated to allow for a cooperative endeavor.

Prior to markers being placed by Subordinate Parlors commemorating historic and other sites in our State, the proposed wording and plans must be submitted to the State Chairman of California Historical Landmarks Committee for approval and verification before a casting is made of the plaque. All funds are available from the California Historical Landmarks Committee checking account and/or Investment Committee.

b. CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION The Program Manager shall be appointed by the Grand President. The Program Manager shall assist in marking and/or contributing toward the restoration of these monarchs of our California coastline; be

alerted to prevent destruction of these lighthouses having historical significance and use every possible means to preserve these historic icons for future generations. All placements of markers or contributions toward restoration or any public recognition of a California Lighthouse Preservation Program Manager shall be done with collaboration with the California Historical Landmarks Committee. Consultation will be done with the Grand President also. No arrangements shall be entered into such recognition without first notifying Subordinate Parlors in the adjacent area that such marking is contemplated in order to allow for a cooperative endeavor. Funds used shall be from the California Lighthouse Preservation Program checking account.

c. CALIFORNIA MISSION RESTORATION The Program Manager shall continue to support the restoration of the Missions of California and shall urge their preservation; shall also direct the future restoration work as may be approved by the Program Manager, the funds for which shall be requested from the checking account and/or Investment Committee.

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
State of the Order
NDGW Charitable Foundation
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted:_____

Rejected:_____

24C WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, Procedures, Page 39, Native Daughters of the Golden West Committees, Number 23, delete entirely and replace with the following:

23. NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC. COMMITTEE shall consist of a State Chairman, appointed by the Grand President, the Grand President, and the Grand Vice President. In addition, the Grand Marshal shall serve as a non-voting Member of the Committee and the State Chairmen of Americanism and Community Support, California Admission Day, California Historical Landmarks, Education and Scholarships, and Environmental Issues will also serve on the committee. The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings. A Secretary will be appointed from the committee members. The Committee shall meet at least quarterly. Other meetings shall be called as necessary; maximum six times during the term. Meeting expenses shall be allowable as outlined in the Constitution Grand Parlor, Policies, Miscellaneous. Within seven days after a meeting of the Committee, the Secretary shall send minutes electronically to each Committee Member who shall offer corrections no later than fourteen days after the meeting. Draft minutes will be sent to the Grand Parlor Office. The Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant shall prepare the draft minutes for distribution in the monthly mailing. The draft minutes must be available upon request no later than thirty days after the meeting if the monthly mailing is not within the thirty-day time limit. Following approval of the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the committee, a copy of the final approved minutes shall be sent to the Grand Parlor Office Support Assistant within fourteen days for distribution to the Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, and members of the State of the Order Committee. The purpose of the Foundation shall be social development, mental improvements, and public benefits; the uniform administration of the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Order of the Native Daughters

of the Golden West, perpetuating the memory of the Pioneers of California. Within the context of the general purposes stated above, the special purpose of this Foundation is to receive all donations for the CFIC Committees. An annual budget shall be presented to the NDGW Charitable Foundation, Inc. The Committee will be available for marketing strategies, collaboration, and consultation collectively to help with the State Committees that are under the umbrella of CFIC with Public Relations, to include participation in any specific public relations project.

It shall be the duty of the Committee to:

- a. Record all donations received and notify each committee on a quarterly basis of their balances.
- b. Review grant expenses and direct the bookkeeper to pay approved expenses and distributions.
- c. Administer any grants or bequests received.

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
State of the Order
NDGW Charitable Foundation
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

24D WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, Page 4, **CALIFORNIA HISTORY, LANDMARKS, AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS,** Page 5-10, **ART AND ESSAY CONTESTS SUB-COMMITTEE,** Page 10, **CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE**

PRESERVATION, Page 23-24, **MISSIONS RESTORATION** delete and add the following:

Re-alphabetize the Committee Policies:

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

Refer to the California Historical Landmarks Committee, Procedures, Constitution of the Grand Parlor of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

The Committee shall consist of a State Chairman and five Program Manager members California Historical Landmarks (other than Lighthouse and Missions), California Lighthouse Preservation, California Mission Restoration. Art Talent Contest and Essay Contest. The Grand President shall appoint the State Chairman and Program Managers. The State Chairman shall serve on the Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation , Inc. Committee. District Chairmen may be appointed, as necessary, to assist the Committee in the performance of their duties.

