



2017 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

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2017 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The Journal of Proceedings
Contains the official records of the actions and meetings of
The California State Grange.

This Journal covers the period of June 27, 2016 through June 25, 2017

2017 OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>2017</i>	
Master	Ed Kowski	San Diego County
Overseer	Josh Harper	Sacramento County
Lecturer	Katie Squire	Fresno County
Steward	Randy Turnquist	Santa Cruz County
Assistant Steward	Brandon Nebitt	Kern County
Lady Assistant Steward	Suzi Laskowski	Kern County
Chaplain	Barbara Geiger	Monterey County
Treasurer	Gary Abreim	Sonoma County
Secretary	Lillian Booth	Butte County
Gatekeeper	Vince Scholten	Sonoma County
Ceres	Ruthie King	Mendocino County
Pomona	Nola Martini	Santa Clara County
Flora	Jayne West	San Diego County
Executive Committee 1 Year (Term Ends 2017)	Jerry Allen	Sonoma County
Executive Committee 2 Year (Term Ends 2018)	Inger Bevans	Monterey County
Executive Committee 3 Year (Term Ends 2019)	Bob Clouse	Sacramento County
Musician	Martha Stefenoni	Sonoma County

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, California "Moving Forward"

Thursday June 22, 2017

8:00 AM

***** State Officer Practice *****

Suzi Laskowski & Brandon Nebitt

9:00 am – 4:00 PM Registration Open

9:00 am – 5:00 PM

Expo Open to Receive Entries

9:00 AM General Welcome

Ed Kowski, State Master, California

State Grange

9:15 – 10:45 AM

Convention Workshop – Open to all.

Welcome New Delegates

Resolution Writing

Resolution Processing

Parliamentary Procedure

10:45 PM – 11:00 AM Break

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Grange Ritual Today

Presented by Joseph Stefenoni

12:00 – 1:30 PM Lunch

Secretary & Treasurer's Luncheon –

Lillian Booth/Gary Abreim

Master's Luncheon – Ed Kowski

Lecturer's Luncheon – Katie Squire

Youth Fair Luncheon – Tacy Currey

All are welcome!!

Sit with any group of interest to you!

1:30 PM Resolution Committees Meet

2:30 PM – 3:30 PM Clearing the Air II

By Jerry Allen & Lillian Booth

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM Break

3:45PM

Opening of the 142nd Session of the
California State Grange in the Sixth
Degree.

** Sixth Degree Members **

Lower to Fourth Degree /Admit 4th

Degree Members

Introduction of Honored Guests

Roll Call of Officers

Communications

Preliminary Credential Report

Adopt Convention Rules

Approval of Convention Schedule

Director Reports

6:00 PM Closing the Grange

Friday, June 23, 2017

8:00 AM Registration Open

8:00 AM – 9:15AM Resolution Committees

Meet

9:00 AM DELEGATE Registration Closed.

All other members may still

register.

9:00 AM Expo Room Open

9:30 AM

Opening of the 142nd Annual Session in
the Fourth Degree

Roll Call of Officers

Introduction of Honored Guests

Reading of the Minutes of Yesterday

Final Credential Report

Committee Reports

10:15 AM

State Master's Annual Address

State Secretary's Report

State Treasurer's Report

Review & Approve Minutes of the
Board of Directors

Audit & Budget Committee Report –
Gary Abreim Chairman
Discussion of Budget

12:00-1:00PM Recess for Lunch
12:00PM Deadline for acceptance of late
resolutions

(See Convention Rules)

1:15 PM Session Reconvenes

1:30 PM **Special Guest**

Jim Houston,
California Undersecretary of
Agriculture

2:30 PM Break

2:45 PM Update of legal cases for the
California State Grange
Jeff Skinner, Legal Counsel

Adoption of 2017-2017 Budget
Nomination of Officers
Executive Committee - 3 year
Appoint Election Committee
Resolution Committee Reports
Polls Open for Balloting
Resolution Committee Reports

5:30 PM Closing of the Grange

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Polls Closed

7:30 PM Lecturer's Program

Talent, Public Speaking and Sign-A-
Song Contests

Katie Squire, California State
Grange Lecturer

Saturday, June 24, 2017

8:00 AM Registration Open

9:00 AM

Opening of the California State Grange

in the 6th Degree

Lower to the 4th Degree

Admit 4th Degree Members

Introduction of Honored Guests

Roll Call of Officers

Reading and approval of the

Minutes of Day 2

Election Committee Report

Announcement of Run-off

Elections (if any)

Honor Military Veterans –

Katie Squire, State Lecturer

Resolution Committee Reports

Grange Insurance

Association Tom McKern,
President, Board of Directors

12:00 PM Lunch

12:00 PM Polls Open for Balloting (If
necessary)

1:15 PM Reconvene Session

Keynote Speaker

Burton Eller,

National Grange Legislative
Director

Resolution Committee Reports

2:00 PM Election Polls Closed

3:30 PM Grange Youth Fair Program
Presentation

Tacy Currey, California State
Grange

Youth Fair Program Director

Resolution Committee Reports

Ukiah Autumn Leaves Report –
Bob Canclini, Board of

Directors

5:15 PM Grange is at Recess

State Officers Set up for Degree
Night

5:30 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Degree Night Conferral
*** 5th & 6th Degree Ticket required for 4th
Degree Members ***
 Fourth Degree Obligation
 Ceremony
 Exemplification of the Fifth Degree

 Under the direction of LoRee
 Lampke
 Exemplification of the Sixth Degree
 Under the direction of Bob
 Clouse
 Degree Feast

Sunday, June 25, 2017

8:30 AM Expo Entries Released
9:00 AM
 Opening of the Grange in the
 Fourth Degree

Roll Call of Officers
Reading of and approval of Minutes
of Day 3

Memorial Service

Barbara Geiger, California State
Grange Chaplain

Installation of Officers

Completion of any business
remaining

Resolution of Appreciation

11:30 AM

**CLOSING OF THE 142nd ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA
STATE GRANGE**

"TIL WE MEET AGAIN" IN 2018

STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION

California State Grange Standing Rules 2017 142nd Annual Session

The Standing Rules will apply only to the 142nd Annual Membership Meeting of the California State Grange, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, California, June 22-25, 2017.

REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER: The Registration Fee shall be waived for Junior Grangers, those under the age of 5 years of age and invited guests.

BADGES: No one will be admitted to the meeting without a badge which signifies their registration fee has been paid (except as noted above), and that the member is a member of a Grange in Good Standing.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION: Closing date and time for "Delegate Registration" shall be Friday, June 23, 2017 at 9:00 am. Any Delegate requesting to register after that date and time, shall have the approval of the State Master.

RESOLUTIONS:

Deadline: The last deadline for the acceptance of late resolutions shall be Friday June 23rd at 12:00 PM. Late resolutions shall only be processed if the Resolution Committee votes to accept them. Late resolutions, if accepted, shall lose the identity of the Grange submitting the resolution and will be identified as a Committee Resolution.

Committee Presentation: In presenting the resolutions on the Session floor, the Committee spokesman will present any amendments by the Committee; read only the "Resolved" portion of the resolution; and then state the Committee's action. If the Committee recommendation is to reject the resolution, the Committee Spokesman will briefly explain the reason for the Committee's action.

Amendments to Resolutions: All motions to amend resolutions from the floor, which are excessively long (i.e. more than 20 words), shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station in order to properly enter the amendment into the minutes.

Resolution Introduction: A new resolution shall not be brought to the floor for a vote unless it has been in the hands of the Delegates for at least four (4) hours. A new resolution is one that has not been included in the initial Resolution packet. (California State Grange Bylaws Article XIV, Section 2. 14.2.1)

Resolutions to Amend the By-Laws: Shall not be combined in Committee. Per Article XXI, only properly submitted resolutions can be acted upon. All others will be declared out of order.

MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR: All motions from the floor, which are excessively long (i.e. more than 20 words), shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station so as to be properly entered into the minutes.

FLOOR DEBATE: Shall be limited to two (2) minutes per delegate on any given question. Only the maker of a motion may speak twice.

OFFICER & DIRECTOR REPORTS: Any written reports from Officers and Directors shall be submitted to the Secretary's Station prior to the close of the session for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the minutes of the final day of session.

NEXT ANNUAL SESSION MEETING SITE VOTING: The place of meeting will be determined by a majority vote of the Delegate body at least one or two years in advance. Places will be included on the ballot for Election of Officers.

DELEGATES TO THE 142ND ANNUAL SESSION

Pomona Granges Represented

Kern County Pomona Grange No. 26
 Darlene Wingfield Master
 Paul Hyland Selected

Kings Pomona Grange No. 28
 Leroy Squire Master

Mendocino Pomona Grange No. 10
 Sarah Nielson Selected
 Annie Waters Selected

Monterey Pomona Grange No. 17
 Emily Turnquist Selected
 Jan Saxton Selected

Santa Clara Pomona Grange No. 4
 Sanchez, Tonya Selected
 Sawyer, Houghton "Tom" F. Selected

Sonoma Pomona Grange No. 1
 Jerry Allen Master
 Gary Abreim Selected

Subordinate/Community Granges Represented

Anderson Grange No. 418
 Rosemary Hansen Selected
 Marie Haley Selected

Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
 David Norfleet Selected
 Gregory Sims Selected

Aptos Grange No. 800
 Randy Turnquist Master
 Robin Turnquist Spouse

Aromas Grange No. 361
 Richard Saxe Master
 John Fletcher Selected

Bellevue Grange No. 374
 Joseph Stefenoni Selected
 Martha Stefenoni Selected

Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
 Alan Hahn Selected
 Vince Scholten Selected

Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
 James D. Moore Master

Central Union Grange No. 559
 Katie Squire Master
 Ann Larson Selected

Corral De Tierra Grange No. 474
 Edward Watson Master

De Sabla Grange No. 762
 Lillian Booth Selected
 Mike Lampke Selected

Dixon Grange No. 19
 Bethany Andrews Selected
 Tacy Currey Selected

Dows Prairie Grange No. 505
 B.J. Fitzpatrick Master
 Bettyann Biringier-Rehm Selected

Fort Bragg Grange No. 672		
Marilla Freitas-Peeler	Selected	
Shaylee Freitas	Selected	
Gilroy Grange No. 398		
Nola Martini	Selected	
Grover City Grange No. 746		
Bill Compton	Master	
Joan Compton	Spouse	
Little Lake Grange No. 670		
Erica Kroesen	Master	
Ruthie King	Selected	
Marshall Grange No. 451		
Kim Hoel	Selected	
Mattole Grange No. 569		
Michael Evenson	Selected	
Morgan Hill Grange No. 408		
Rebecca Oswald	Master	
Heidi Golden	Selected	
Orangevale Grange No. 354		
Gerald Macklem	Selected	
Linda Macklem	Selected	
Prunedale Grange No. 388		
Barbara Geiger	Master	
Ingermarie Bevans	Selected	
Rainbow Valley Grange No. 689		
Lucette Moramarco	Master	
Michael Warner	Selected	

Redwood Valley Grange No. 382		
Jeff Box	Master	
Clint Kelley	Selected	
Rio Linda Grange No. 403		
Linda MacCracken	Master	
Marian Sales	Selected	
Rosedale Grange No. 565		
Suzi Wingfield Laskowski	Master	
Sandra Wingfield	Selected	
Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503		
Tereza Coraggio	Selected	
Sebastopol Grange No. 306		
Jeanna Collet	Master	
Laura Shafer	Selected	
Whitesboro Grange No. 766		
Alan Simon	Selected	
Beautiful Grace	Selected	
Windsor Grange No. 410		
Rob Munderloh	Master	
Kristen Munderloh	Spouse	
Wyandotte Grange No. 495		
William "Bill" Booth	Selected	
LoRee Lampke	Selected	

RESOLUTION COMMITTEES

AGRICULTURE & WATER

Chairman:	Michael Evenson	Mattole Grange	Mendocino County
Vice Chair:	Vince Scholten	Bennett Valley Grange	Sonoma County
Members:	Ruthie King	Little lake Grange #	Mendocino County
	Evan Wiig	Sebastopol Grange	Sonoma County
	Paul Hyland	Kern County Pomona	Kern County

AUDIT & BUDGET

Chairman:	Jerry Allen	Sebastopol Grange	Sonoma County
Vice Chair:	Bob Clouse	Orangevale Grange	Sacramento County
Member:	Linda MacCracken	Rio Linda Grange	Sacramento County

CITIZENSHIP & TAXATION

Chairman:	Lucette Moramarco	Rainbow Valley Grange	San Diego County
Vice Chair:	Ann Larson	Central Union Grange	Kings County
Member:	Darlene Wingfield	Kern County Pomona	Kern County
	Tom Sawyer	Santa Clara Co Pomona	Santa Clara County
	Edward Watson	Corral De Tierra Grange	Monterey County

CONSERVATION

Chairman:	Randy Turnquist	Aptos Grange	Santa Clara County
Vice Chair:	Rich Saxe	Aromas Grange	Monterey County
Member:	James Moore	Bodega Bay Grange	
	Heide Golden	Morgan Hill Grange	
	Alan Simon	Whitesboro Grange	

EDUCATION & HEALTH

Chairman:	Jan Saxton	Aromas Grange	Santa Clara County
Vice Chair:	Marilla Freitas	Fort Bragg Grange	Mendocino County
Member	Suzi Laskowski	Rosedale Grange	Kern County
	Clint Kelly	Redwood Valley Grange	Mendocino County
	Tonya Sanchez	Morgan Hill Grange	Santa Clara County

GRANGE LAW & GRANGE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chairman:	Bill Booth	DeSabra Grange	Butte County
Vice Chair:	Joe Stefenoni	Bellevue Grange	Sonoma County
Member	Kimberly Hoel	Marshall Grange	El Dorado County
	Rob Munderloh	Windsor Grange	Sonoma County
	Dwight Winegar	Dow's Prairie Grange	Humboldt County

LABOR, JUDICIARY & TRANSPORTATION

Chairman:	Tereza Coraggio	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange	Santa Cruz County
Vice Chair:	Erica Kroesen	Little Lake Grange	Mendocino County
Member	Jeff Box	Redwood Valley Grange	Mendocino County
	Greg Simms	Anderson Valley Grange	Mendocino County
	Marie Haley	Anderson Grange	Shasta County

MINUTES OF THE 142ND ANNUAL SESSION

DAY 1

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE 142nd Annual Session, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fairgrounds June 22, 2017

The first day of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange began with Resolution Committee meetings. The members worked diligently to discuss new resolutions presented and continued their work on the various policy statements to focus the legislative efforts of the California State Grange.

During lunch, the members broke into groups with the State Master, Ed Kowski; State Lecturer/Expo Director, Katie Squire; State Youth Fair Director, Tacy Currey, and to State Treasurer Gary Abreim with State Secretary Lillian Booth. The members had open discussion with the State Officers and Directors to learn more about their positions and how the State Grange can help at the local levels.

After lunch, Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, helped the members to further understand the Grange ritual, detailing how the Unwritten Work was derived, used, and is still relevant for today. He combined the historical perspective with the millennial perspective, explaining why the Grange Ritual is gaining again in popularity and helping Granges stay centered in their roots.

Committees continued to work in their groups for part of the afternoon. Then the members gathered for "Clearing the Air II", facilitated by Jerry Allen and Lillian Booth. This was a continuation from last year. In an open forum, the members talked about how the rift between the two factions in California has affected them, their Granges and their communities. Members shared perspectives, opinions, and helped each other understand that we all want the same thing – to be a Grange family again.

At 3:45 pm, the members gathered to open the California State Grange. Sister Lillian Booth, DeSabra Grange requested a moment of personal privilege for a presentation. The Bible of the State Grange has not been available to use for several years. The Honorable Bill Booth, Past Master of the California State Grange having an extensive Grange memorabilia collection donated a Bible from 1910 to the California State Grange on behalf of the Booth Family. This Bible began as a Grange Bible in another State and is now a gift to the California State Grange. The Bible was placed on the altar.

The officers of the California State Grange performed the opening march, led by Assistant Stewards, Brandon Nebitt and Suzi Laskowski. The 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange was opened in full form in the Sixth Degree by the officers.

The meeting was called to order by State Master, Ed Kowski. The Grange was lowered to the Fourth Degree, and the Fourth Degree members entered the Hall.

Tom Gwin, Master of the Washington State Grange and Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director were briefly introduced to the members. They will speak at a later time.

Roll Call of Officers found all officers present with Emily Turnquist, Santa Cruz County, serving as Flora protem for this Session.

State Grange Secretary, Lillian Booth, gave a partial credential report. To be eligible to vote, Granges must not be more than one quarter in arrears for dues. The State Grange has 91 eligible Pomona and Subordinate/Community Grange. There are 39 Grange represented. A quorum was called and the meeting progressed.

There were no communications to be read at this time.

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma County, to adopt the Session Rules as presented. Seconded by Rosemary Hansen, Shasta County. Motion carried – unanimously. Session Rules adopted as presented.

