73d ANNUAL SPRING CONVENTION
NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
ALBUQUERQUE. NEW MEXICO
"Diamonds in the Desert"
April 11 and 12, 2023
GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING

The 2023 Annual Convention of New Mexico Garden Clubs Incorporated was called to order by President- Christine Longthorp who welcomed members at 9:13 AM

President Longthorp introduced the State District Directors

District Directors:
District V – Julie Foster
District IV - Ellie Nordgren
District III - Johnese Turri
District II – Kersti Rock
District I – Sonia James

President Longthorp introduced the head table

Executive Board
Corresponding Secretary –Suzy Andrego
Treasurer – Laurie Hixson
President Elect – Debra Sorrell
Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff
Historian – Ariel Seamon
2nd Vice President Membership – Joyce Zaugg
Acting Parliamentarian – Becky Fuller

Introduction of Special Guests
South Central Region Director – Rose Knight
National Garden Club President – May Warshauer

Preliminary Credentials Report–Shar Marquez of El Jardin Encanto Garden Club provided the preliminary credentials report:
180 Full time attendees for a voting strength of 139
Shar Marquez moved that the preliminary report be accepted. There was no discussion and the report was adopted with a voting strength of over two thirds

Parliamentarian Becky Fuller reported that a quorum was present and read the Standing Rules of the Business Meeting. The Standing Rules of the 2023 NMGC Annual Convention were accepted as read with voting strength of over two thirds.

Appointments:
The Chair appointed the following committee members toapprove the minutes:
1. Kersti Rock– Director
2. Debra Sorrell– President Elect
3. JohneseTurri- Incoming 1st Vice President

Vicki Frye was appointed as Time Keeper.

Suzy Corresponding Secretary indicated that there were no changes or corrections to the program booklet. There was a motion to adopt the booklet. There was no discussion and there were over 2/3 votes in the affirmative to accept the program booklet for the 2023 NMGC Annual Meeting.
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Minutes:
Dorothy Duff, NMGC Secretary Read the minutes of the meeting from the 2022 Annual Meeting held in Albuquerque, NM. Minutes were approved as read with two corrections.

Treasurer's Report:
Laurie Hixson read the read the Treasurer's Report. There were no questions or clarifications. The Treasurer's report will be filed for review and audit. Report attached

501 members ($4008 income) FY 2022: an increase of 52 members from 2021
Scholarship Award of $2500 was awarded to Laney White
Expenses: $1031
Current Account: $11531.08 CD Account: $42680.04
Total current Funds: $58251.21

President's Report

Christine Longthorp gave the president's report highlighting her travels across the state and to the National Convention last year. She reported on the installation of a Blue Star Marker at the National Cemetery in Santa Fe. Report attached

State Officer's Reports

PresidentElect–Debra Sorrell–
President Elect Debra Sorrell expressed her appreciation for the leadership of President Christine Longthorp, especially in unusually difficult times. Report attached

2nd Vice President - Joyce Zaugg reported:
Total members: 460 in 21 Clubs
District l: 175 Members, District ll: 59 members, District lll: 70 Members,
District lV: 57 members and District V: 94 Members
Full report Attached

Recording Secretary - Dorothy Duff - no report

Treasurer - Laurie Hixson - Discussed the proposed budget. Report attached

Historian– Ariel Seamon encouraged clubs to send her reports of their activities. It is particularly important to report any flower shows that have been held. Report Attached

Corresponding Secretary – Suzy Andrego indicated that the 2023 Annual Reports are due August first and encourage clubs to send their reports to her soon.

2023 District Directors Reports (time limit 4 minutes per report):

District V Julie Foster: Report attached
District IV Ellie Nordgren: Report attached
District III Johnese Turri: Report attached
District II Kersti Rock. Report attached
District I Sonia James –Report attached

Reports from Invited Guests

Rose Knight South Central Regional Director discussed the importance of garden club member relationships. Such friendships are an important part of garden club membership.

Mary Warshauer National Garden Clubs President reviewed the many activities sponsored by garden clubs that bring gardening to the public.

Recommendations from the Executive Committee - Read by Dorothy Duff

A recommendation was proposed that Suzy Andrego be elected as the South Central Region Director and that Christine Longthorp serve as alternate for the 2025-2027 term. The recommendation statement attached.

There was no discussion about the recommendation and the recommendation passed with more than two thirds in agreement.

President Longthorp called a brief recess to be followed by Committee Reports.

Chairman reports (limited to 3 minutes each)

Birds Bees, And Butterflies Ellie Nordgren discussed the benefits of bees.

Penny Pines Report: MaryAnn Moreno Penny Pine Chair passed the collection jar. A gift of trees will be made in honor of Christine Longthorp's contributions to NMGC.

Ways and Means: Kathleen Flanders reported on Raffle items. Report attached.

Archives – Becky Fuller Becky reported on a meeting she had with the ladies from the Archives department at New Mexico State University. The Roswell Library also has an archiving program for those interested.

Water Conservation - Dorothy Duff announced upcoming articles in the New Mexico designed to inspire members to apply for the Water Conservation Award.

Blue Star Memorial - Shirley Tetreault reported that there are twenty four (24) Blue Star memorials. She is currently working on Gold Star markers.

Youth Activities – Lynette Walker was absent and report was read by Christine Longthorp. Youth activities are up and entries in the youth division of the state fair tripled in 2022.

Nominating Committee Report – Mary Ann Moreno presented the slate of Officers for 2023-2025

President – Debra Sorrell
There were no nominations from the floor
1st Vice President – JohneseTurri
There were no nominations from the floor
2nd Vice President – Laurie Hixson
There were no nominations from the floor
Recording Secretary – Jennifer Moreno
There were no nominations from the floor
Treasurer – Debby Hasse
There were no nominations from the floor
Historian – Ariel Seamon
There were no nominations from the floor

Mary Ann Moreno moved that the officers be elected by acclimation. Joanie Kerrie seconded the motion. The officers were elected by over two thirds majority

Unfinished business – None

Welcome gifts were presented to all new members who were attending the convention for the first time.

Announcements

Raffle tickets are available from Kathleen Flanders.
The silent auction will close following dinner.
Club Presidents will meet for a parade line up before dinner.

The meeting was Recessed at _11:23 AM for the Lunch Program.

Dorothy Duff

Recording Secretary