The Committee shall meet at least quarterly during the term. The State Chairman shall preside over all meetings. A Secretary will be appointed by the Committee. Within seven days after a regular or special meeting of the Committee, the secretary will send minutes either electronically or by regular mail to each Committee member who will offer corrections. No later than fourteen days after the meeting, draft minutes will be sent to the Grand Parlor Office. The Grand Parlor Office staff will prepare the draft minutes for distribution either electronically or in the monthly mailing. The draft minutes must be

available upon request no later than thirty days after the meeting if the monthly mailing is not within the thirty-day time limit. Following approval of the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, a copy of the final approved minutes shall be sent to the Grand Parlor Office within fourteen days for distribution or availability to the Board of Directors, Past Grand Presidents, members of the State of the Order Committee, and the State Chairman of Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation Inc. The Grand President shall sign all contracts and/or agreements executed on behalf of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. Other meetings shall be called as necessary; maximum six times during the term. Committee members may receive travel expenses, as stated in the Policies of the Constitution of the Grand Parlor, Miscellaneous, Number 3, to any Committee meeting, payable from the CFIC funds. The Committee will be available for marketing strategies, collaboration, and consultations collectively to help with the California Historical Landmarks Committee public relations. Participation in any specific public relations project, community outreach or monetary contributions to made on behalf of the Native Daughters of the Golden West, as approved by the Board of Directors will be supported through the Funds in each Committees' bank accounts or investments or the Grand Parlor Budget. Any funds received by the committee will be distributed to the three Charitable Foundation Committees. The Committee shall utilize every possible means to preserve our heritage, and our State's treasured historical buildings, lighthouses, and missions. Collaboration with the Program Managers of the Committee is crucial to our founding principles. The California Historical Landmarks Committee shall be given by the State Chairman in an Advanced Report and

supplemental report if needed at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and include all activities relating to outreach of the five committees and their effectiveness.

CALIFORNIA HISTORICAL LANDMARKS

A Program Manager shall promote protection of historical landmarks in California.

1. Refer to the California Historical Landmarks Committee, Constitution Grand Parlor, Procedures.
2. Determine the historical value of the site or object and notify Subordinate Parlors in the adjacent area of the dedication plans, if applicable.
3. Contact the legal owner and obtain a statement in writing, signed, and dated, granting permission to mark the site, building, or object.
4. The Subordinate Parlor Committee should determine if other approvals are needed and shall consult with the City or County Historical Landmarks Commission.
5. The Subordinate Parlor Chairman of California Historical Landmarks shall submit a copy of the proposed plaque wording and the owner's signed statement to the Program Manager for approval and verification by the State Committee before the plaque is ordered.

This rule must be followed whether or not financial assistance has been requested from the California Historical Landmarks Fund. Failure to do so may negate Subordinate Parlor action, as well as cause an historical site to be lost.

6. When submitting the proposed wording and financial assistance is requested, the cost estimate of the plaque and the number of Subordinate Parlors participating must be included.
7. Ascertain from the firm making the plaque, the time needed for completion. A list of firms will be sent to a Subordinate Parlor upon request.
8. Arrange for the installation and draping of the plaque before the ceremony.
9. The Subordinate Parlor committee makes arrangements for the ceremony after a date is selected and all approvals are received; sends the invitations; arranges for publicity and such items as microphones, flags, speakers, and refreshments. The Order's booklets "Dedication Ceremony" and "Flag Presentation Ceremony" may be used in full or adapted. Invitations are to be sent to the Grand President and State Chairman of California Historical Landmarks Committee.
10. As soon as possible after the dedication, if financial assistance has been requested, the bill, or a clear copy, must be sent to the Program Manager for processing.
11. The State Committee may authorize a sum not to exceed one-half the total cost of a marker. The total amount allocated by the State Committee shall not exceed \$350.00 per marker.
12. The work of the California Historical Landmarks Committee shall be supported by interest and dividends earned by the California Historical Landmarks Committee Securities Pool Account and donations.
13. As a participant in the "Securities Pool", this fund shall accrue earnings from interest, dividends, and fair market value of the "Pool", based on its established percentage of the

“Pool”. Payment of a portion of the money manager's fee and administrative fee, when assessed, shall be paid based upon the same percentage.