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma County to adopt the Convention Schedule as presented. Seconded, by Tom Sawyer, Morgan Hill Grange. Motion carried - unanimously. Schedule adopted as presented.

Director Reports

Tacy Currey, State Grange Youth Fair Director reporting. Things are going well for the Fair Program. Currently in the middle of Fair season. Everything has been going well with the Fair participants so far this year. Tacy spoke with Cal Expo and there are 70 Grange entries for livestock this year. In Dixon – the Grange was 20% of the entire show and were ½ of the Round-Robin qualifiers. Dixon also had one young member who raised the Supreme Reserve Grange Champion and the Supreme Champion steers this year – very difficult project and she did very well with both animals.

Emily Turnquist, State Grange Youth Director reporting. She is planning a Youth Conference in the area Santa Cruz County Area. One area of interest there is the Grange Cotillion put on by Aptos Grange. The young people in the area like the friendly environment to learn the formalities, manners, and dancing. This is a great way to work in a low-pressure social environment. Emily will be updating information in the near future.

LoRee Lampke reported on the details of the Western Regional Leadership Conference hosted by California this year. This is a youth-focused event, with all Grange leaders. The theme this year is "Sculpting Your Passion into Action". Taking leadership skills and applying them in projects, activities, and having fun while doing it. The conference will be in Anaheim/Buena Park at the Knott's Berry farm, August 4-6, 2017. The cost is \$125.00 and is partially underwritten by a donation from the Grange Insurance Association for leadership and membership development in the State. Mendocino County is currently raising funds to send some of their members to the Conference.

Katie Squire Expo Director, reporting. Expo came back strong last year and is booming this year. We now have a full fledged expo this year with over 130 entries. There is a State Grange Expo Page on Facebook managed by Katie with tips, ideas, and helpful suggestions. Two members have also designed Pinterest pages for projects designed to fit the

requirements for the Grange Expo. Katie encouraged everyone to join the Expo Facebook Page.

Martha Stefenoni, Community Service Director reporting. Martha reminded us there are deadlines, Grange deadlines, and paperwork. The Community Service program at the National Grange level is asking for 25% of the Granges in a state to report on their Community Service Projects. Grange are serving their communities in California – we just need to know about it, so we can help you promote it and share those projects with other Granges. Martha passed out a bright yellow 2017 Community Service Report. We can easily meet the 25% of Granges just at this session to report to the National Grange. Martha will be following up with Granges all week.

The delegates and members were advised that Resolutions 2017-034 and 2017-12R (rewrite), were available. These were passed out at 5:30 pm at the close of the session. These are eligible for presentation tomorrow morning.

Master Komski explained the need for the completion of the Policy Handbooks. He also discussed the resolution process. The resolutions are formatted by the State Secretary with no changes from the submitted resolution. The State Secretary may request additional resource information, especially if older policy is being changed. The State Master does not even read the resolutions prior to session, Brother Ed stated he acts as the chief administrative officer only. There is no influence or promotion of any of the resolutions. He requested that we understand fraternity when discussing and making decisions of Grange policy.

Master Komski went on to state the members are going to be asked to approve the Board of Directors meeting minutes. The Board has attempted to be as transparent as possible in all of the business on behalf of the membership. The members were also advised the State Treasurer, Gary Abreim has the budget. This is for your review. You may not photograph or copy because of the continuing, and unfortunate, legal situation. Ask any of the Board members anything about the Grange. This is Your Grange – and all of the officers serve at your will. We know there is a very strong fiduciary responsibility to you. We will meet that responsibility.

There being no further business to come before the Grange, the officers closed the first day of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange in the Fourth Degree.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, State Grange Secretary.

DAY 2

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE 142nd Annual Session, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fairgrounds June 23, 2017

On the second day of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange, the State Officers performed the opening march, led by Assistant Stewards, Brandon Nebitt and Suzi Laskowski. The Session was opened in full form in the Fourth Degree by the officers.

The meeting was called to order by State Master, Ed Komski.

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

The Secretary called the roll of Granges and the delegates who were attending from each Grange. The roll will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Roll call of Officers found all officers present

The State Secretary called the roll of Granges attending and their delegates. There are 39 Granges and 67 voting delegates.

Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director was introduced to the delegates. Tom Gwin, Master of the Washington State Grange was also introduced. Both were welcomed by applause from the members.

The Journal of the First Day of the 142nd Annual Session was read by State Secretary Lillian Booth. It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to approve the Journal as read. Seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma County Pomona Grange. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Journal was adopted.

Master Komski said that First Lady Cynthia told him he was hitting the gavel too hard. Master Ed said that it was a special gavel made by Brother Lee Geiger, who was not able to attend this year. He said that every time the gavel is hit, he thinks about Lee. Master Ed thanked Barbara Geiger, State Chaplain, for everything the family has done for the Grange.

Communications.

An email was received from Michael Martin, past National Grange Membership Director, congratulating the California State Grange on the amazing progress California has accomplished since his visit in 2015.

Betsy Huber, National Master, sent a letter of greeting, encouragement, and congratulations on holding our 142nd Annual Session. Letter will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

State Master's Address:

At this time, Master Ed Komski gave his State Master's address to the members present. Master Ed used each word on the Convention theme and logo to describe the hardest question ever asked, "What is the Grange?"

Master Komski closed by thanking the members of the Board of Directors, and every individual at this session, whether a delegate or not. All members have put up with a very tough and rough road. In some instances, many have had to wear combat boots. We want you to wear jogging shoes because you need to get ready to sprint. You don't get 28 Granges with net gains in membership by sitting on your laurels.

Master Ed received a standing ovation.

Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, moved to accept the Master's address, and the reports of the Directors given yesterday, and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

State Secretary's Report

Master Ed then introduced Lillian Booth, State Grange Secretary, for her report. He told the members present that Lillian and Bill have a depth of knowledge that this State Grange should feel honored to have available to them. He also said that without Booth family the California State Grange would not be where we are today.

Sister Lillian Booth, Secretary of the California State Grange, gave her report to the members.

It was moved by Katie Squire to accept the Secretary's report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Erica Kroesen, Master of Little Lake Grange, was called to the microphone. Brother Bruce Brunnell of Redwood Valley Grange, recently passed away. He had a collection of Grange Journals and historical documents which were used by Sister Annie Waters in writing her book. The members of Redwood Valley Grange and Little Lake Grange decided to place those items with the California State Grange to help fill in some of the history which has been lost. Journals from the late 1800s, and from the 1920's through the 1950's are in the collection. Erica was thanked by Master Komski for the donation to help restore some of our history.

Treasurer's Report and Presentation of the Budget

Gary Abreim, Treasurer of the California State Grange, gave the financial report. The Audit, financial reports and the budget are available for all members in good standing to view and ask questions. Brother Gary has them in his possession and will happily answer all questions.

Master Komski reminded everyone the financial reports are confidential and will not leave the room, be copied or photographed when placed on the screen. We are still in litigation.

Brother Gary advised the budget is based on the membership at the time we create the budget. All of our books are done on a cash basis. Any variances may be because of timing of when the bills were actually paid.

The audit was completed by an auditor who is local to the Sonoma County area and whose business is 95% non-profits. The audit was from point of beginning in 2014 through 2016. The cost was substantially less than was budgeted for. The audit was commenced in 2017 and was completed last week.

The budget was based on projections for travel and legal. Also one item includes the Western States Conference we will host this year and the National Grange Session in Spokane WA in November, hosted by the Western States.

There is an amount in the budget for maintenance of vacant Grange Halls. Right now the California State Grange has to cover the property tax bills, utilities, maintenance, weed abatement, etc. for those empty halls.

Brother Gary advised that the California State Grange is stable financially. There are funds from the rental of the 2101 Stockton Blvd building held in an escrow account, held there because of the litigation.

Brother Gary reminded those present that he has the final audit report with him and it is available to view.

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to adopt the budget as presented. Seconded by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange. No discussion. Master Komski reminded the members, there is an IRS Form 990 filed and available online to any individual. Can be viewed by the membership here. All transactions and information are transparent to you. No question is out of bounds. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried, unanimously. Financial Report and Budget adopted.

Master Komski commented to the Grange members present that a resolution from California to make a minor edit in the National Grange By-laws on auditing financial reports for Community Granges, brought the entire issue for a review at the last National Session. This culminated with a by-law change to require every Subordinate/Community Grange to have a financial audit every year and provide a copy to the State Grange. The Board of Directors did not promote or encourage a vote on that – the members did.

Final Credential report for this Session was given by State Secretary Lillian Booth. There is a total of 67 voting delegates at this Session. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma County. Motion carried. Report adopted.

Ed Mitchell, past Master of Prunedale Grange, reported on the outcome of a resolution passed in 2015 banning fracking in the Salinas Valley, also known as the Salad Bowl of California. With the name of the California State Grange attached to that issue, the fracking in the Salinas Valley has been significantly reduced. Ed commented on the ability of a few members of the Grange can affect hundreds of thousands and even millions of people. He appreciated the support of the delegates of the California State Grange to accomplish this in Monterey County.

Recess for lunch was called. The Bible on the Altar was closed by the Assistant Stewards.

At 1:30 pm, the members assembled to welcome John Houston, the Under-Secretary of Agriculture for the State of California. Mr. Houston gave his remarks on the current status of agriculture in the State of California. He answered questions from the members and was very detailed in what was coming in the Farm Bill. Mr. Houston was presented with applications to the Grange for he and his family and a gift to remember the California State Grange. As Mr. Houston was escorted from the hall, he was greeted by the members of the Agriculture and Water committee who took a few moments with him.

A short break was taken to set up technology for the legal update. Jeff Skinner, Legal Counsel for the State Grange joined the meeting from Washington DC via teleconference. Brother Skinner, a member of Orangevale Grange, reported on the current legal issues and upcoming information about the ongoing legal dispute. Jeff was thanked for his time and efforts on behalf of the California State Grange.

Session was called back to order. The Bible was opened on the Altar.

Nomination of Officers:

Position of the 3-year Executive Committee member.

Members nominated were:

Jerry Allen	Sonoma County (Declined)
Tereza Coraggio	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange.
Erica Bruce Kroesen	Little Lake Grange.
Martha Stefenoni	Bellevue Grange (Declined)

There being no further nominations, Master Komski appointed the Election Committee:

Rosemary Hansen, Anderson Grange, Chairman
Lauren Linkemyer, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange
Sarah Nielsen, Redwood Valley Grange

Ballots will be prepared, and announcement of opening the polls will be made.

Approval of the Board of Directors Minutes:

Leroy Squire, Kings County Pomona Grange, moved to accept the actions of the Directors as written. Seconded by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange.

Suzi Laskowski, Kern County, and Katie Squire, Kings County, approached the microphone at the same time. Sister Suzi was called on first and she advised of one correction – Line 987 (g) should read "Kings County" Katie Squire, from Kings County, had approached to make the same correction. Great minds....

Vote taken. Motion carried. Minutes adopted as corrected.

Resolution Committee Reports.
Education and Health

Jan Saxton, Chairman, reporting.

2017-032 - American Sign Language in High School.

Committee report was favorable, and so move. Seconded. Motion carried.
Resolution adopted.

2017-038 – Affordable Hearing Aids

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Erica Kroesen to accept the committee report. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

2017-007 – Student Loan Forgiveness for Farmers

Committee amended this resolution. Master Komski advised the amendments appeared to change the intent of the resolution. He directed the committee to review the amendment and submit it as a rewritten resolution if necessary.

Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development

Joseph Stefenoni, Vice-Chair, reporting

2017 001 – Changing the Date of the Annual Session

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange to adopt the committee report. Motion seconded.

It was moved by Leroy Squire, Kings County Pomona Grange, to amend the resolution by striking "15th of September" and insert "June 1st". Motion was called out of order because this is a by-law change, the resolution had to be sent to the Granges in advance of the State Session. The dates can be narrowed but cannot be expanded.

Resolution as presented with favorable recommendation on the floor. Debate. The Board was asked to explain why that time period. The members were advised that hotel rates are lower. The biggest conflicts in June are weddings and graduations, plus destination weddings. Further debate. Delegates voted, motion carried. Resolution adopted.

The State Overseer, Josh Harper, gave announcements.

The delegates were reminded to vote in the election as soon as the polls were opened after dinner.

The second day of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange closed in the Fourth Degree.

After dinner, the announcement was given the election polls were open for voting.

Evening of Excellence:

Katie Squire, State Grange Lecturer, provided an entertaining program and talent show. Participants were:

Vocal	Jenna Collet	Sebastopol Grange	
Variety	Brandon Nebitt	"How to Draw A Cartoon"	Rosedale Grange
Vocal	Josh Harper	"The Impossible Dream"	Orangevale Grange
Instrumental	Jerry Allen	Accordion Medley	Sebastopol Grange
Vocal	Laura Shafer	"Grange Rap"	Sebastopol Grange
Vocal	Jan Saxton	"The Mother's Day Song"	Aromas Grange

The winner and best of show is Josh Harper, vocal soloist singing "Impossible Dream". Josh will be eligible to represent the State Grange at the National Grange Showcase in Spokane, Washington.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

DAY 3

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE 142nd Annual Session, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fairgrounds June 24, 2017

The third day of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange, opened in the Fourth Degree by the State officers. The flag was presented by the Worthy Ceres, Ruthie King.

Meeting was called to order by the Worthy Master, Ed Komski.

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

Journal of Day 2.

The Journal of Proceedings for Day 2 was read by Worthy Secretary, Lillian Booth. One correction noted. It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange to approve the Journal as corrected. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Journal approved.

It was announced that the election polls were closed at 9:34 am. Master Komski announced that Redwood Valley Grange delegate, Jeff Box, could not attend that day and permission is given for Jini Reynolds to assume duties as the Delegate. This is a one-time switch. When Brother Box returns, Sister Reynolds will remain as the delegate.

There being a large amount of business for the Delegates, they went right to work on resolutions.

Grange Law / Grange Growth and Development.

Joseph Stefenoni, Vice-Chairman, reporting

2017-002 – Annual Meeting/ Convention Change to the California State Grange By-Laws

Committee report is unfavorable. Reasons given by the Committee. This resolution conflicts with 2017-001 which was passed yesterday, and the first resolved is a by-law change, which is not in proper form. It was moved by Jerry Allen to adopt the committee report. Seconded by Linda MacCracken. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution rejected.

2017-003 – Respecting the Ceremonies

Committee report is unfavorable. Motion by Jerry Allen to accept the committee report. Motion seconded. No Debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

2017-004 - Managing California State Grange Meetings

Committee report is unfavorable. Primary reason for State session is the business of the Grange. It was moved by Betty-Ann Beringer-Rehm to accept the committee report. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report Adopted. Resolution lost.

2017-005 Managing Resolution Presentation at the Annual Session

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason, this would increase the time to process resolutions during the Session. Motion by Betty-Ann Beringer-Rehm to accept the committee report. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

2017-006 California State Grange Officer Membership Requirement

Committee report is unfavorable. The resolution was not written as a by-law change. Members do not join the California State Grange. Motion by Betty-Ann Beringer-Rehm to accept the committee report. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. Resolution lost.

2017-009 New Grange Foundation

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Betty-Ann Beringer-Rehm to accept the committee report. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Agriculture and Water Committee

Michael Evenson, Chairman, reporting.

2017-011 - Agricultural Census of Grange Members

Committee report is favorable as amended. It was moved by Betty-Ann Beringer-Rehm to approve the committee report. Seconded.

Ruthie King, Little Lake Grange, moved to amend the resolution by adding "a mail version" of the census. Seconded by Katie Squire. Discussion. Reasons for the Committee to choose an online version is because there are no spending provisions in this resolution. The Committee felt an on-line version would be more cost effective.

Vote on the amendment. Worthy Master called for a division of the house. Votes counted by the Assistant Stewards. Aye: 33, Nay: 13. Motion carried.

Committee report as amended is on the floor. Discussion.

Bill Booth, Wyandotte Grange, moved to amend the resolution by removing "An online and mail". Seconded by Tereza Coraggio. Discussion. Motion carried. Resolution as amended on the floor.

It was moved by Michael Evenson to remove "Members" and re-insert "Brothers and Sisters involved in Agricultural production." Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Amendment rejected.

Resolution as amended is on the floor. Debate continued. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report of the committee as amended adopted.

Brother Michael was asked to step aside for now for Election Results.

Election Results:

Sister Rosemary Hansen, Election Committee Chairman reporting.
Results of election for Executive Committee member, 3 years.
58 votes cast. 30 needed to elect. Votes cast are:

Tereza Coraggio	25
Erica Kroesen	32
Marilla Peeler	1

Having a majority vote, Worthy Master declared Sister Erica Kroesen elected to the Executive Committee for a three-year term.

Agriculture & Water Committee

Chairman, Michael Evenson continued reporting

2017-014 – Maintain and Increase Funding for the National Organic Program

Resolution withdrawn by the authoring Grange

2017-019 – Whole Farm Revenue Protection

Resolution withdrawn by the authoring Grange.