ART TALENT CONTEST

The Art Talent Contest shall consist of a Program Manager appointed by the Grand president. The Program Manager shall serve on the California Historical Landmarks Committee.

STUDENT DIVISION – FINE ART CONTEST

The purpose of the Fine Art Contest is to encourage the creativity of our Youth and the interest in the landmarks, history and natural wonders of the State of California. The contest is open to all students in grades 9 through 12 in any school in California. Enrollment in an art class is not required.

Each Subordinate Parlor is encouraged to sponsor a local Fine Art Contest and award prizes and/or certificates and ribbons as the Subordinate Parlor budget provides.

A complete Art Contest Organizer is available on the GP website for your interactive use.

Rules

1. The subject must be an original depiction of a California landmark, native plant, wildlife, event, or people that are part of California history.
2. The artwork must be accompanied by an entry form that includes a brief description of the subject and its significance for its place in California History.
3. The student may prepare the entry in class and may have suggestions from others, but the artwork must be of their own making.

4. Size requirements of entry before framing or matting: Minimum– 4"x6", Maximum 20"x30".
5. All materials for painting, drawing, collage, and mixed media available to the artist are considered acceptable.
6. All artworks must be matted and framed, suitable for hanging at the Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor Art Show. Works on canvas may go unframed if the edges are suitably finished.
7. Subject matter must be easily identifiable to the Juror, even if abstract in nature.
8. Each Subordinate Parlor may submit only the First-Place winner from the local contest in the State competition at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.
9. Artwork not representing the good spirit of the contest, as determined by the Juror, will not be hung in the show. All care will be taken to protect any work entered; however, the Native Daughters of the Golden West will not be responsible for loss or damage.

STUDENT DIVISION PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

The purpose of the Student Photography Contest is to encourage the creative use of Photography as an Art Medium to capture the natural beauty and historic heritage of the State of California. The contest is open to all students in grades 9 through 12 in any school in California. Enrollment in a photography class is not required.

Each Subordinate Parlor is encouraged to sponsor a local Photography Contest and award prizes and/or certificate and ribbons as the Subordinate Parlor budget provides.

Complete Art Contest Organizer is available on the GP website for your interactive use.

Rules

1. The subject of the photograph must focus on some native, natural flora, fauna or geologic site within California, or an historic place, event or building in the history of our Golden State.
2. The photograph must be accompanied by an entry form that describes how the subject relates naturally or historically to our State, and why it needs protection and preservation.
3. Any photograph entered must have been taken by the student within two years prior to the contest deadline.
4. Size of photograph before matting or framing: Minimum “3x3”, Maximum “16 x 20”. Size often contributes to the overall effect of the subject; small for intimacy and large for grandeur; therefore, size will be taken into account as per its influence on the subject matter.
5. Prints may be color or black and white but must be matted and framed to be hung in the Native Daughters of the Golden West Grand Parlor Student Art Show.
6. Polaroid images or manipulations will be accepted if within the parameters stated in these rules.
7. Each Subordinate Parlor may submit only the first-place winner from the local contest in the state competition at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.
8. All care will be taken to protect any photograph entered; however, the Native Daughters of the Golden West will not be responsible for loss or damage. Artwork not representing the good spirit of the contest, as determined by the Juror, will not be hung in the show.

The State Competition

1. All entries must be in the display room before the opening session on the first day of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.
2. Student artwork and photography will be judged during the second day of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. Judges shall be selected from outside the Order.
3. The judges' criteria will include adherence to theme, possible thirty-five percent; creativity, possible twenty-five percent; composition, possible twenty percent; and workmanship, possible twenty percent.
4. If donations are received, monetary awards may be presented in an amount not to exceed the total collected.
5. Awards will be presented as follows:

Student Fine Art

First Place: First Place Ribbon

Second Place: Second Place Ribbon

Third Place: Third Place Ribbon

Student Photography

First Place: First Place Ribbon

Second Place: Second Place Ribbon

Third Place: Third Place Ribbon
6. All student participants in the competition shall receive an honorable mention ribbon.
7. As needed, and with the authorization of the Finance Committee, other additional funds may be used to purchase award ribbons or items necessary to conduct the Art Talent Contest.

MEMBER DIVISION – CREATIVE ARTS EXHIBIT

The purpose of the Creative Arts Exhibit is to give Members an opportunity to share their talent with our Order and to honor the Grand President by portraying the special theme for her term. The exhibit is open to all Members of the Native Daughters of the Golden West.

Categories include:

Member Two-Dimensional Fine Art

Member Three-Dimensional Fine Art

Member Photography

Member Fine Crafts

Rules

1. All entries in the Member Creative Arts Exhibit must in some way honor the special theme selected by the Grand President for her term.
2. Entries may include any two- or three-dimensional Fine Art, Photography, or Crafts, utilizing any medium or process. The entry must have been completed within two years of the contest deadline.
3. Limit of one entry per Member unless otherwise stipulated in any one year. Please state the availability of your work as Not for Sale, or For Sale. Sales shall be negotiated outside of the show, and between buyer and seller in private. The Native Daughters of the Golden West shall not, in any way, be responsible for art sales, commissions, or taxes.
4. There shall be no minimum size, but maximum size shall be limited to items that can be safely handled by one person: under 20 pounds, and under 36" in any direction.

5. All entries must be in the display room before the opening session on the first day of the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and be accompanied by a \$10.00 fee per artist.
6. One entry from each of the four categories will be selected as Best of Show for that category by the Student Art Contest Juror.
7. Each Best of Show winner will receive a ribbon. All participants will receive a Certificate of Appreciation.
8. Any special awards, honoraria, or incentives in the Member Division shall be funded by voluntary contributions and artists' fees.
9. Members need not be present at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting to enter the exhibit. Each Member is responsible for arranging delivery and pick-up of their entry.
10. All care will be taken to protect any creative arts entered; however, the Native Daughters of the Golden West will not be responsible for loss or damage.

ESSAY CONTEST

The Essay Contest shall consist of a Program Manager appointed by the Grand president. The Program Manager shall serve on the California Historical Landmarks Committee.

Rules and Regulations

1. Customized rubrics shall be included in the Essay Packets, distributed to teachers, students, and community groups, and utilized by all Parlors and State Essay Committee to judge essay submissions. A copy of the rubrics is available from the Essay Program Manager, Grand Parlor Office, or the Members Only page of the NDGW Website.

2. The Program Manager and Committee shall annually review rubrics. Any revisions shall be made and printed for distribution before the annual contest packet distribution date.
3. The Topic for the Essay shall be written as a prompt. The prompt is, "What Makes California Wonderful?" Any subject relating to California may be used. Any aspect of California history including history in the making may be used.
4. The Essay title is subject to revaluation and change by the State Essay Committee.
5. The Program Manager shall notify the Subordinate Parlors through the Grand Parlor monthly mailings no later than August 31 each year of the contest rules and regulations.
6. Students shall be from grades 4 through 8. Subordinate Parlors may submit their winning essays in these grade levels to the State Essay Committee for judging.
7. Each essay must be an original, written by the student. No poems shall be accepted.
8. Length of the Essay shall be between 250 to 500 words. Essays shall be typed and double spaced.
9. Neatness, spelling, and good grammar are important, but judging will consider the content and creativity of the essay as well.
10. On the back of the Subordinate Parlors sponsored essays, identifying information shall include student's name, student's email if available, student's telephone number, student's school name and address, student's grade, teacher's name, and teacher's contact information including email and telephone number. No identifying markings of any kind should be on the front of the essay.
11. The Parlor must also include the submitting Parlor's name and contact information including a back-up person written on the back of each State entrant's essay. The

outreach packet will contain a sample identifier checklist of what contact information should appear on the back of the essays.

12. Subordinate Parlors are encouraged to include essay submissions from 4th through 8th graders unaffiliated with public, private, or parochial schools such as homeschoolers, boy's clubs, girls 'clubs, YMCAs, YWCAs, libraries, or community groups.