Resolutions 2017-013, 2017-015, 2017-023, 2017-028, and 2017-030 will require reprinting and distribution to the Delegates. It was clarified that the 4-hour rule does not apply to a reprint for amendments, only on new resolutions received at the State Session.

2017-026 -- Right to Ownership of Farm Equipment – Right to Modify or Replace Software as Needed

Committee report favorable as amended. It was moved by Katie Squire to accept the committee report. Motion Seconded.

Leroy Squire, Kings County Pomona Grange, moved to amend by adding "State" and adding. Motion to amend to add "State" and to add "DMCA." Seconded. Vote taken. Motion to amend carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Report as favorable as amended adopted. Resolution adopted as amended.

Resolution 2017-035 California State Grange Ag Lobbyist

Committee report is favorable. Motion to approve the committee report. Seconded. Discussion. Question was asked of the committee - where is the funding coming from.

Katie Squire moved to amend by adding "when fiscally possible. Seconded by Bill Booth. Motion carried. Amendment carried. Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion.

It was moved to amend the resolution to change "Agriculture Committee" to "the applicable standing Committee". Seconded. Vote taken. Amendment approved.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Voted taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

Master Komski appointed Tacy Currey, Dixon Grange, to set up a teleconference on July 18, 2017, to discuss lobbying. Sister Tacy advised she would like to have a sign-up of people who would like to participate.

In moving to the next resolution, it was determined that some delegates had not received copies which had been passed out earlier. Master Komski directed the State Secretary to read the list of resolutions and for each delegate to check their book. As gaps were found, copies were provided to the Delegates. The Steward and Gatekeeper set up tables for the extra copies and members would each get their own as reprints became available.

Audit & Budget Committee

Chairman Gary Abreim reporting

2017-034 Budget Submission at Annual Session

Committee report is favorable as written. It was moved by Jerry Allen to accept the committee report. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Salute to Veterans – by Katie Squire, State Lecturer.

Katie Squire commenced the State Grange Salute to Veterans. Paul Hyland, Rosedale Grange, veteran, spoke about his experience at the Saratoga Warhorse program in South Carolina, and how much it has helped him.

Brother Paul also said that every 22 minutes a veteran commits suicide. There have been 600 veterans go through the Saratoga Warhorse program and none have committed suicide. He encouraged the Grangers to continue to reach out to Veterans to help them.

All the Veterans present were asked to assemble. The Assistant Stewards escorted them to the Master's Station where Sister Squire presented them with a pin to commemorate their service. The First Lady, Cynthia Komski was asked to pin them on. Each veteran gave their branch and years of service.

Grange Insurance Association

Tom McKern, President of the Board of Directors of the Grange Insurance Association, was escorted to the Master's station. Brother Tom told us about himself and his family's involvement in agriculture, and the Grange. He is a 60-year member of the Grange. Brother Tom represents the Grange Insurance Association and they continue to help the Grange as much as possible. They had to discontinue some lines of business, which included their Commercial lines of insurance. This affected the Grange Hall coverage they had been providing. Grange Insurance still supports the contract of supportive membership with the National Grange, but it will be reducing. He wished the members good luck with the session and he and his wife Carolyn will be enjoying some of the local viticulture in the area.

Brother Tom was given a gift of a California State Grange barbecue apron to remember his visit. Master Komski thanked Brother Tom for the patience Grange Insurance Association had during the difficult and legal issues with California. The GIA funds that were held gave us our start and provided the seed money to get us back on our feet. Brother Ed also said

that the California State Grange has to become self-sufficient because the supportive membership monies will not be around forever. We have to learn to stand on our own and not use those funds for operational expenses. Brother Tom was escorted from the Master's station with thanks from the membership.
Resolution Committee Reports

Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development

Joseph Stefenoni, Vice-Chair reporting

2017-012R. California state Grange Repeals 1940-150 Historical Policy

Committee report is favorable. Rich Saxe moved to adopt committee report. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report of the committee adopted. Resolution adopted.

2017-031 Grange Mission statement

Committee report is favorable as amended. Moved by Betty Ann Beringer-Rehm to accept the committee report. Seconded. Motion by Tereza Coraggio to amend the resolution back to the original resolution. Seconded. Discussion. Reason given for amendment by committee was to develop a sound statement from the Granges as a whole. Vote taken. Motion on the amendment lost.

Resolution favorable as amended by the committee is on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report is adopted. Resolution adopted as amended.

Break for lunch –
Reconvene at 12:55 hrs.

It was announced that Lauren Linkemyer, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, is handing off delegate duty to Sherry Lee Bryan, Master, who had just arrived. Worthy Master Kowski advised this was done with permission and is a one-time switch. No objections raised by the Delegates. Sherry Lee Bryan is now the delegate for Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange for the balance of the Session.

Labor, Judiciary & Transportation Committee

Tereza Coraggio, Chairman, reporting

Resolution 2017-008 Suspended Driver License

Committee report is favorable as amended. It was moved to accept the committee report as amended. Seconded. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted as amended.

2017-010 -- ID Theft and Medicare ID Cards

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason: it was determined that this is already in process, but implementation is being delayed because of the Bureaucratic Gods. It was moved to accept the committee report. Seconded. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

Education and Health Committee

Jan Saxton, Chairman, Reporting

2017-007 – Student Loan Forgiveness for Farmers

Amended by Committee. Per Master Kowski, amendments appear to change the intent of the resolution. Master Kowski sent the resolution back to committee to review.

Education and Health

Marilla Peters reporting

2017-029 – Grange Support for Universal Access to Health Care for all Californians through CA Senate Bill #562

Committee report is favorable. Moved by Rich Saxe to adopt the committee report. Seconded. Debate. Motion by Joseph Stefenoni to refer back to committee for additional work. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution back to committee.

Master Kowski announced the edits to the Revised Agriculture & Water Policy to the delegates for review.

Agriculture and Water Committee

Michael Evenson, Chairman, reporting

2017-016R – Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative

Committee report is favorable as amended. Motion by Katie Squire to adopt the committee report. Seconded. Motion Carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2017-023R Crop Insurance - Farm Bill

Committee report is favorable. Motion and second to accept committee report. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2017-028R – Whole Farm Revenue Protection program

Favorable as amended. Motion to approve the report. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2017-030R – National Organic Program

Favorable as amended. Motion to approve the report. Seconded. Question as to funding and how much a 25% increase would be. There is \$9.1 million in the current funding, asking for a 25% increase. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2017-013R – Beginning Farmers and Ranchers

Committee report favorable as amended. Current funding is \$17 mil. Motion to accept the committee report. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2017-015R – National Organic Certification

Favorable as amended. Motion to adopt report. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

Michael Evenson thanked the Convention delegates for taking the stance to adopt these resolutions and take them on to the National Grange.

Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development

Joe Stefenoni, Vice-Chair, reporting

2017-024 Financial Divestment

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason: The Committee did not find this fiscally responsible and a 30-day timeline is not feasible. We cannot control where the banks invest their capital. Motion to approve committee report. Seconded. Discussion.

Motion by Tereza to substitute the resolution for the committee's report. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Division of the house called. Standing count taken by the Assistant Stewards.

Results of vote: Yes: 19 No: 34 Substitution Fails.

Committee report of unfavorable is on the floor. Discussion. Motion for the previous question. Motion carried. Debate is closed. Vote taken. Committee report is adopted. Resolution Lost.

Our National Guest, Brother Burton Eller, Legislative Director of the National Grange was escorted to the Master's Station as the Keynote Speaker for the Convention. Brother Burton talked to the members about how the National Grange legislative process comes directly from the local Granges and works its way through the resolution process to become National policy. Many of the topics the National Grange is working need the support of the local Granges to be involved. Brother Burton emphasized how the heartland of America should not be discounted in the election process. Be involved. He also extended congratulations to all of the California Grange members on coming through the Valley of Death and into the other side to new and better things. Brother Burton was thanked for being here, and was presented a gift with thanks from the members.

Brother Komski called Overseer, Josh Harper, to take his station. Brother Harper presiding.

It was moved by Bill Booth, Wyandotte Grange, that the State Master will appoint a committee to review and formulate resolutions regarding oil pipelines and oil transport. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Citizenship and Taxation

Lucette Moramarco, Chairman, reporting.

2017-017R -- Use of Eminent Domain for Pipelines Transporting Fossil Fuels

Committee report is favorable as amended. Moved to accept. Seconded. Discussion. Jerry Allen moved to amend the text to add the second resolved into the third

resolved to clarify what is being referred to the National Grange for action. Seconded. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Amended resolution on the floor with favorable committee report. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

2017-020R – California Primary

Favorable as amended. Amended report. Motion by Joe Stefenoni to amend. Seconded. Motion carried. Resolution as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Committee report as amended adopted. Resolution adopted.

Labor, Judiciary & Transportation

Erica Kroesen reporting.

2017-021 – Agricultural Worker Protection Act of 2017

Transferred from the Agriculture and Water committee.

Committee report is favorable as amended. Joseph Stefenoni moved to amend the resolve to strike "Follow the National Grange and". Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended on the floor.

Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

Master Kowski returned and is presiding.

2017-027 Sanctuary State

Committee report is favorable as amended. Master Kowski advised the amendments appeared to change the intent of the resolution. Requesting a review of procedure. Resolution on hold for now.

Conservation Committee

Randy Turnquist, Chairman, reporting.

2017-037 – Planting Trees.

Committee report is favorable. Moved to accept. Seconded. Discussion. Motion made to re-commit to the committee. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution sent back to committee

Master Kowski announced upon review, resolution 2017-027, will be called out of order. This violates Federal law and we cannot have policy violating federal law. Resolution is removed from the floor for consideration.

2017-025 – Global Warming

Committee Report is favorable as amended. Moved to accept the report of the committee. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion Carried. Committee report Adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2017-022 Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative

Committee report is favorable. Motion made to accept the report of the committee. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution Adopted

Raffle prizes drawn

Grange Law Grange Growth & Development

Joe Stefenoni, Vice-Chair, reporting.

2017-033 – American Sign Language Education

Committee report favorable as amended. Moved and seconded to accept the committee report. Vote taken. Motion carried. The Worthy Lecturer voted no... 😊

2017-036 Custodial Accounts

Committee report is favorable as amended. Joseph gave background on the information in the National Digest. Moved to approve the committee report. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

All Grange Law resolutions are complete. The Policy Statement is ready to go to the Committee and the Final report needs to be written.

Labor, Judiciary, and Transportation

Tereza Coraggio, Chairman, reporting.

2017-039 – Grange Support of Passenger Rail.

Committee report is favorable. Motion to approve. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

2017-040 – Upstate Passenger Rail

Committee report is favorable. Motion to approve. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Resolution adopted.

Education and Health. –

Jan Saxton advised the committee is waiting for 2017-007 and 2017-029 to be completed.

Agriculture and Water Policy –

Michael Evenson, Chairman, reporting. Moved to accept the policy as presented. Seconded. No discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted. Policy adopted.

Citizenship & Taxation policy.

Lucette Moramarco, Chairman, reporting.

Motion made to approve the policy as presented. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted. Policy adopted.

Lucette thanked the committee for their work.

Tacy Currey, Youth Fair Director, gave a presentation on the Youth Fair program in California. She helped the members understand how working with animals and showing in the Fair can really change young people.

Agriculture & Water

Michael Evenson, Chairman, reporting.

2017-018R - Specialty Crop Research Initiative

Committee report is favorable as amended. Motion to approve the committee report. Seconded. Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Labor, Judiciary & Transportation Policy

Tereza Coraggio, Chairman, reporting

Moved and seconded to accept policy as presented. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Policy adopted.

Audit & Budget Policy

Gary Abreim, Chairman, reporting.

Policy was presented for consideration. Motion to approve policy as presented. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Policy adopted.

The committee was thanked for their service.

Education & Health

Jan Saxton, Chairman, reporting

2017-007R - Student Loan Forgiveness for Farmers

Committee recommendation is favorable as amended. Motion made to approve the committee report.

Motion to amend the resolution to on Line 20 and 25 Strike the word "farmers" and replace with the word "people". Seconded. Discussion. Vote on the amendment. Motion failed. Resolution as originally presented on the floor for discussion.

Martha Stefenoni moved to amend to broaden the title to "Agriculturalists" and Line 20 and Line 25 to "Agriculturalists". Seconded. Vote taken. Motion to amend lost. Amendment rejected.

Resolution as presented on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

2017-029R Grange Support for Universal Access to Health Care for all Californians through CA Senate Bill #562

Committee report is favorable as amended. Motion to adopt the report of the committee. Seconded. Discussion.

It was moved to amend to strike "and with all means necessary to ensure" and add "for". Seconded. Vote taken. Amendment carried.

Resolution on the floor as amended. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

Grange Growth & Development Policy on the floor

Joe Stefenoni, Vice-Chair reporting.

Motion made to adopt the policy as presented. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Policy adopted.

Joseph thanked the Grange Law/Grange Growth & Development Committee. Kim Hoel, Rob Munderloh, Dwight Winegar, and Bill Booth, Chairman. Joseph thanked Brother Bill for the opportunity to present the resolutions at this session and for being his mentor.

It was reported the Education Policy needs to be printed for distribution.

Autumn Leaves - Ukiah

Bob Canclini reporting. Board members have to be Grange members. Ukiah Autumn Leaves is undergoing window replacement throughout the complex. The Board took a loan against their capital improvement fund in order to maintain a healthy capital balance. Half of the windows have been replaced and the other half are in process.

Autumn Leaves – Vacaville

Rosemary Hansen reporting. Rosemary has been on the board for several years. In 2017 Rosemary received the Board Member of the Year for the entire association at the recent Long Beach Conference. Board members in Vacaville Autumn Leaves are all required to be Grange members.

There being no further business for the day, Master Ed declared a recess for the purpose of conferring the Fifth and Sixth Degrees after dinner.

The Bible was closed on the Altar by the Assistant Stewards.

Dinner Break

The Fifth Degree was conferred by the Youth and Young Adults of the California State Grange. LoRee Lampke, Captain.

The Sixth Degree was conferred by the Officers of the California State Grange. Master Ed Komski presiding.

The Third Day of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange was closed in regular form.

The brothers & sisters in attendance were invited to the Feast of Pomona & Flora. A delicious buffet of desserts was enjoyed by all.

DAY 4

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE 142nd Annual Session, Santa Rosa, Sonoma County Fairgrounds June 25, 2017

The fourth day of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange, opened in the Fourth Degree by the State officers. The flag was presented by the Worthy Ceres, Ruthie King, accompanied by the Assistant Stewards.

The meeting was called to order by the Worthy Master, Ed Kowski.

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

Journal of Day 3.

The minutes of Day 3 of the State Session were read by Worthy Secretary, Lillian Booth. Bob Clouse moved the minutes be approved as read. Motion seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Journal approved.

During the meeting the last corrected resolutions and policy statements were printed and distributed to the Delegates. Because these were rewritten resolutions, the time mandate does not apply to wait for action.

Master Ed Kowski announced the working Legislative/Resolution Committees to serve from June 2017 to the end of the State Session in 2018.

Agriculture & Water Committee Chairman:
Vince Scholten, Sonoma County

Audit & Budget Chairman:
Gary Abreim, Sonoma County

Citizenship & Taxation Chairman
Ann Larson, Kings County

Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Chairman
Joseph Stefenoni, Sonoma County

Labor & Judiciary, and Transportation Chairman
Tereza Coraggio, Santa Clara County

Worthy Master Ed Kowski presented "Grange Builder" certificates to 28 Subordinate/Community Granges who had a net gain in the calendar year 2016.

Granges celebrating anniversaries of years of continuous service were presented certificates including 100 years of service to Redwood Valley Grange. Recognitions will appear in the Journal of Proceedings.

Master Ed "called out" Sister Lillian to the center of the floor. On behalf of the State Grange Officers and members of the Granges, he presented a card and gift to Sister Lillian for her work at the Convention and throughout the year. (She cried – again).

Martha Stefenoni requested a moment of personal privilege. She approached the Master's Station and presented Master Ed and First Lady Cynthia with a gift from the members of the California State Grange as a thank you for the time, effort, blood, sweat, and probably tears, given to the Grange this past year. Sister Martha conveyed the thanks of each member of the Grange in California.

Conservation Committee

Randy Turnquist, Chairman, Reporting

Resolution 2017-0037 – Planting Trees

Committee report is favorable as amended. Motion to accept the committee report. Seconded.

It was moved by Leroy Squire, Kings County Pomona Grange, to add "Appropriate species when planting or replanting" on line 19, after "the same after species." Motion Seconded. Vote taken on the amendment. Amendment carried. Resolution as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

Installation of Officers.

Worthy Master, Ed Komski, with the aid of the Assistant Stewards, installed Erica Kroesen, Little Lake Grange, to the office of Executive Committee 3 year of the California State Grange.