13. The essays must be postmarked or submitted digitally by February 15 to be eligible.

14. Awards: If Subordinate Parlors have the resources to offer Parlor monetary prizes, they are free to do so within their means. However, there is no requirement for Parlors to issue monetary awards. Parlors without financial prize resources are still encouraged to submit Essays to the State Essay Committee. Certificates of Participation will be given to all entries on the State contest level.

15. The State Essay Committee may award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place overall statewide prizes. The State Committee shall take age-appropriate performance into consideration when determining winners.

16. The State Essay Program Manager shall reevaluate prize money annually and determine the current year's cash prize value.

17. The State Essay Committee shall submit State winning essays to be published in the Fall issue of the official publication and on the NDGW Website, following the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

18. Essay Packets shall include photo/video release forms for adults and minors. Subordinate Parlors shall ensure their State Winners complete the release form and submit those forms to the State Committee no later than the third Thursday after the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting. If a Parlor's entrants win Statewide, the Parlor shall make

every effort to collect photos of the winning students, their teachers, supportive community leaders, and/or Subordinate Parlor's Essay Committee and send those pictures to the State Essay Committee by mail or digitally no later than the third Thursday after the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

19. Each new State Essay Committee shall receive a policy and procedures binder either digitally or physically from the preceding State Committee. The new Committee shall update and revise the binder. Binders are meant to ensure continuity, institutional memory, and build a large database of Committee contacts and resources for the future.

CALIFORNIA LIGHTHOUSE PRESERVATION

The Program Manager shall contact each California Lighthouse to inform them of our California Lighthouse projects and determine needs for the term.

1. The Program Manager shall work to support preservation, restoration, and marking of California lighthouses.
2. Efforts shall be made to prevent the destruction of any California lighthouse.
3. Funds raised by this Program shall be accumulated for future use as needed.

CALIFORNIA MISSION RESTORATION

1. The Program Manager shall contact each of the California Missions to inform them of our Mission Restoration project and determine individual needs for the term. After reviewing the needs of the individual Missions, the Program Manager, with the approval

of the State Chairman of the Historical Landmarks Committee and the Grand President, shall designate a Mission or Missions or Mission Project(s) or the general account to receive all "unspecified" donations to the Mission Restoration Fund for the current term. The State Chairman of the Historical Landmarks Committee shall notify the bookkeeper and the Subordinate Parlors of the designation by October 31.

2. The Program Manager shall inform the membership of projects and work being done at the California Missions.

3. The Program Manager shall keep the Historical Landmarks Committee informed of the status of work sponsored by the Grand Parlor being done at the California Missions.

4. The Program Manager will inform the membership of special Fiesta Days at the California Missions to support the restoration and preservation work being done.

5. The Program Manager will use the Official Publication as a means of publicizing the Mission Restoration projects.

6. The State Committee shall encourage Subordinate Parlors and Districts to sponsor fundraising events for the Mission Restoration projects.

7. The Historical Landmarks State Committee shall support Subordinate Parlors in their endeavors to assist the California Missions.

8. If possible, at least two bids for each recommended project shall be sent to the Program Manager by Subordinate Parlors or local restoration committees which request assistance from the Grand Parlor. Bids shall be forwarded to the Historical Landmarks Committee for review and determination.

9. When a request for Grand Parlor funds is received from a California Mission directly, the Program Manager shall ask the Investment Committee to approve the request provided sufficient funds are available.

10. When a Subordinate Parlor chooses to assist a particular Mission, that Subordinate Parlor shall notify the Program Manager and keep her informed of the progress of the project.

11. As a participant in the "Securities Pool", this fund shall accrue earnings from interest, dividends, and fair market value of the "Pool", based on its established percentage of the "Pool". Payment of a portion of the money manager's fee and administrative fee, when assessed, must be paid based upon the same percentage.

12. Within 30 days of receipt, all Mission Restoration donations received by Districts and Subordinate Parlors must be given or sent to the Mission Restoration Program Manager who will ensure that the donations are acknowledged and will forward all monies to the NDGW bookkeeper with an explanation of the source of the monies.

13. The Program Manager shall request the bookkeeper to provide quarterly reports of the Mission Restoration funds showing the income and expenditures.

14. The Program Manager shall request that the Investment Committee provide Mission Restoration with semi-annual reports of the Mission Restoration funds in the Securities Pool, including the income and expenditures for the period.

15. All funding checks for Missions or Mission projects for each term must be issued no later than July 15 after the term has ended.

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order

Adopted: _____

24E WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

Committee Policies of the **NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST, CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC., PAGE 24-27:** reword to changes above which will be inserted in the Committee Policies as follows:

NATIVE DAUGHTERS OF THE GOLDEN WEST CHARITABLE FOUNDATION, INC.

A. State Committee:

1. The Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee, shall consist of the Grand President, Grand Vice President, Grand Marshal (who shall serve as a non voting Member) and the State Chairman of each of the Public Benefit Committee Chairman as follows:

State Chairman Americanism, Veterans, and and Community Support

State Chairman California Admission Day

State Chairman California Historical Landmarks

State Chairman Education and Scholarships

State Chairman Environmental Issues

2. Meetings:

a. The meetings of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc. Committee (CFIC) will be held quarterly.

b. The meetings of this Committee shall be held at the Native Daughters of the Golden West Corporate Headquarters, 543 Baker Street, San Francisco, California, or at a time and place designated by the State Chairman by electronic communications.

c. Special meetings may be called by the State Chairman with the approval of the Grand President.

d. Committee members may receive travel expenses, as stated in the Policies of the Constitution of the Grand Parlor, Miscellaneous, Number 3, to any Committee meeting, payable from the CFIC funds.

3. Attendance:

a. If a member of the CFIC is unable to be present at a regular meeting or special meeting, she shall contact the State Chairman or Secretary prior to the day of the meeting.

b. A member of the CFIC shall be considered absent unless excused by the State Chairman for a valid reason. If a member misses two meetings without being excused, the State Chairman shall report said absences to the Grand President and may request that said member be replaced.

4. Officers:

The officers shall be elected by the committee of the CFIC which shall be: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary(ies) for Bequests and Donations, Financial Secretary for Grants, and Investment Committee Representative.

5. Duties:

a. At least quarterly, the State Chairman shall direct the bookkeeper to forward to each member of the CFIC and the State Chairman of each Public Benefit Committee the income and expenses of each of those committees and their current balances.

b. The State Chairman shall consult semi-annually with the Public Benefit Committees to obtain projected operating expenses. If funds are needed by those Public Benefit committees that are participants in the Investment Pool, the State Chairman shall direct said committee chairman to request funds from the Investment Committee prior to the next scheduled meeting of the Investment Committee. The State Chairman shall also forward this information to the bookkeeper.

c. The CFIC will prepare its annual budget to be presented for approval by the membership at the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting.

d. At such time that a CFIC Program becomes a participant of the Securities Pool, the fund shall accrue earnings from interest, dividends, and fair market value of the "Pool", based on its percentage of the "Pool". This will apply to the Public Benefit Committees within the Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Payment of a portion of the money manager's fee and the administrative fee, when assessed, must be paid based upon the same percentages.

e. Within seven days after a regular or special meeting of the Committee, the secretary will send minutes either electronically or by regular mail to each Committee member who will offer corrections. No later than fourteen days after the meeting, draft minutes will be sent to the Grand Parlor Office. The Grand Parlor Office staff will prepare the draft minutes for distribution either electronically or in the monthly mailing. The draft minutes must be available upon request no later than thirty days after the meeting if the monthly mailing is not within the thirty-day time limit. Following approval of the minutes at the next scheduled meeting of the Committee, a copy of the final approved minutes shall be sent to the Grand Parlor Office within fourteen days for distribution or availability to the Board of Directors,

Past Grand Presidents, members of the State of the Order Committee, the Investment Committee, the members of the CFIC, and the Subcommittees.

f. The Grand President shall sign all contracts and/or agreements executed on behalf of the Native Daughters of the Golden West Charitable Foundation, Inc.

g. Any two of the four members of the Board of Directors empowered to sign checks must sign all fund transfers.

h. Any monies received for participating committees after November 24, 2008, as designated as the effective date of exemption by the Internal Revenue Service shall be under the direction of the CFIC. Each Public Benefit Committee shall be an individual sub-account of the Charitable Foundation.

B. Fund Management:

1. Any funds not expended by the end of the term by the Public Benefit Committees will become the Committees 'starting funds for the next term.