Sister Betty-Ann Beringer Rehm asked for personal privilege. She passed the hat for the Talent Show winner, Josh Harper. This netted \$111. With the previous amount collected this brought the amount to \$306. Motion by Betty-Ann to have the California State Grange match the amount up to \$306 for the talent winner's travel and expenses. Motion seconded. Vote Taken. Motion carried.

Conservation Committee Legislative Policy.

Randy Turnquist, Chairman

It was moved to approve the Legislative Policy as presented. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Policy accepted. Randy had already given his final report. The Committee was thanked for their service.

Linda MacCracken, Master of Rio Linda Grange, announced the Rio Linda Grange gave \$100 to the Talent winner to attend National Session. She is challenging all of the other Granges to donate the same. Monies will be matched by the State Grange.

Resolution of Appreciation.

Martha Stefenoni authored the resolution this year and presented it to the delegates for consideration.

It was moved to accept the resolution as presented and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried unanimously. Resolution adopted and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Master Kowski asked the first-year attendees to stand. He recognized them for attending and being involved in the process of the Convention/Annual Session and encouraged them to return home to invite others to attend next year.

Raffle prizes were drawn and awarded. Thank you to all of the Granges who donated. \$270+ was raised for the Youth/Junior funds.

Memorial Service

Barbara Geiger, State Grange Chaplain, gave her memorial service. "Miss Me But Let Me Go". She recognized several long-time members who have earned their blessing, "Well done good and faithful servant".

Master Ed thanked Sister Barbara for the beautiful recognition of our members who have gone on. He also said that we need to honor the living for their service to the Grange. He then asked Sister Geiger to do one more thing – he asked her to lead a prayer for the Honorable Bill Booth, Past Master of the California State Grange who has been fighting cancer this last year. Sister Barbara led the delegates in asking for a special blessing on Brother Bill for healing and strength and for all members and their families who are touched by this.

There being no further business before this Delegation, the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange was closed in the 4th Degree.

The closing song, "God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again" was sung by all of the members in a Patrons Chain around the altar.

The final day of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange was declared closed with one rap of the gavel by Master Ed Kowski.

'Til we meet again in a future time and place.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

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June 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Congratulations to the members of the California State Grange for holding your 142nd Annual Session! It's a wonderful time to have fun with friends while hearing reports of the last year and setting the legislative policies for the coming year.

National Grange's focus this year is publicity. We have already been successful in having numerous articles and op-eds published and radio and video interviews across the country. Our PBS video, "Spotlight On the Grange," was released in October and in the first three months aired 868 times in 47% of all U.S. television households. The video is available on the National Grange website or on DVD by request from the National office. Other Grange videos are also in progress in Vermont and Maine.

Our new magazine, "Good Day!" premiered in February. I hope all Grange families have subscribed! You can subscribe online or by calling the National office. I hope we have your email address so you are receiving all the news – the Patrons' Chain, the Legislative Updates, Lecturer's programs, and Sales and Benefits news. Every Granger is part of the team and we want you to be informed and included.

We are gearing up for our 151st Annual Session this November 7-11 in Spokane. Registration is open on the website— the Western Region is hosting so I'm sure you will want to be there. It won't be back in the west for five more years!

Thank you all for your dedicated work in California to advance the Grange. During this 150th year of National Grange in 2017, we remember the rich heritage and amazing accomplishments of our ancestors as they joined together in the Grange. Ours is the best organization in the world and we want to share it with everyone so we can continue the Grange legacy for many years into the future.

I encourage each of you to share your wisdom, enthusiasm, and humor during your State convention. The more you put into your Grange, the more you will get out of it. Our Grange is poised for great success and each one of you will play an important part in our future. Best wishes for a successful State Session!

Fraternally,

Betsy E. Huber, Master

STATE MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brothers and Sisters,

When I say something, and you've heard it before, it is said for a purpose.

When we started as the California State Grange, we didn't have a typewriter. We didn't have a pen. We didn't even have a pad of paper or a pen. I remember at the first Session after we re-organized, we had grown men crying because they thought they would never see a State Grange Session again.

At the second Session, Jerry Allen & Lillian Booth hosted a coming together with some very strong emotions and apologies exchanged. Yesterday, there was a continuation of that coming together.

One thing that has driven me to understand the Grange is passion. Many people have passion in the Grange. And sometimes passion gets complicated. I've heard words coming out of people about others that were very strong. The bottom line is this: there are people here who probably thought they would never be in a Grange meeting ever again. We need to take a look at one another and understand people get lost in passion.

You have to do the moral and ethical thing. If you have attended any type of service of value, in my case, a Christian value - not professing a religion now -- but, we all have values. That's what makes us wake up in the morning. I look at that as a substantial part of who I am and why I do what I do.

You may not agree with everything I and the Board do, but you are welcome to approach and ask why. I will answer. Some answers may come very direct. If you believe who I am by the emails I write, I am a monster, have horns and maybe even web feet. In some circles I am known as a monster. I am not that .and the State Grange is not that. But we had to get our foundation strong. And I will tell you the results speak for themselves. 28 Granges with net gains. 7 new charters. Why? Because people like to hang out with winners. Winners means many things to different people. When you have integrity, you stand behind people with integrity. Incredible passionate deep feeling within ourselves. That's how I feel. I am deeply rewarded by all the contributions and participation and all your very blunt conversations. Some of you I've had very heated blunt conversations. That's at the end of the day is called Fraternity. Today I thought of the Masonic roots. I'm not a mason, my dad was not a mason. I've learned of masonry from my participation in the Grange. I go back and watch the PBS Specials, I'm not a historian but this = Masonic order paid for the knights Templar, but there is a myth. I thought of the three Musketeers. Isn't it true all for one and one for all. That is what is really. When you need things. Wednesday, we called out for ropes, saws, and somebody next year bring an extension ladder. But

almost everything came out of the back of cars, trucks. When you need something, people are there. When the Lee Geiger's don't show up, there's a void. When the Johnny Squires aren't here, there's a void. That's what fraternity is about.

We lost our way decades – decades – ago. Somehow it got away from Fraternity and true values and go to be about a real ugly “P” word -- Property. The purpose our forefathers built the Grange to do– to gather to meet, be important to community etc. -- was somehow being swept out from under our feet. An analogy to illustrate this is the airline industry. United and Southwest airlines own a lot of jets. Are they in the jet business? No – they are in the people moving business. If you want to go from Point A to Point B in the shortest way, you fly. If you cannibalize jets, want to reduce your fleet, you still have to move people from Point A to Point B. The value of a Grange facility in any community is our vessel. It has more value to the California State Grange than anyone or anything. That's where we put butts in seats. What's the mission of the Grange? Not to move from Point A to Point B, it is getting from idea to execution within the community.

Bill & Lillian made the theme of “Moving Forward” this year. One of things I fight all the time, and I'm creative -- I couldn't answer the question What is the Grange? And I figured out why – it's complex. If you don't believe that, please tell me the answer to this because I haven't figured it out. I can go through the roll call and ask every Grange for a word and what are you about. I will get crafts, talent, dancing, community service, advocacy, a radio show. It is insane the spectrum the Grange is all about.

I thought. “I need a tool. I need a tool on how to answer that question”. And the tool -- as complex as it may look -- is as simple as I can make it. It is the logo. I saw this in a different format for another business and deleted all those words. Then, taking Bill & Lillian's idea of Moving Forward, I asked myself “What does that mean? What can I cling to when someone asks that question?” I made a tool because I truly believe in it that much. So much that when you look at your bag, your binder, you can look at the words and understand how to answer: “What is the Grange?”.

Activities: it is insane how diverse the activities are in the Grange. This might be the only time in our career, someone standing in line at the Grocery store looks at your bag and asks “Activities – what activities does your Grange do?”. Which leads to this question -- What kind of activities do you see your Grange doing in the future?

Advocacy: Some Granges have a real drive and depth for advocacy. I've had some conversation with members that I want to make sure you all hear. Advocacy starts at your Grange. You are the heartbeat of your community. The California State Grange is there for you to take a local issue and take it to a State level. If Mendocino County has a no GMO food topic. If they feel so strongly, then they can take it to the State level. It is not my decision what issues are of importance to the members of the California State Grange. It is

your decision whether to pass such a resolution. At that point, it is the State to say this is where we're at. If I personally may not like it – that doesn't matter. These are your marching orders to me.

Benefit: Anything you do is for a benefit. There's only one reason you woke up this morning to see what this day is going to offer you. If you lose the drive for the benefit, it is disastrous. You have to explore this with your Grange -what benefits do you see? It can be a very deep question. Tacy Currey, I'm looking at you. For Dixon Grange, it is the excitement the Fair Program brings to the community. The energy the Grange flows into Cal Expo with 20% of the entries -- that is benefit. There is benefit to raising funds for facility to a benefit to the community.

Charity: Many people became involved and raised funds for fire victims and to meet the needs of the community

Creativity: Is used with all of these. Grangers creatively put together resolutions for advocacy and activity in your community.

Dynamic: Some Granges are very dynamic in their communities. Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, Aromas Grange, Redwood Valley Grange, come to mind. Dynamic, to me, means a bite, a drive to be involved for their community. The dynamics drive the membership. People want to hang out with winners. Grange has all the right ingredients.

Entertain: Redwood Valley Grange had numerous acts at their 150th Anniversary party, coming off and on the stage. Not every Hall has a Stage. Not every Grange has a Hall Juggle, Dance, even play accordion. – sometimes that's considered entertaining.

Faith: is a nuclear word. What does that mean? I choose not to define what faith is. Except that it ties to getting up in the morning for a benefit. If you have faith in something it drives the benefit. It motivates you.

Fidelity: It is a mantra. We must have fidelity in Grange, including interaction amongst ourselves.

Fraternity: is a massive word. It's about people the other "P" word, not the "P" for Property. Property should never be part of why we work, people are. We are shepherds. Our responsibility is to our little toddler member who was carrying around a feather yesterday showing everyone. I want to make sure the property stays for her generation and beyond. Property is only a vessel for doing good. However, that good is defined by the people in your Grange. I don't know what you are into all the time. I try to get your names right, I try to talk about your expertise. I try to get to know you. If you are a bio-chemist, do you really want to be on the Grange Law Committee? I called Jeff Box and Glen from

Redwood Valley. I asked what do you do? Jeff works in the field so Labor & Judiciary Committee is a good fit for him. Glen is a teacher. That was easy, expertise on Education and Health.

The members have a big election in 2018. Everyone except the Board positions are open. If you want to know some of the faults of the past, you may not have known who you were electing. #1 – no one is to actually go out and campaign. #2 -- know who you are nomination and feel good about your nomination. I am not running for a Grange office and I never have. I am not supposed to. Everyone serves at the will of the delegates. No pink wrist bands, no papers on seats. No charades. Be about passion you know and understand. You are a fraternity. All for one – you have friends. If I nominate you, it's because I know you can do the work.

Future – it's big. The future is what we want to make it.

Hope – That's the word I use first when thinking about how to run the State Grange. Granges are on the edge on good standing or not. As long as I have hope we are good. Some days, I take calls from a member who wants to return to good standing. And the same day I get 15 hate mail letters. I have to take a step back and not lose hope for this Grange. Anderson Valley Grange gave me a call and said there was hope there – would the State Grange believe in them. We did. Hope is here.

Ideas – paramount. Need ideas to succeed. Some ideas fail. Don't be afraid to fail. May have to fail in order to succeed. Take a chance. Walt Disney filed bankruptcy twice.

Manage – must have administrative management of the Grange. Secretary's reports imperative. Treasurer's report -imperative. I don't care what is in the treasury, just do it right. Cabo San Lucas I not holding the Grange symposium in August. Imperative to be transparent and come with fraternity. Nothing to hide.

Trust -- Trust your parents. When times are tough or down, there's the phone call you can make. You may not want to tell them what brought you down, but you tell them "I need you". Sometimes it's just hearing their voice. Fraternity is just a heartbeat away from that.

Good things – when Tom Sawyer hit the big 97 years old, the bells went off; the lights lit up. All good news. Tom turns 97 and everyone is celebrating. Happy Birthday Tom! Applause.

Mission – Doesn't have to be a Grange mission. It can be a program mission or a committee mission. Someone yesterday didn't want to tell someone an idea they tried before because that won't work. Remember, there are people who do things better than us; who have a different tool box with different types of goals. Let them run. Let them try. If

they succeed, then celebrate. If they fail, we support them. Analyze it. What worked, what didn't. It can be better the next time.

Motivating – Your Grange needs to talk about marketing and promotion. Maybe it's a poster in the grocery store. Maybe it's a door-to-door campaign. Invite your neighbors to pancake breakfast. Hand them a ticket. Do you know how hard it is to say no to a free breakfast?

Performance – ties to Motivating and to Benefit. Know what people do. Someone is a teacher and can do some educational seminars in your Grange. You do the format and a member with the expertise can teach the class.

Collaboration -- Figure out what people do and tap into talent. It becomes motivation. It becomes success.

Perseverance – ties into these words. Try, try, try again. Don't continue try to change the outcome if you don't try to change what you are putting into it. If you keep bouncing off the wall, try something else. Use a chair or someone else.

Plan – Have a plan for your Grange. You need a budget your Grange. Make sure you have a recipe for success. This is very, very important. The California State Grange just wrestled with the budget. We had a wakeup call. We have to make sure we stay within the white lines. There is a lot going on. With growth comes bills. If anyone thinks we want Grange Halls or want to sell them, it's barbaric. If the State Grange has a Hall, there are many responsibilities – liability insurance, property taxes, utilities and more. We do not have an option to sell. We have to take care of them. I currently have bills in my briefcase of approximately \$3,000 for property taxes owing on Grange Hall. Some of the halls have trees grown inside of them. The hope is to somehow get these cleared off and not have the liability. Nice facilities are easily reorganized.

Consultant – There is a puzzle as a business and we need a solution. The puzzle is solvable. The biggest problem is using negativity to look at a situation. Look at your Grange as a puzzle and that is dimensional – inside, outside. You may see it as a negative now. What is it going to take to raise the money for \$2,000 for insurance? Let's be real. It went from \$600 to \$2000. Strategically create a plan to come up with the answer. Plan for success. A strategically motivated to plan for success.

Team – must operate a team. When you drape a charter, stand and recognize the fallen member of your team. It's a team effort to recognize each other. It's a team effort to march together. By the way, we killed it today. I got a text message from the Band Director of USC Trojan Marching Band saying they want that diagram for the march.

Traditions: There are many in this room who will never give up the Grange. For those of you who sat with Joseph in his Ritual presentation, that's what I mean by tradition. There's much missing from the millennial generation and they want to know about it. That's what drives so many in the Grange. It's what drives me. I want to know about the traditions. Ritual, you can look at it any way you want. If you understand what's really going on - that's deep. Give your mind opportunities to know why it is so deep. Think about 1873. What did they light the hall with? Candles. Do you know how far they could see in a dark room with candles only? Probably only the distance to the stations. They didn't have internet or newspapers with old news. They knew people in their community. Being attacked by corporates and railroads. They wanted to make sure people entering the room were friends. Marching? To see each other. In one of the degrees you will see it in the dark. Think about 1867 and 1873 – you embrace that. Bottom line is the romance.

Value: What value type of benefit do you want and need in your soul to be a Granger? Do you have that? Do you find value? If you don't find value, then there is no reason to do this.

Volunteer – the Big V word. You volunteer your time. You purchase a special Bible for the Grange. You attend Board Meetings. It's in our soul. We don't give ourselves a pat on the back for that. And we recognize our volunteers.

With that, we've gone through all the words about Moving Forward. If someone asks you about the Grange, you can solve the puzzle and take that and expound on it. I now have a tool to say what the Grange is. My answer is "It's complex unless you look at this poster.

I want to thank all for letting me serve as president. My Board of Directors. Every individual member for putting up with a very tough road. Thankfully, you wore your combat boots in many ways. But I want you to put away the combat boots and put on your jogging tennis shoes. The past is pretty much done. The future – get ready to sprint. You don't get 28 Granges with net gains because you sit on your heels and do the same old stuff. That's not the Grange way.

Thank you for surviving. Thank you for moving forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Komski, Master
California State Grange.

STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Brothers & Sisters,

It is my pleasure to report to you as the Secretary of the California State Grange.

The State Grange is moving forward. We are using better procedures to streamline the services the State Grange provides to the members.

Technology:

There is more technology used by the State Grange now than there has been before. here than in some offices.

However, communications have been designed into the State Grange system to make sure there is a connection for those Secretaries who do not have internet access or even a computer to the Grange Secretary who is adept and can even program/troubleshoot computer systems. Your State Grange must be able to communicate on all levels.

Membership Database

The membership database is an integrated database in that is used as an electronic file cabinet for membership and the Granges. It has been designed by Bill Booth. There are, at minimum, 300 different reports. The reports are statistical, demographic, membership and lists, like the Credential list for this Convention.