2. The CFIC Undesignated Fund will pay all filing fees, accounting, and legal fees, and CFIC expenses.

C. Grant Administration:

1. The Public Benefit Committees will research and apply for their own grants for special projects.

2. A copy of the grant application must be received by the Financial Secretary for Grants and updates received on a regular basis.

3. The Public Benefit Committees must submit a proposal for planned expenditures for their project to the Financial Secretary for Grants.

4. When the grant is awarded the Financial Secretary for Grants will develop spreadsheets for each grant received, listing special criteria for each grant.
5. All expenditures must be submitted to the Financial Secretary for Grants. The Financial Secretary for Grants will present these expenditures to the CFIC for approval at the next meeting. If these expenditures must be paid before the committee meets, the approval may be made by the committee via electronic communications. The State Chairman of the CFIC will then instruct the bookkeeper to pay the approved grant expenses.
6. The grant money will be recorded in a sub-account of the NDGW bookkeeping system under the Public Benefit Committee receiving the grant.

Financial Impact: Decrease in Committee Expenses

Referred to Committees:
State of the Order
NDGW Charitable Foundation
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

25. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

In our NDGW Books of the Order, as well as other documents, there are many references relating to wardrobe which are outdated. In particular, references to “hats and gloves.”

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

That all references to hats and gloves be removed from the Books of the Order and other NDGW documents as follows

- C.G.P, Policies, Page 73, GRAND PARLOR ANNUAL MEETING, remove number 1 and re-number the remaining section.

- C.S.P., Page 84, ARTICLE THREE, MEETING. Section 1, letter “a” delete in its entirety and re-letter the remaining section.
- Manual of Instruction, Page 24, Delete Number 5.
- Manual of Instruction, Page 38, INITIATION OF CANDIDATES, Number 1 be deleted and re-number the section.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

26. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM:

Currently the GPAM must stop business to allow support staff to enter the meeting room. In order to eliminate interruptions, we recommend allowing support services to enter as needed without stopping the meeting. It would not be necessary to be a member to do this work.

WE THEREFORE RECOMMEND:

C.G.P., Procedures, Grand Parlor Annual Meeting, Page 30, add a new number 22 as follows:

“22. Support staff, who are not Members of the Order, such as Hotel, Audio Visual, Sound, Meeting Production, may be allowed to enter the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting as needed during sessions.

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:
Legislation
Board of Directors
Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

26A. WE FURTHER RECOMMEND:

CGP, By-Laws, Article Two, Pages 2-4, Section 8, add a second paragraph as follows:
Support staff, who are not Members of the Order, such as Hotel, Audio Visual, Sound, Meeting Production, may be allowed to enter the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting as needed during sessions.”

SECTION 8 WILL THEN READ:

“SECTION 8. Other Persons Associated With the Corporation: The Corporation may permit Non-voting Members of Subordinate Parlors to attend the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting and other corporate activities, as prescribed from time to time in the By-Laws, or Procedures, Standing Rules, or Policies. Non-voting Members of the Corporation shall not be deemed “Members” of the Corporation within the meaning of the current California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation Law. Non-voting Members shall only be entitled to those rights and privileges specifically given to them in these By-Laws, Procedures, Standing Rules, or Policies.

Support staff, who are not Members of the Order, such as Hotel, Audio Visual, Sound, Meeting Production, may be allowed to enter the Grand Parlor Annual Meeting as needed during sessions.”

Needs 2/3 vote to be adopted

Financial Impact: None

Referred to Committees:

Legislation

Board of Directors

Assessment and Renewal

Adopted: _____

Rejected: _____

**INVITATION TO HOLD GRAND PARLOR
SUBMITTED BY WOODLAND PARLOR NO. 90, WOODLAND
AND ALELI PARLOR NO. 102, SALINAS**

27. Invitation to hold Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in the Central Coast area in June 2027

Woodland Parlor No. 90, NDGW, Woodland, along with Aleli Parlor No. 102, NDGW, Salinas, extends an invitation to hold the 141st Grand Parlor Annual Meeting in June 2027, in the Central Coast area.

The location for sessions, lodging, and room rates shall be provided as soon as possible.

Accepted _____

Rejected _____