Confidentiality –

The data of the State Grange is confidential. At this time, only two people have the password to the email list. Master Ed and me. For confidentiality reasons, we are not releasing lists of contacts. If you want to be in touch with another Grange, or Granges, let me know. I will help you facilitate contact. If you are having a Grange party and want to invite Granges around, send me the information and I will help.

Corporate Status

The database enables us to help Granges keep track of their Corporate filings and tax reminders. We are in the process of creating a State Grange Master File as a repository of important documents for your Grange. These include the By-Laws, Articles of Incorporation, Corporate documents, etc. Some Grange secretaries have had their houses burn in wildfires – and we've not been able to help them from our current records.

There are currently over 3,800 members in California. There are more Junior 1+ members, age 5 to 14, than Gold Sheaf members having 50 years of continuous service to the Grange. Our membership is getting younger and the Fair Program is playing a big part in that.

Quarterly report acknowledgements

After a Grange sends in their quarterly report, the Masters AND Secretaries will receive an acknowledgement of what was sent. It is necessary to communicate that information with both officers of your Grange

Journals of Proceedings

The Journals are our Historical Information. It is our Grange story of who we are and what we did. We currently do not have access to the full history. In our family, our personal collection of Journals dates to 1955, which we have made available to the Grange. The Squire and Stefenoni family have also made their collections available to the State Grange.

At this session, Little Lake Grange is donating the collection of Grange Journals and history they received from Brother Bruce Brunnell. Many of you may remember Bruce, past State Officer and Deputy. Erica Kroesen and members have made this collection, some of it back to the 1890's, available to the California State Grange. This also includes the handwritten log of the Traveling gavel from 1941 to 1949.

Communication with Grange

Every effort is made to communicate with the Granges. What do you need? When do you need it? How can we help? At the State Grange, we know that every member has a story that is important to the Grange. Share your stories and communicate with each other.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Grange Session. My thanks to my husband Bill for his volunteering to develop the database and website for the State Grange. And for his love for me and his family. Thank you to our daughters – Amanda who is my tech person if Bill can't figure it out – LoRee – who is the best shadow and helper anyone could ever have – and our sweet KayLynn who holds all of us together.

Respectfully submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

STATE TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

California State Grange 2016 Profit and Loss Comparison Budget to Actual & 2017 Profit and Loss Budget (Cash Basis)

	Year Ended 12-31-16				2017	
	Actual	Budget	Variance	Notes	Budget	Notes
INCOME						
GIA Fees	118,109	118,109	-	2	96,249	2 & 9
Membership Dues	91,959	83,513	8,446	1	99,441	13 & 16
Other Income	2,785	1,100	1,685		5,913	11 & 12
Total Income	212,852	202,722	10,130		201,603	
EXPENSES						
Dues to National Grange	36,729	46,141	(9,412)	3	47,231	16
Legal Fees	30,956	45,067	(14,111)	4	21,746	4 & 11
Audit	1,530	15,680	(14,150)	5	2,200	5 & 14
Officers Compensation	55,000	55,200	(200)		54,000	
Payroll Related Expenses	6,580	7,031	(451)		6,384	
Travel & Meetings	35,966	24,331	11,634	6	21,344	
Related to Purpose	24,675	24,783	(108)		36,719	19
Insurance	1,194	1,875	(681)		4,946	17
Grange Hall Maintenance	1,424	4,500	(3,076)	7	5,691	18
Other Operating Expenses	5,665	3,097	2,568	8	4,123	
Total Expenses	199,717	227,704	(27,987)		204,385	
Net Income (Loss)	13,135	(24,982)	38,117		(2,782)	
Cash Balance 12-31-16					17,078	
Cash Balance 12-31-17 - Projected					14,295	

Notes to 2016 Actual v Budget Comparison

- 1 2016 budget based on # of members as of 6-30-16. More members returned to good standing in 3rd & 4th qtr 2016.
- 2 GIA fees are set annually and paid quarterly.
- 3 3rd qtr dues not paid until 2017
- 4 Payment of legal function of available cash flow.
- 5 Audit requirement satisfied with current 2016 audit
- 6 Travel higher due to more frequent court meetings & visiting Granges. Board travel was rotated and higher than anticipated.
- 7 Expenses for vacated halls less than anticipated.
- 8 CSG engaged reception service & incurred telephone and other expenses with recovery of Sacramento office phone lines.

Notes to 2017 Budget

- 9 Grange GIA participation has been declining
- 10 Assume no conclusion of legal conflict in 2017 that would result in merging/acquisition of assets and liabilities held by Guild.
- 11 No provision for any recoveries of legal expenses or court awards
- 12 UC Davis rent of \$10,848/mo is being held in a court ordered escrow account. Certain property expenses are paid from this account. These amounts began to accumulate in May 2016. Amounts not reflected in financial statements since timing of release is uncertain. Total amount held as of 6-14-17 \$92,903.
- 13 Membership dues based on 3,814 members as of 6-6-17. No provision for additional increases in 2017 for Granges getting back in good standing nor any provision for the collection of past dues.
- 14 Includes provision for \$2,200 audit fee for 2016 audit.
- 15 Custodial funds held at 5-31-17:

Clovis Sanger Fowler	95,000
San Juan Pomona	11,929
Tulelake	368
Rosedale	12,400
East Palo Alto	7,370
Interest Earned	83
	<u>127,150</u>
Bond - loan from Clovis	<u>10,000</u>

16 Membership Dues - Annualized

		CSG		NG	
Current Membership 6-6-17					
Fraternal	2997	30	89,910	14	41,958
Gold Sheaf After 2001	143	14	2,002	14	2,002
Associate	21	30	630	14	294
Family	131	60	7,860	28	3,668
Family Members	431				
Junior	178				
Gold Sheaf Before 2001	44				
Total Members	<u>3814</u>				
Annualized			<u>100,402</u>		<u>47,922</u>
			CSG		NG
Quarterly dues			25,101		11,981
Dues collected month after qtr		75%	18,825		
Dues collected 2nd mo after qtr		25%	6,275		
Outstanding dues for prior qtrs as of 5/31		Est	3,000		
Quarterly dues			7.50		3.50

- 17 2017 includes both workmens compensation and general liability coverage.
- 18 CSG is currently paying property and other related expenses for 4 Grange Halls. Provision made for possible increases for 2017.
- 19 2017 includes Western Regionals being hosted in California. 2017 annual session is being held at a non Grange facility resulting in additional costs.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE June 23, 2016 Rancho Cordova, California

On June 23, 2016 at 9:10 p.m., at the Rancho Cordova Marriott, the Board of Directors met in closed Session for a legal update.

Members attending were, Ed Kowski, Master/President; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Bud Hill, Treasurer, Inger Bevans, Bob Clouse & Johnny Squire, Executive Committee members.

No action was taken at this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE June 26, 2016 Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale, CA

The Board of Directors of the California State Grange met on June 26, 2016 immediately after the close of the 141st Annual Session, approximately 1:30 p.m.

Members attending were: Ed Kowski, Master/President; Joshua Harper, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Gary Abreim, Treasurer; Executive Committee members Bob Clouse, 3 years; and Inger Bevans, 2 years. Jerry Allen, Executive Committee member 1 year, was absent due to prior commitment. Jerry will be installed at the next Sebastopol Grange meeting.

Visitors were Martha Stefenoni, Community Service Chairman and Joseph Stefenoni.

Discussion regarding authorized signatures on the bank accounts. Gary Abreim, Treasurer, will be added as a fourth check signer for the bank accounts. Other authorized signatures are Ed Kowski, Lillian Booth, and Bob Clouse.

Worthy Secretary will produce a draft procedure for processing the bills and accounts for the Secretary and Treasurer.

Brother Ed advised that there will be Articles of Incorporation filed for the separate name of California State Grange Inc.

Rosedale Grange:

Per written request received from Rosedale Grange, it was moved by Clouse to use no more than \$650.00 to cover their costs for attending the State Session, to be taken from the Custodial Account. Seconded by Harper. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Clouse & Bevans. Nay: none.

Sonoma Pomona Grange:

Sonoma Pomona Grange is requesting a loan of \$1,500 to cover their frozen accounts. There will need to be loan documents made with a guarantee against the bank account. It was moved by Clouse to loan \$1,500 to Sonoma Pomona Grange at 2% interest, with collateral of the bank account. Seconded by Booth. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Clouse and Bevans. Nay: none.

Closed Session called at 2:00 pm to update on legal issues. Brother Joseph & Sister Martha were excused at this time.

Open Session was called at 2:25 pm. Brother Joseph & Sister Martha returned to the meeting.

No action taken by the Board during the closed session.

It was requested the Secretary send out the minutes of the third day of the Annual Session to the Board for Approval. Request accepted by the Board.

Joseph Stefenoni reported that Fairfield Grange has 13-15 people who want to reorganize the Grange there. Rio Vista currently has 10 people. Cherry Valley has made contact for interest in the Grange. Joseph may need to travel there and will propose that to the Board later if plans proceed.

Rich Saxe joined the meeting to request the Board produce and sell T-Shirts for the 2017 Annual Session as a fund raiser. Brother Saxe stated he would spearhead the project and present it to the Board for consideration.

Next meeting will be in September in the San Diego County area, date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

**California State Grange
Board Meeting Minutes
September 17 & 18, 2016, Rainbow Valley Grange Hall, Fallbrook, CA**

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 09:21 am on Saturday, September 17, 2016, at the Rainbow Valley Grange Hall, Fallbrook, San Diego County. Master/President Ed Komski presiding.

1. Roll Call of officers

Roll call of officers found Ed Komski, Master/President/CEO; Josh Harper, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Gary Abreim, Treasurer; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 3 years; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee 2 years; and Jerry Allen, Executive Committee, 1 year; all present. No visitors attended this time.

2. Reading of the minutes. – State Grange Secretary Lillian Booth reporting.

Minutes of 6/23/16 Board Meeting, held prior to the Annual session were read. Motion by Clouse to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Bevans. Aye: Komski, Booth, Bevans, Clouse, Allen, and Harper. Nay: None.

Minutes of 6/26/16 Board Meeting, held immediately after the close of the Annual Session were read. Motion by Clouse to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Bevans. Aye: Komski, Booth, Bevans, Clouse, Allen, and Harper. Nay: None.

3. Financial Reports – Gary Abreim, State Grange Treasurer, reporting.

Financial Revenue and Expense reports were presented. Items were reviewed and discussed. Approval will be delayed until Sunday morning's meeting in order to further analyze reports for any further clarification.

2016 Convention expenses ran approximately \$17,000. Budget had been set at \$6,300 for expenses. Revenue was budgeted at \$5,200 – actual was \$6,000. A little over on Revenue vs. actual. Expenses were over budget. Other line items were reviewed and discussed.

The First American Title company is holding \$5,400 /month for the rental escrow funds. This will continue to accumulate until the property issues are resolved through the courts.

The legal bill for the Group Exemption has been received. Preliminary approval has been given by the IRS, waiting for the Quality Assurance review before final approval.

4. Communications

There will be a mailing out to all members asking them how they want to receive information from the California State Grange.

Contact information requests for specific Granges can be obtained by contacting the State Secretary who will facilitate the exchange of information between Grange members. This will be accomplished by the Secretary contacting the member(s) involved, obtaining their permission to release the information or not to the requesting party.

5. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans

No report at this time. She is helping those who call her for assistance.

Nonprofit has received tentative approval and is waiting for Quality Assurance. The progress thus far was accomplished by retaining Joseph Mandarino of Smith, Gambrell and Russell, LLP, a nationwide IRS tax specialist as our attorney. Mr. Mandarino has degrees in Economic and Political Science, received his Juris Doctor from the Loyola University New Orleans School of Law, and Master of Laws degree in tax law from the New York University School of Law.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Brother Bill was unable to attend the meeting. Lillian Booth reporting for him.

ID Badges

ID badges for the State officers have been made with the photograph of the officer on the badge. Badges were passed out to the officers attending the meeting today.

Mock-up of Grange Brochure for review.

A mock-up of a new Grange Brochure was passed around for the Board to view. This was a visual representation only of what could be put together. Language and content will need to be developed.

Website – email aliases

Email aliases are created for the state officers. This will forward to the officer or director's personal email. This alleviates any spam emails that might come through the website.

ESRI License

The non-profit ESRI license has been approved. There will need to be data generated from latitude and longitude for the Grange Hall locations and then mapped to the ESRI data. This will take some time for development. Eventually this will be attached to the website for location of Grange Halls throughout California.

Designing a Grange App –

Josh Harper requested the possibility of designing a Grange App for the cell phones. Questions arose from this discussion. (1) Need designer and what we want on the app. (2) Possible content would be when and location of the Grange meetings

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Katie was unable to attend the meeting.

No report. Still need the information from the Expo Convention summary on contests and winners for the Journal.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Tacy Currey was unable to attend the meeting. Ed Komski reporting.

The State Grange has obtained a blanket liability policy to insure the California State Grange against any kind of harm brought to the California State Grange through any Youth Fair participation. It does not insure the individual showman. It is double the required liability for the California Division of Food & Ag (CDFA) to acknowledge our policy is in place.

Accordingly, this policy insures the California State Grange Fair Program participants. Unless other insurance is required by a local fair, this policy does not require any additional insurance.

Background Check policy, per the By-Laws, for 2017 will be enforced and verified.

Youth Fair – Betsy Huber, National Grange Master, has had a meeting with the Pennsylvania Fair association to set the preliminary requirements for the Fair Program in Pennsylvania.

Ed Komski proposed the California State Grange purchase 10 large vests for the National Grange Session. This would be part of a promotion of the Youth Fair Program and a "Take the Vest Off My Back" challenge to start a Youth Fair Program in their State. The vest and a handbook will be given to a State Master to start the program.

It was moved by Harper to purchase 10 vests to be taken to National Session for the "Take the Vest Off My Back" challenge and donate the vest and Fair Handbook to the National Delegate accepting the challenge. Seconded by Allen. Aye: Komski, Booth, Bevans, Clouse, Allen, and Harper. Nay: None.

e. Youth Director – Christy Tatum

Christy was not able to attend the meeting. Josh Harper reporting.

California had a good turnout at the Western Leadership Conference in Oregon. Due to the interaction of the California Youth representatives at the conference, there is now an acceptance of California again and a positive change in attitude among the youth in the Region.

The current Youth/Young Adults in California are discussing a Youth Conference to start in the next year or so.

Nancy Moramarco, Past California State Grange Lecturer, Suzi Moramarco, and Lucette Moramarco, Rainbow Valley Grange, joined the meeting at this time. Nancy's birthday is today. The group sang Happy Birthday to Nancy for her 86th Birthday.

f. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

Membership of 3,451 members. There are 72 Granges in Good Standing, 5 Pomona's, and 3 Junior Granges.

Status of Granges / Grange Properties
Tulelake Grange Hall (Siskiyou County)

There was a small amount of funds placed into the Custodial Account from the closing of Tulelake Grange Hall. The exact amount of expenditures needs to be credited to that amount for maintenance and taxes. As soon as those funds are expended the California State Grange will be absorbing those expenses.

Need to place a note on the property for the reimbursement of expenses, payable to the California State Grange, for the future. The State Grange is the custodians of Tulelake

Grange Hall and property. Need to invest in reorganizing this Grange and returning it to a habitable condition. Once that is completed, need to do a local media blitz for an Open House to reorganize and promote what members can do for the community.

The State Secretary received a call from the community asking what is going to be done with the hall. There is interest in the area.

Crescent-Redwood Grange Hall

Grange Hall was viewed by Lillian while recently traveling through the area. Roof is covered by a tarp, dead tree on the property, and a pile of damaged sheetrock was outside the back door. Ed Komski assigned Josh for review.

Brother Komski appointed Overseer, Josh Harper, to start organizing a Grange Marketing Campaign, and media structure in Tulalake. Generic banner "Reorganizing This Grange – Open House". Materials produced should correspond throughout the marketing campaign.

6. Old Business

Legal Decisions – review – Ed Komski reporting.

\$144,700 in attorney's fees have been awarded to the National Grange by the Federal Court as a sanction for contempt of the court order. The Guild has 14 days to pay from September 9th

Writ of appeal by the Guild was denied by the Court without a hearing. Denial was based on the written document only.

Guild has now filed with the California Supreme Court the same appeal.

a. Grange Legislative Policy Handbook - Status – Lillian Booth reporting.
This is still pending.

b. Journal of Proceeding – Status update – Lillian Booth reporting
Will attempt to have draft completed by September 26th

c. Review of Convention 2016
Reviewed the Convention finances during the financial report discussion. All present felt the process went as smoothly as possible. There has been good feedback from the Granges involved. Many members commented on the spirit of the Grange members at the meeting and how accepting everyone was of others and their point of view.

Many commented that the resolution process was done well. Opinions were heard, and the majority votes were accepted.

7. New Business

a. National Grange Session 2016

Communication Fellows Program

Christy Tatum was chosen as a for California and is unable to attend this year due to family issues. Her spot will be held for the 2017 session in Spokane, Washington.

Resolutions for National Session

These will be formatted and sent to Bro. Komski and Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director, by September 30th.

Travel Authorizations

Delegates travel & housing are paid by National Grange Social Committee will depend on space and time available.

Contestants:

Talent (2)

Public Speaking (1)

Board previously authorized the matching of funds, up to \$2,000 for travel based on donations. Donations so far are \$500 received at Session, plus \$150 from Aromas Grange. There are two other commitments which have not been received as of this date. Bob Clouse committed to \$300 at this meeting. Available funds will be divided equally by three for each representative.

Expenses will be travel, lodging for two nights, registration fees, and any residual will be used for meals.

Open session ended.

Closed Session called at 1:39 PM.

Closed Session closed at 5:04 PM

Sunday September 18, 2016.

The meeting of the second day of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 09:10 am on Sunday, September 18, 2016, at the Rainbow Valley Grange Hall, Fallbrook, San Diego County. Master/President Ed Komski presiding.

Roll call of officers found Ed Komski, Master/President/CEO; Josh Harper, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Gary Abreim, Treasurer; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 3 years; Inger Bevans, Executive Committee 2 years; and Jerry Allen, Executive Committee, 1 year; all present. No visitors were in attendance at this time.

Closed session was called at 0915 am.

Open Session was Called at 10:12

No action was taken by the Board during the closed session of Saturday evening or Sunday morning.

New Business continued

- b. National Session 2017
Spokane Washington – Red Lion Hotel

Western Region is the Host Region this year. Western States Sponsor the Host Banquet Dinner. This is planned for Food Stations with cultural foods from the Region.

Hospitality Room – the various states will have specific days and times to host the hospitality room. Food, supplies and volunteers will be needed.

Quilt Show – there is a quilt show planned in conjunction with the National Session for 2017. More details will be forthcoming.

Theme for 2017: "Coast to Coast / Border to Border"

A commemorative pin has been designed and will be for sale to raise funds for the National Session.

c. State Grange Convention 2017

Approval of Location for 2017 Session was discussed. The Little Lake Grange Hall was discussed extensively and how it could be hosted there. In general, hosting at a Grange Hall is limiting for function. Volunteers are needed to help host which then limits members' participation in the Session activities and business. The attendance is growing and creates a strain on buildings and parking at many locations.

The majority of the membership is currently in Monterey and Sonoma Counties. Both areas are expensive in June because they are destination wedding venues. Hotel rates are quite high during that time of year.

It was the consensus of the Board to find a hotel venue to meet for 2017. Preliminary quotes will be obtained and returned to the Board for consideration.

Schedule

The schedule seemed to work well for the 2016 Session. It will be reviewed, refined for any trouble areas and put out for promotion to the Granges.

Moving the dates was discussed per the motion from 141st Session. Further research will be done to address the issue of changing the dates. Further action will be taken at the 4th Quarter Board meeting in December.

d. Western States Regional Conference 2017 – Josh Harper Reporting.
Location

Orange County Buena Park (near Disneyland). Holiday Inn Room Rate \$130/night – 50 rooms and 150 meals, will waive cost of the Grand Ballroom (5300 square feet).

Radisson Room Rate \$80/night – today on hotels.com – have not had personal contact with the hotel regarding rooms. Catering manager was accommodating. No formal proposal received.

Medieval Times Dinner - \$40/per person for the group – is a one-time experience in the area.

Will contact Knotts Berry Farm to obtain quote for a dinner at their location.

Program

Working with local representatives for speakers and workshops.
Have been discussing a whale-watching expedition and beach activities for one day.

Committee

Christy Tatum, Josh Harper, Mike Lampke & LoRee Lampke to organize the conference.

e. Property Management

Sacramento -- No immediate need yet for a property manager. Research is in process.

Grange Halls – this will be discussed as the needs increase to help Grange Halls throughout the State.

f. Pomona Granges – Jerry Allen reporting.

Support for Subordinate/Community Granges from the Pomona Granges
Utilize the Pomona Grange to help draft needs and assessments to help the local Granges with building and administrative needs. This is a way to help gather information and set priorities to help the local community Granges.

g. Annual Audit

Gary will research auditors 2014, 2015, 2016 to commence audit in 2017.
Gary to interview three auditors and work with the Board on approval of the auditor to be chosen. Will report back to the Board.

h. Programs & Projects

Youth – no information at this time

Grange Community Disaster Preparedness – Jerry Allen reporting

Communities are generally not prepared for disasters. 95% of families are not ready for any disaster. Would like to start a pilot program in Sonoma County of Granges willing to participate. Will be planning to convene a Disaster Preparedness Planning Conference and bring in the Governmental and other groups to move this ahead.

Legislative – proposal from Bill Booth

Brother Bill sent proposal for a Legislative program involving the regions and regional representatives. This will be tabled until the next meeting when Brother Bill can attend to discuss in detail.

i. Communication with Granges

Solicitation of News / Happenings

Granges can send in news to be added to the Website, Facebook and/or newsletter. These can be emailed to Ed for a blast email and then picked up on the website.

A survey will be designed to be sent out by mail to the members. This survey will include how they want to receive communications, what the members want in programs, and support from the California State Grange.

j. Background Checks - Minimum Standards

Need to determine what is available and acceptable through Insurance company vs Live Scan fingerprinting processes. The requirement will be publicized, required, and verified for 2017.

k. General Plan

A general assessment of the needs of Granges needs to be made. This will be discussed further by the Board at the next meeting.

The Minutes of the final day of the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange were read. It was moved by Allen to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Clouse. Aye: Komski, Booth, Bevans, Clouse, Allen, and Harper. Nay: None.

It was moved by Harper to approve the Financial Reports. Seconded by Allen. Aye: Komski, Booth, Bevans, Clouse, Allen, and Harper. Nay: None.

It was moved by Booth to add the State Grange Treasurer, office currently held by Gary Abreim, as an ex-officio member of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange. Seconded by Harper. Motion carried: Aye: Komski, Booth, Bevans, Clouse, Allen, and Harper. Nay: None.

8. Other business for the Good of the Order.

Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Next meeting will be held at the Sebastopol Grange Hall, Sonoma County, Friday December 9th and Saturday December 10th. Gary Abreim and Jerry Allen will coordinate the Grange Hall space.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

**California Stage Grange
Board Meeting Minutes
December 9 & 10, 2016, Sebastopol Grange Hall, Sebastopol CA**

The meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was called to order by Master, Ed Komski at 9:15 am, at the Sebastopol Grange Hall, Sebastopol, California.

1. Roll Call of officers

Master, Ed Komski; Overseer, Josh Harper; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee 3 years, Bob Clouse; Executive Committee 2 years, Inger Bevans; Executive Committee 1 year, Jerry Allen; Treasurer, Gary Abreim. All Board members were present.

Visitors for the day were Elsie Rodriguez, Corral de Tierra Grange; Vince Scholten, Sebastopol Grange; Jeanne Clouse, Orangevale Grange; and the Honorable Bill Booth, Past Master of the California State Grange.

2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Lillian Booth, State Secretary, read the minutes of the previous meeting held at Rainbow Valley Grange Hall in Fallbrook, CA in September. Minutes were corrected. It was moved by Allen to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Clouse. Aye: Clouse, Allen, Komski, Booth, Bevans, Harper & Abreim. Nay: None.

3. Financial Reports – Gary Abreim, State Treasurer

Gary and Ed advised the financial reports would be reviewed later in the day.

4. Communications

No Communications were received to be read

Additional Agenda items:

Items 7e, 7f & 7g were added to the agenda.

5. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans

Inger reported that just a few Granges have been asking for assistance with the non-profit compliance. General discussion regarding the group exemption received and how to assist the Granges to remain or obtain non-profit status with the IRS. Information on the current list of Granges under the California State Grange IRS Group Non-profit Exemption will be provided by the Secretary to Sister Inger.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Bill Booth provided a written report to the Directors and a verbal report.

A request was made to obtain the approved National Grange resolutions to be posted to the State Grange website. Master Komski will provide those to Bro. Bill and send group emails with the resolutions to the membership.

Bro. Bill will publish a newsletter in the near future. This newsletter will feature the Clinton Grange organization and publish the resolved portion of the resolutions.

Membership Brochure – Bro. Bill is developing a membership brochure to be used by the local Granges which will contain information about the Grange and have an application with the brochure. He is creating an individual member, family member and Junior 1+ member brochure.

Website – The Grange Website is continually updated. A Holiday image will now appear as the holidays change throughout the year. Changed some icons around to make it easier to locate items and has added more items for the users. Will be adding a Google search – so people can look for specific things within the site. Bro Booth will be purchasing some updated code for “Edge-aware” to make the website more convenient for the users.

Database – Continuous improvement and development to the database. A Subscription Manager has been developed and the computer coding and routines are used to continuously condense addresses down to one per household without having to check a members’ name as the person to receive mailed items. This has automated a reduction in errors and duplicates in mailings.

Communication – A mailing will be developed to send out to the members which will include a survey page about the newsletter, and will include a link to the same survey on the website. The California Granger Newsletter is part of the benefit of membership and should be designed to improve communication between the members and the State Grange. Any future advertisings in the newsletter will have to fall within the limits of the non-profit permit, due to regulations. Content is needed for the newsletter from other Directors and members.

Redundancy and succession planning – The Board discussed that there is an expectation of service from the Board. All work has thus far has been done voluntarily. To formalize the arrangements, a license agreement needs to be drafted with the California State Grange. A back-up assistant for the Communications Director should be appointed. Amanda Thomas was contacted during the meeting and agreed to become the assistant to the Communications Director. She will work with Brother Booth to develop an emergency preparedness action plan, and become the backup for database management, publications, and website management.

Question was asked how to allow others access to the membership database, if they want to see the members in their own Granges, or look up other Grangers. Ed stated, at this time, only Ed, Lillian & Bill have password access to the database. Membership must be assured that the integrity of data is secure for the California State Grange. Part of the reports sent each quarter to the Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary, and now the Master, have the demographics of the individual Grange and the list of the current members.

Brother Bill asked to subscribe to the Go Daddy Webstore, at a cost of \$30.00/month, and a transaction fee. This would allow future sales of items to Grange members and could be used for credit card transactions for Convention Registration. Master Ed asked Brother Gary and Brother Bill to talk more today. The balance of that discussion will be discussed at tomorrow’s meeting.

The Board discussed the cost of services donated by Brother Bill for the database development and website services. Brother Bill advised for the year of 2016, his services would be approximately \$12,000 for web design and maintenance. The cost of the database development and maintenance would be an equivalent of \$25,000 for the year.

General discussion among the Board regarding the need to discuss the sophistication of the database for the information it can provide to the State Grange and to the local Granges. The members need to be aware of the capabilities now available. Brother Komski stated that the ability to utilize the database to help the Granges administratively will tie into the communication necessary regarding financial audits of the Granges. Each of the Granges will now be required to file an audit report with their State Grange. This came about per the resolution passed at the California State Session by the Delegates regarding allowing Granges to use a certified financial person to perform an audit or an in-house audit by the Granges' Executive Board or committee. Community Granges now need to understand the requirements and what needs to be produced for the State Granges.

Grange Grass Roots Feedback Group

Brother bill provided a written proposal for information sharing utilizing Survey Monkey and the website. Members will be able to participate in surveys to better focus the Grange legislative efforts.

A request for a full subscription to Survey Monkey was requested at a cost of \$300. It was moved by Clouse to allow the \$300 per year for the Survey Monkey subscription. Seconded by Allen. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Clouse, Bevans, Allen & Abreim. Nay: None.

Master Komski appointed Brother Bill as the chairman of the program. A letter to the Granges will be co-authored by Ed and Bill to be sent to all Masters and Resolution Committee Chairmen outlining the program. There also needs to be follow-up in January for each committee member advising that the Policy Book is due. Brother Ed will begin hosting meeting with the Committee Chairmen to and will start with the Ag chairman regarding issues in Agriculture.

Open discussion regarding networking and how to involve and educate our members.

- c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire
No report

- d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Ed Komski reporting – California State Grange was invited to the Fair Managers Symposium in Sacramento. Tacy attended the symposium. The Guild asked to be recognized as a fourth entity to be allowed to show at the Fair. However, 4-H, FFA, Grange & California Department of Food & Ag (CDFA) have signed a consortium agreement stating that any new members have to be authorized unanimously by the current participants.

Bro Ed advised that he authorized Tacy to be the California State Grange member of the Western Fairs Association. Cost is \$250 per year.

Josh Harper reported that Clinton Grange, Amador County, was organized with 26 people in Jackson, California. They will be participating in the Fair Program. Josh asked the Youth what kind of animals they will be showing. They answered, "Winning ones".

Brother Ed advised he gave out 11 Youth Fair vests at the National Grange session. These were given to the States who accepted his challenge to start a Youth Fair Program this next year. Washington has 3 fairs signed up for the Youth Fair Program. Other States who took a vest are North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, Indiana, Rhode Island, Wisconsin and Oregon.

Brother Ed announced the appointment of Lillian Booth as the National Grange Youth Fair Coordinator – newly organized position in the National Grange. Lillian received the appointment after the National Grange Session.

- e. Youth Director – Christy Tatum & Emily Turnquist
 - i. No Report.
- f. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth
 - Granges in arrears
 - 1. Fairfax Grange – 3 Quarters (Kern County)
 - 2. Loomis Grange – 3 Quarters (Placer County)
 - 3. Los Alamos Valley Grange – 3 Quarters (Santa Barbara County)
 - 4. Ramona Grange – 2 Quarters (San Diego County)
 - 5. Shenandoah Willow-Springs Grange – 3 Quarters (Amador County)
 - 6. Simoore Grange – 2 Quarters (Ventura County)

Policy for Granges in arrears for quarterly dues. --

Sister Lillian asked the Board to determine a policy for Granges in arrears for dues. A discussion was held regarding communication with the Grange Secretaries and Masters regarding dues.

It was moved by Clouse to implement contact with Granges in arrears for dues as follows:

- 1st Quarter – send the Master & Secretary an email reminder
- 2nd Quarter – send a written letter outlining the by-laws sections to the Master & Secretary
- 3rd Quarter – send same letter from 2nd quarter to the entire membership.

Seconded by Allen. Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Clouse, Bevans, Allen and Abreim. Nay: None.

Current Membership report. 3162 individual members, 221 Junior 1+ members and 398 family members. Increase of approximately 300 members since last quarter.

Closed session was called at 11:30 am while lunch is enroute. Visitors were excused from the meeting.

Open Session reconvened at 12:15 pm. No action was taken during the closed session.

A pizza and salad lunch was served by Sebastopol Grange members.

During lunch, Brother Ed reported on Item 6e and 6f, National Grange Session 2016 and 2017 update:

6e National Session 2016 report

On Saturday morning of the National Session, National Grange Communications Director, Amanda Brozana, put together a meeting regarding how the Communication Fellows were to deal with the issues in California. It was question and answer on how things are progressing in California.

Pennsylvania State Grange submitted a hemp resolution which was approved by the National Grange Delegates, as long as any production meets State & Federal laws.

Ed was able to meet with the Washington DC attorneys on Monday after Session ended.

California has developed a good relationship with the other States at the National Grange. They are understanding and supporting. The Keynote speaker for the National Session was the Postmaster General of the United States, Megan J. Brennan. She answered questions and will be a good resource for future endeavors. During the Evening of Excellence, our Public Speaking entry, Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, and Talent entry, guitar/vocal duet, Kenny Spencer and Sean Carpenter, Marshall Grange, performed well, but did not win.

Ed received letter from Keith Ashley from Pomeroy Ohio – trying to find a Janet Marchbanks from Los Angeles. Mr. Ashley was referred to us by a Deputy Master of West Virginia State Grange because he is donating his professional genealogical services attempting to contact her Ms. Marchbanks because she is a direct descendent of the William Saunders family. William Saunders is one of the original seven founders of the Order and the National Grange is attempting to locate descendants for the 150th year.

6f National Session 2017 Update

California will be in charge of the Host Banquet for the Annual Session. This will be setting up, arranging and determining the structure of the host banquet. This is by invitation only to the State Masters and other attendees.

Bro. Ed brought pins being used as fund-raiser for the 150th Annual Session in Spokane. Martha Stefenoni is now the Secretary of the Western States Regional Convention Committee. She will also be the Session Musician.

The Western States have \$15,000 in a convention fund. Monies are raised and stay in that fund until the next time the Western Region has to host the National Session. Account is held with Washington State.

California will also have one day for the Hospitality Room at the National Session. We will need volunteers to set the menu, prepare, serve, and clean up that day in the room.

- g. Grange Property Report – Josh Harper
Tulelake Grange – No action yet. The Grange Hall is one city block from the Oregon border. Have a new Fair Board representative put in place last summer.

Crescent Redwood Grange – need to obtain further information on that Grange.

Quartz Hill Grange – Bob Clouse and Josh Harper went to Quartz Hill Grange. The roof has been damaged. They are in the process of finding out how to get it repaired. Bob emailed Kathy Bergeron as the agent to see if there was any insurance on the building. Patricia Hamilton has been collecting the rents and is being contacted to turn over any bank accounts and funds.

After a discussion about assignments and the need for follow-through, the State Secretary was asked to create a Task List created from the minutes for Board Members to use between meetings. This list will be sent to the Board within two days after the Board meeting.

Bro. Bob announced his retirement from the Bob Clouse Insurance Services as of January 1, 2017. Mitch Clouse will be taking over the business exclusively. Bob was congratulated on his retirement and will now have more time for Grange business.

Josh & Bob will discuss other Grange property issues and will report further on Sunday.

Jerry Allen commented the Grange suffers from the same as the other volunteer organizations, a shortage of volunteers.

Vince Scholten suggested that a “Granger of the Year” award be developed to recognize those members who go above and beyond for the Grange.

6. Old Business

a. Recent Legal Decisions

There was a Superior Court motion filed to dismiss having to do with the \$750k undertaking. We won the decision. Judge’s determination that “all” property is to be returned remains intact. Guild argued it was not and judge said they were trying to litigate the result. There is an email going around to the Coalition of the legal fund taking pieces of the decision out of context. On piece is misrepresenting to the Granges that they do not report to the State organization.

There was a motion filed to compel release of financial records. These were asked for and it was refused under the Discovery rules. The Court has ruled that those documents now have to be produced by 12/15/16.

The California Supreme Court has denied the Guild’s appeal of the \$750,000 Undertaking bond. Cases currently under appeal are (1) the decision of the Federal Trademark I and (2) Appeal of Summary Judgement on State Case

- b. Grange Legislative Policy Handbook - Status
Committees have not completed their work. Need follow-up.

- c. Journal of Proceeding – Status
Journal is not completed. There is still information to be received from others in order to complete the work. State Secretary will follow-up.

- d. Legislative Program Proposal – Bill Booth
Discussed during the Communication Directors Report.

- e. Report on National Session 2016 – Washington DC –
Ed Kowski reporting (see above)

- f. National Session 2017 – Spokane, Washington
Ed Kowski reporting (see above)

Closed Session was called at 2:17 pm. All visitors were excused from the room.

Closed Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Close session ended at 5:30 pm.

SUNDAY 12/10/16 09:10 am

Meeting reconvened at 9:10 am on Sunday 12/10/16 at the Sebastopol Grange Hall, Ed Kowski presiding. All officers were present. Visitors were welcomed throughout the day.

No action was taken by the Board during the closed session.

There were further questions regarding the Host Banquet and Hospitality Room responsibilities for the National Session in 2017. More details will be forthcoming as the Western States National planning committee continues their work.

- g. Western States 2016 – Anaheim, CA
Status Update – Josh Harper & Lillian Booth reporting.
Hotels – costs & locations – Sheraton Anaheim proposal given to the board. \$125 per night plus tax. Plus, food & beverage guarantee of \$25,000. Other options were presented. This report did not meet with the expectations and Ed Kowski will now take on the arrangements for hotel, food and beverage. Schedule – not discussed. Promotion – not discussed

- h. Annual Session 2017 – Jerry Allen & Lillian Booth
Status Update –
Jerry Allen provided information on the Concord Marriott Hotel for \$130/night. The Concord Crown Plaza is \$98/night and the Concord Holiday Inn is \$118/night. They also have the large food and beverage guarantee.

Jerry and Lillian were asked by the Board to make a final determination of a location by Christmas, report to the board and have a decision.

i. Property Management --

Previously discussed. This will now appear under the Committee/Director reports on the agenda.

j. Annual Audit – Gary Abreim reporting

Gary and Ed interviewed a CPA this morning. The discussion included completing the 2014, 2015 and 2016 audits all at once. CPA was given an overview of the issues. She is accustomed to doing audits for customers who are working in a virtual environment and has extensive non-profit experience. No actual fee estimates at this time. A ball park estimate in the \$10,000-\$12,000 range for a three-year audit.

k. Programs & Projects

Youth

Need goals for 2018 in the Youth Programs

Grange Community Disaster Preparedness

Update by Jerry Allen. Meeting with Sonoma Pomona group in September. Pitched concept to the Grange and there was support. Jerry will proceed with the project. Meeting at Sebastopol on Monday night to look at how to move it forward for a pilot program at the Grange. In continued Development.

USDA meeting – Ed Komski reporting

38 people attended at Rainbow Valley Grange. Very well-received. Three additional Granges are interested in having those meetings. Will proceed with determining if those locations will be amenable to a visit from the USDA. Working with the smaller farms, 10 acres or less. Information is focused to your region. Grange has two responsibilities – marketing and venue. USDA will arrange the panel, tables, and program.

l. Pomona Granges

Support for Subordinate/Community Granges – Jerry Allen.

There are currently five chartered Pomona Granges in good standing; Monterey, Sonoma, Santa Clara, Kern & Kings County.

General discussion by the Board for the need to use the Pomona Granges for training programs and to help the local Granges with their needs.

Elsie Rodriguez addressed the group. As the past State Membership Director, she advised that in the past the Deputy State Masters would work with the Pomona's. There were regional & area meetings held twice a year, up to 33 meetings per year, at each Pomona and they presented programs with Youth, Membership & Junior Grange State Directors. The State Master also attended the meetings and discussed leadership responsibilities with the local and Pomona masters.

Bob Clouse commented we need to revamp the Pomona Granges. One of the most successful Pomona's would have a meeting every 2 months. They would meet at 10am,

read the resolutions, the committees would meet on those resolutions, bring them back after lunch. Then had dinner and put on the 5th Degree every 2 months. Some would come just for the meetings or resolutions.

Ed will work with Lillian on the Database to review the list of 5 Pomonas currently active and look at reasonable manageable to switch to regions to include different counties. Possibly take the two categories of Pomona Master and Deputy and combine them to work cohesively with the local Granges. We need to reignite the Pomona Granges and assign a Deputy in that group to help with interactive review and administrative hands-on program and benefit voice of the Community Granges.

Assigned to Ed Kowski to create a Business Plan: Identify Master and territory, accentuating responsibility of position. We also need to develop forms and documents for consistency. Schedule meeting in the first Quarter 2017. As Granges return to good standing and a region changes, might have to review how to elect proper representation of the zone at the State Grange annual meeting.

3. FINANCIAL REPORT – Gary Abreim Reporting. (deferred from Saturday)
Review of the financial reports from the State Treasurer, Gary Abreim.

Annual Meeting – Registration fees are a concern. Major expense is travel and lodging for a Grange. Depending on where we have it, we have offered other Granges the opportunity to do meals at the convention to raise funds. Granges have not wanted to participate in the fun-raising aspect and it has fallen to a few Granges willing to step, causing a burden on those groups. Convention should be a break-even process. Registration fees will be reviewed and set accordingly for future meetings.

m. Communication With Granges

Solicitation of News / Happenings - Covered in communications report.

n. Background Checks -

Minimum Standards were discussed. The background check can be completed by the insurance company at a cost of \$16.95 per person. There are additional areas to check which would increase the cost to approximately \$25.00. Lillian Booth will have recommendation and cost to the Board by Friday of next week.

Publicize the requirement for background checks through the website, group email, and newsletter as soon as procedure and costs are finalized.

o. General Plan

Assessment & Assistance for Granges – including with Regional Pomona program. Discussed above.

7. New Business

a. Clinton Grange Organization

25+ people signed the Charter applications. Had applications there with the charter. Obligated all new members, installed officers. Paperwork was provided to the State

Secretary. Focus is the Fair program and the majority of members are Youth and Junior 1+. The group appreciates the family atmosphere and that all can participate. Master is Chad Simmons, and Shannon Blake is Overseer. Seed money has been donated to the Clinton Grange from the former Ione-Clinton Junior Grange through Dolores Larrigan.

b. Quartz Hill Grange Re-Organization

Application to reorganize has been turned into the State Secretary. Tree fell on the building and roof will be fixed by the members. Attempted to contact the former manager of the building with no response. Have to check on tax status and where the funds went from the rents. Bob paid the \$25.00 starter kit for the Quartz Hill Grange. Bob will continue to mentor.

c. Fairfield area – Grange organization

Vince Scholten will accompany Bob Clouse to the next meeting in Fairfield. Discuss on forming the Inland Empire Grange and a new Grange in Cherry Valley will be held at the next meeting.

Bob Clouse appointed by Master Komski as the Grange Organization Coordinator.

d. Property Management (new info)

Granges

Maywood Grange – Inspect as soon as possible – Charter still in effect.

El Camino Grange – inspection as soon as possible. – No well on the property. Refer to Mike Lampke.

Scott Valley (Etna) – website contact advising no one is at the Hall.

Thermalito Grange – is planning to close – confirm action/rumors

Crescent Redwood Grange -- no further action at this time.

Capay Grange The Grange is not functioning now. Property needs to be inspected when El Camino Grange is visited.

The insurance agent will be contacted to list these properties for liability. Referred to State Secretary to complete.

NOTE: Roof of the Wisteria building looks as if it is damaged. Nothing appears to have been done.

e. Prunedale Grange Request for Funds from Trust Fund – letter read to the Board, with attachments. Discussion of the current status of the Court decisions and how monies may be released once property is returned.

It was moved by Allen to authorize the payment to Prunedale as requested when the funds are available and subject to a forensic audit. Seconded by Abreim Aye: Komski, Harper, Booth, Abreim, Allen, and Clouse. Abstain: Bevans. Nay: None

f. Proposed Disbursement Procedures

With the election of Gary Abreim as the Treasurer, and with his certification as Chief Financial Officer, disbursement procedures were reviewed. As per Board Policy, procedures are submitted by Board resolution. Board reviewed BOD-2016-01 for revisions. It was

moved by Abreim to approve the amendments to BOC 2016-01. Seconded by Harper. Discussion. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Booth, Bevans, Abreim, Allen & Harper. Nay: None. Resolution BOD-2016-01 approved.

g. Central Union & Kings River Grange – Kings County

Request received from Kings River & Central Union Grange to consolidate the two Granges with Central Union as the surviving Grange. Full disclosure of finances is necessary by both parties when consolidating Granges. There is current National By-laws in place, passed in November 2016, requiring all Granges do an audit. Approval should be subject to full audited financials per the resolution.

It was moved by Allen to allow the consolidation with the proper audits shared to the State Grange CFO. Seconded by Clouse. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Booth, Bevans, Abreim, Allen & Harper. Nay: None.

Break for lunch:

Reconvene at 12:55 pm

Discussion regarding the most recent copy of the Subordinate Grange Manual. Everyone needs to have 2013 version of the Manual. Secretary will order one copy of the 2013 Subordinate Manual, the 5th Degree Manual and Declaration of Purposes for the Board members.

On-line payment process (Bill & Gary)

Gary and Bill spoke. Go Daddy and PayPal are the same 2.9% fee and \$.30 transaction fee. Sales tax component is also added to this for any product or supplies. Registration and meals do not have sales tax. Subordinate Grange may even pay their dues this way. Eventually members can pay their dues through this and remit back to the Granges. Go Daddy takes PayPal, Visa, MC & Amex.

It was moved by Allen to acquire the resources of Go Daddy to utilize electronic web payments. Seconded by Harper. Aye: Booth, Harper, Allen, Abreim, Bevans, Komski, Clouse. Nay: None.

Upon establishment, the account will be turned on for: Granges to pay Subordinate dues, Registration fees for Western States and Convention. Gary to put out a column for the Newsletter Electronic payment program for the website.

Grange property (Bob & Josh) – Bob Clouse – email Bob & Josh a list of those Granges needing contact. Any new contacts will be referred to Bob and Josh. Membership numbers and contacts from the Secretary for "20-Below" of Granges that have a membership of 20 or below to find out how the State Grange can help them. Mike Lampke will continue as the physical property assistant for Bob & Josh.

Bill Booth to produce an index of reports currently available in the database to the Board. All will be marked Confidential before released.

It was moved by Clouse to supply a check in the amount of \$10,000 to First American Title for the bond as per Court order #342012-00130439-CU-MC-GDS- Ruling dated December 5,

2016. "Motion for Preliminary Injunction". Funds will be secured with a note to the Custodial Account and will be repaid upon return of the funds from the Court. Seconded by Allen. Discussion. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Booth, Bevans, Abreim, Allen & Harper. Nay: None.

8. Other business for the Good of the Order.

- a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings
March 18 & 19 – Sacramento Area.

- b. Other
State Officer Go-To-Meeting - every 2 months.

It was suggested to have a meeting every two months to involve the State Officers and keep them updated. Will set the odd months for Officers & Master meetings. This will be an invitation only as an information forum. First meeting will be in January.

Request temporary assistance for the State Secretary for specific projects. It was moved by Allen to allow temporary help for up to 4 hours one-time temp help up to 40 hours at \$15.00 per hour. Seconded by Clouse. Aye: Clouse, Bevans, Allen, Komski, Abreim, Komski. Abstain: Booth. Nay: none

Jerry Allen – expressed appreciation to Master Komski for the work doing and continuing to do to try to resolve all of the issues in the California State Grange. Thank you.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
Board E-Mail Concurrence - January 17, 2017

The members of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange emailed concurrence with the decision of the State Grange Master, Ed Komski, to revoke the charter, with regret, of the Bennett Valley Grange #16, for violating the By-Laws of the State and National Granges. Letter to be mailed to the Bennett Valley Grange #16 on January 18, 2017.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
Board E-Mail Concurrence - February 27, 2017

After due consideration and because of the increase in workload with special projects for the Grange, the Worthy State Grange Master, Ed Komski, emailed the Board of Directors to request approval to hire temporary clerical assistance. Cynthia Komski will be hired at \$20.00 per hour as the assistant for the State Master for special projects on an as-needed basis. Affirmative responses received from: Booth, Clouse, Harper, Bevans, Allen and Abreim. Nay: None. Abstain: Komski.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

California Stage Grange
Board Meeting Minutes
Board Teleconference - March 8, 2017

On March 8, 2017 at 7:00 pm, the Board met in a virtual environment in order to discuss immediate legal matters. Logged in and attending were Josh Harper, Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans, Lillian Booth, Jerry Allen and Ed Komski. Gary Abreim was unable to attend. Subject to the information provided during the meeting, it was moved by Clouse to authorize a \$5,000 expenditure for legal fees. Seconded by Josh Harper. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Booth, Harper, Bevans and Allen. Nay: None.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm. No further actions taken during the meeting.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

**California Stage Grange
Board Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2017, Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale, CA**

Meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by Master Ed Komski, at the annex of the Orangevale Grange Hall.

1. Roll Call of officers

Master, Ed Komski; Overseer, Josh Harper; Executive Committee members, Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans, and Jerry Allen; Treasurer, Gary Abreim on virtual log-in; Secretary, Lillian Booth on virtual log-in.

Grange members attending: Christy Tatum, Carol Ormsby, Patty Fullerton, from Orangevale Grange, and Katie Squire, Expo Director.

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, State Secretary
Minutes were emailed to the Board prior to the meeting. Minutes will be discussed after lunch to allow the Board members more time for review.

3. Financial Reports – Gary Abreim, State Treasurer
Financial reports will be presented to the Board for review.

4. Communications received
Letter received from the Grange Insurance Association with a donation of \$3,866, representing a \$1.00 donation for each member of the California State Grange. The donation is to be used for membership and leadership development.

5. Director Reports
a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans
Inger reported she has been assisting with several requests as Lillian sends them to her. If the Grange has been revoked by the Internal Revenue Service, Inger is sending the application and telling the Grange to call if they need additional assistance. So far, she has not received any additional calls.

Inger advised that there is an issue with Fairfax Grange and she needs to work with them. The non-profit lists need to be monitored regarding the status of the non-profit groups.

Ed asked Inger to make a list of questions to ask the attorney in order to help the Granges with the group exemption issues.

Ed reported Redwood Valley Grange has been reorganized with 46 members. One of the things the former members did was to use the old group number to file as a Guild. The last filing was as the Grange. Ed and Inger will work with the attorney to determine how or if there is any conflict.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth
Lillian Booth reporting for Bill who is recovering from surgery. Proposed Membership Application Brochures were mailed to the Board for review with a cost proposal for printing.

Recommend printing 1,000 to have for State Session. Additional copies can be purchased by the Granges for a nominal fee.

Comments from the Board were the application/brochure was aesthetically pleasing and had a warm look. The concept is good. Some of the content needs to be updated or more contemporary.

Ed requested Bob Clouse, Josh Harper, and Cynthia Komski work with Bill on the content. Need to make sure the website has all of the same information. All drafts for content need to be sent to the Board as a whole and each need to approve. The Board will sign off on the content. All areas of expertise need to be used. Need to include the Expo Director in the brochure and include the Convention Resolution Chairmen with a note to review with reference to their own area of expertise. This needs to be sent out with a "received" notification on the email. We have to hold people accountable for their responsibilities.

Ed continued to discuss the responsibilities of those involved as the Grange "Cabinet". This includes those individuals who were chosen as committee Chairmen for resolution processing. They are chosen by what is heard, emails, communication skills and then are placed in a level of what they can do. The Master does not know everything. Resolution Committee Chairmen will continue to act in that capacity until changed. We need people in place who know what to do and how resolutions should be written and implemented. Empowers the Chairmen to use their expertise.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Katie brought copies of the 2017 Expo Book. At the bottom, it says where the website is and how to reach the documents. The files are set up set up for a PDF file for the first 12 pages and separate pages for the Entry Forms. Katie will contact Bill & Lillian for consistency on the format of the forms. This year there is an additional EGG contest. This will be for the egg producers, judging on uniformity, color, etc. If you want to send eggs to keep warm for hatching later, Katie is working on the facility. Sonoma County used to be one of the best egg-laying producing areas for many years. Katie reminded the Board she is not an eggs-pert and is not eggs-aggerating.

Our job as the Grange members to get this out to the members. The information will go active from the State Lecturer's Facebook page.

The Record books judging can have multiple first places based on a point system. Rules have changed to include the last 18 months for the Record Books. Those with projects can present their 2016 record book in 2017.

The current State Grange Session is in the middle of canning season for canned goods. Since it is now eligible to use 2016 produce, it is easier to enter.

Expo can be a membership recruitment tool – because of the guest exhibitor program. Rules say they can never have been a member before. We want a good showing at the California at National Grange Exposition. Katie will be serving on the Showcase committee with National Grange Lecturer, Chris Hamp.

Katie has been the Expo Director for many years. Ed requested the Board to consider that if there is a good showing from California going to Spokane, the State Grange should pay for Katie's hotel and transportation for National Session. It was moved by Harper to pay for three nights lodging, transportation and accommodations. Seconded by Bevans. Aye: Komski, Harper, Clouse, Bevans, Booth, Allen & Abreim. Nay: None.

As Grange Lecturer, Katie advised she has been in close contact with Chris Hamp for the National Grange Expo. Katie has a Lecturer's Facebook page and has been putting up different ideas for programs. Chris Hamp is pulling the Youth and Junior exhibits into the National Grange jurisdiction for contests. Very similar to what California has been doing for numerous years.

Katie also advised she is in process of developing a Heritage Grange program – and tying it in with the Youth Department Code Reading contest. She is focusing on learning about the heritage of the Grange.

Ed advised that the State Masters have been invited by the National Grange High Priest of Demeter to request a certification for those interested in Code Reading. Based on the conversations, Bob Clouse is to send an email to Ed reinstating the status of the instructors who previously certified in Code Reading when Bob Clouse was the State Grange Master.

WESTERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE: - Ed Komski reporting.

There was consideration of using the YMCA Camp at \$130 for the long weekend, surfing, body board, archery, rope climb. However, the dates did not work out.

Cynthia did some more exploring for locations. Determined that the best option is the Knotts Berry Farm hotel in Buena Park, just above Anaheim. This has a direct gate into the theme park. One complaint from last year in Oregon was the food. Knott's Berry farm has good food and have negotiated a minimum of \$6,200 with the hotel. Cynthia compared the budget for Oregon and compared it to what Knotts was offering. Oregon supplemented western Regional by \$3,000. Knott's Berry Farm has a room rate of \$139 per night. Are working to make this rate good for two days before and two days after their stay in order to allow some family vacation time. The hotel can accommodate up to six people per room if necessary. Oregon spent: \$149/night. Entertainment; \$1232.00 Food was \$5425.80 <\$375.00 for room rental>. There was a total of 56 people at Western States, with an \$85 registration fee.

Knott's Berry farm has good meeting and conference rooms for the groups. They will not charge for the meeting rooms as long as we meet the \$6200 minimum based on 70 people, with 50 people for breakfast. Airport transportation – no hotels in that area have shuttles. Travelers usually use the Super Shuttle from LAX or Orange County -- \$16.00 each way plus tip.

National Grange representatives to Western States. We pay for the National Master, if attending. All others use their own National Grange travel budget.

The State Grange will have to supplement some of the costs and make it a marketing opportunity. Suggestions are to supplement any Youth participant a certain amount of funds to attend. Discussion included suggested to possibly use the monies from Grange Insurance Association to help defray costs.

It was moved by Clouse to lock up the Knotts Berry farm location. Seconded by Harper. Aye: Komski, Harper, Clouse, Bevans, Allen, Abreim, and Booth. Nay: none.

Ed has a copy of the proposed contract, will review before finalizing. Rooms will be booked by the attendees directly through Knott's Berry Farm. Registrations fee will come through us. Cynthia will create budget with Gary. Knott's Berry Farm tickets can be purchased at a discount from the hotel. That may be included for the Friday night entertainment.

Lillian went over the schedule ideas by LoRee Lampke. Ed advised LoRee will be included with Cynthia, Christy Tatum & Josh Harper in a conference call next week

The Board discussion segued into value-added necessity for conferences and meetings. We need to do business and programs as 2017. People will gravitate to programs that are winning and dynamic. That is what builds membership. There is a surge of rural America looking at learning how to understand and participate agriculture. We need to use that a base for good programs within the Grange.

One message the Board needs to get out to members is there is no fear in broaching new ideas and new directions. We have to keep the focus on the Grange is welcoming to all. If you play by the Grange rules, then build your local communities.

d. Youth Fair Program. – Tacy Currey, Director
Tacy has no report.

e. Youth Director – Christy Tatum & Emily Turnquist
No report. Youth activities have been included in the general discussion of the Board.

f. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth
Inland Valley Grange has been organized by Ed Komski. Paperwork is forthcoming to be sent to National Grange.

Several Granges have under 20 members. That report will start going to Bob and Josh to focus membership efforts. Granges will need help in those areas.

There are four more Granges in process of returning to good standing. Ed did receive back the charter from Riverside Grange with a cashier's check for the balance of their accounts.

g. Grange Property Report – Josh Harper
Tulelake Grange – Bob is in touch with Lydia Gil in Tulelake. The entire community is on notice to help reorganize Tulelake. Weather was a factor

when traveling to that area. The Grange will move forward within the first or second quarter of 2017

Crescent Redwood Grange – Bob has attempted contact with those members. Has been unsuccessful.

Grange Properties: Gary is to work with Cynthia Komski on a quarterly report for Grange assets the State is responsible for. These will include items like the tax bill from Lake County for East Lake Grange. The empty facilities are available for reorganization in those communities. We need to let the membership know that vacant Grange Halls are costing the membership a certain number of dollars per quarter to maintain.

Ed requested Lillian to send a list of every Grange to Gary & Cynthia with the data available in the database. He requested a framework in the database to allow other fields as needed to create the Grange property administration reports as necessary. Wants a virtual file of every Grange we have contact with. Ed was advised this function was already developed by Bill and some reports are available. Request other reports as necessary and Bill can design those.

In Humboldt County, Ed got call from the County who was about to approve a building permit on a Grange hall. Two individuals represented themselves as the Treasurer and President of Crescent Redwood Grange in order to build an extensive building on the Grange property. Those subjects had no authority. Ed was able to put a stop to the permit and taking over the property.

Scott Valley Grange – Etna CA. The Native Daughters want to put a monument in front of the Grange Hall. Information has been sent to Bob to review and make contact with them.

Laytonville Grange and Rincon Valley Grange have indicated interest in loans to repair their halls. Granges can be referred to the National Grange for USDA grants to help with their halls.

Bachelor Valley Grange – The Bachelor Valley Community Association met with the Grange and have asked the Grange to take over their Community Day event. The Grange voted to take over a project during the day and they will observe and participate to see the organization of it before they take on the entire day for the community.

Nevada Star Grange – Sparks, NV. On April 4, 2017, Bob is going to Sparks, NV to reorganize the Nevada Star Grange.

Cloverdale Grange – Have been contacted by members of the community who want to assist Cloverdale Grange in becoming an active part of the community. Bob will contact them to set up a community meeting. Once a date is set, a letter will be sent to all current members to participate.

Ripon Grange – Manual Luis is holding money from the Pomona Grange, and wants to turn it over to the State Grange. Monies will be held in the Custodial Account for San Joaquin County Pomona Grange when it is received.

Bennett Valley Grange - is reorganized and will be holding their next meeting soon.

Travel expenses are necessary for Bob to meet with membership and organize Granges. We have to have the State Grange pay the fair share to know the actual cost of doing business.

Elsie Rodrigues and Etta Smith joined the meeting at this time. As the past State Grange Membership Director, Elsie said she has a presentation for Bob doing all of the work he has been doing for the Grange. Elsie said she was so proud of Bob she wanted to do something special for him. She gave him \$100 to take Jeanne out to dinner. Elise left the meeting with thanks from the Board and members.

6. Old Business

a. Report on Granges

Clinton Grange organization and status – Josh Harper

National Grange is finally responding with the package of items for the new Grange packet. The local Master had to call. Escalate any problems to Ed to deal with National.

Redwood Valley Grange reorganization and status – Done.

Bachelor Valley Grange – status – Done.

Imperial Valley Grange – new Grange in process

Quartz Hill Grange – Grange is reorganized. They are attempting to track down the funds/rents which were collected by a single individual and not held for the Grange.

Other Granges – no further reports at this time.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review

Ed Kowski reported a summary of the current legal information. There were \$197,000 in loans made to Granges after the revocation of the Charter of the State Grange by the Guild. All of the payments are now being placed into escrow.

Disqualification of Guild attorney. There is a motion to file disqualification because an ethical wall was not built between an attorney who worked for one of the State/National Grange attorneys and is now working for the firm representing the Guild. The required notification was not given to the Grange attorneys that the Guild attorneys had hired this individual.

c. Grange Legislative Policy Handbook - Status

Still in progress. Lillian had recent contact from Michael Evenson, Agriculture & Water, regarding moving forward with his committee. No other information has been received. Ed advised that this needs to move forward before State Session.

d. 2016 Journal of Proceeding – Status

Lillian reported she has all of the necessary materials. Estimates it will take approximately 8 hours to complete and then proofreading will be necessary. Journal will be sent to Katie Squire, Amanda Thomas, and Bob Clouse for review. When completed it will be sent to the Board for approval.

e. Legislative - Environmental - Advocacy - Program Proposal (LEAP) – Bill Booth

Survey and forms development in progress. Will have more information and kick it off at Convention. It will be a Grass-roots legislative program as proposed at the last meeting with the members indicating by survey where they wish the Grange to focus on issues.

Per discussion of the Board, the program will be tabled for now due to Bill's recovery. It needs further development. Board requested that this program be brought back after the Annual Session.

f. Report on State Masters Meeting – Feb 2017 – CT – Ed Kowski

Ed advised that he attended, reluctantly, the meeting in Connecticut for the State Masters. The reluctance was based on the cost to attend. It was worth the trip for the networking and fellowship with the other State Masters. Ed was asked to talk some about the legal status. He also brought up the cabinet concept to the other State Masters, which several liked and will begin to implement in their States. The National Grange has a new magazine "New Day" which is available to members for a paid subscription.

g. National Session 2017 – Spokane, Washington – Status Update

Western Region is the host. Theme is: *"Border to Border, Coast to Coast."* California is responsible for the Host Dinner. This will be food stations instead of a plated dinner. Six different stations will represent the border to border, coast to coast. All will represent a district of the United States.

California is also responsible for the Tuesday night Hospitality Room. Cynthia Kowski is coordinating the California section of the Host Dinner. Martha Stefenoni will be the Session Musician. Katie Squire will be working with the National Grange Lecturer on the Exposition at the National Session.

h. Western States 2016 – Anaheim, CA – Update completed earlier.

i. 142nd Annual Session 2017 – Status update.

Location will be in Santa Rosa at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds.

Draft Schedule was emailed to the Board members. Upon review the opening will be moved to Thursday afternoon. State officers are asked to dress professionally for the Convention.

A "Clearing the Air II" will be held that afternoon to continue the work of healing the Grange. Jerry Allen & Lillian Booth will facilitate.

The Lunch on Thursday will include a Secretary's Luncheon, Master's Luncheon, Lecturer's Luncheon, etc. Members attending can sit with any group they desire as a workshop. Dinner will be on their own for Thursday.

Resolution Committee Chairmen will remain the same this year.

National Guest will be Burton Eller, National Legislative Director

Need to put out a list of hotels as soon as possible. There are increased rates because the NASCAR is racing at Petaluma just south of Santa Rosa.

Meals –

Jerry Allen proposed a Professional chef and gourmet food. Cost will be \$20 per meal per person. Five meal ticket would be \$100. There is currently not enough detail on what the chef wants. Current statements include having the Chef, a Sous Chef, donations of food and approximately 20 volunteers to assist, including three days of pre-preparation work. Ed tasked Gary with obtaining further details.

j. Audit of State Grange accounts. – Gary Abreim

A bid has been received for the audit. Work will commence sometime after tax season in late April. Current cost is anticipated as approximately \$2,500 for the from 2014 through 2016. Gary will know more as soon as he talks with the auditor again. Target is to have the final audit completed by convention time.

k. Programs & Projects
Youth – No report.

Grange Community Disaster Preparedness – Jerry Allen
On hold for now. Tabled for later date.

l. Pomona Granges

Support for Subordinate/Community Granges

Bill has done some work on the zones for Pomona Granges. Ed received it two weeks ago but has not reviewed it yet. Will review and present in the next two weeks for the second quarter.

m. Background Checks
Publicize and implementation.

Lillian will contact Martha Stefenoni to get the contact information for the insurance company. Lillian will work out the steps for the background checks and then work with Tacy to get the publicity out. Need to have in place by 4/1/17. It needs to be tested so it is implemented with any glitch.

8. New Business

Purchase of "New" Grange packages from National Grange – Josh Harper
Propose purchasing three sets of Manuals, Flags, Bible, etc., for use by new Granges instead of waiting for National to send later. It was moved by Harper to purchase three sets of new Grange kits and have them shipped to Bob Clouse's address. Seconded by Clouse. Aye: Komski, Harper, Clouse, Bevans, Allen, Abreim and Booth. Nay: None.

9. Other business for the Good of the Order.

Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Next meeting tentatively set for 4/12/2017 at 4pm, using a virtual Go to Meeting.

Other Information:

Housing for State Session. RV Parking is \$35 per night plus dump fees. Check their website. Rooms are at a premium encourage people to obtain their own reservations as quickly as possible.

Approval of the December minutes were postponed to the 4/12/17 meeting.
Financial reports postpone to the April meeting.

Meal issue for State Session will be determined as soon as possible. Will have a phone approval meeting.

State Secretary read an email received from Tacy Currey with an update of the Youth Fair Program.

Carol Ormsby was recognized by the Board as a long-time member of the Grange. Ed told her that all of the efforts we have done for the Grange is for members like her and apologized that she has had to personally deal with all of the disheartening treatment she has had to go through with her former Grange. Patty Fullerton was also recognized as a long-time member of the Grange. Both were thanked for their service to the Grange.

Closed session was called at 5:00 PM for legal update and personnel matters. Visitors were excused from the meeting.

Closed session ended at 5:30 PM. No actions taken by the Board.

There being no further business on the agenda or before the Board, the meeting set for Saturday 3/19/17 was canceled and will not take place.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
Board E-Mail Concurrence - March 26, 2017

The members of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange emailed concurrence with the decision of the State Grange Master, Ed Kowski, to revoke the charter, with regret, of the Fort Bragg Grange #672 for violating the By-Laws of the State and National Granges.

Letter to be mailed to the Fort Bragg Grange #672 on March 27, 2017.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
Board Telephone Conference - April 15, 2017, 12:00 pm

A telephone meeting was held by the Board of Directors of the California State Grange on April 15, 2017, to finalize arrangements for the Annual Session and update the Board on legal issues. No actions taken.

Fraternally submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

142ND ANNUAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

2017-001 RESOLUTION TO CHANGE HOW ANNUAL SESSION DATES AND LOCATIONS ARE SET

Submitted by the California State Grange Board of Directors

WHEREAS: The delegates to the 2016 Annual Session expressed their desires for the State Grange Board of Directors to study the feasibility of moving the Annual Session to a time other than the month of June; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That section 5.3.1 of the Bylaws be changed to read as follows;

5.3.1 Annual Meetings – The Corporation shall hold an annual meeting of the Delegates for the purpose of:

- (a) Election of directors and officers; and
- (b) Transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Unless the Articles, the Nonprofit Law, or these By-Laws provide otherwise, any business may be considered at the annual meeting without such business having been specified in the notice for such meeting. Failure to hold an annual meeting does not invalidate the Corporation's existence or affect any otherwise valid corporate acts.

And be it further;

RESOLVED: That a new section be added after 5.3.1 to read;

5.3.2 The annual meeting shall be held between the 15th of September and the 15th of October, inclusive. The exact dates and location shall be determined by the Board of Directors, depending on the availability of meeting facilities and affordable lodging for delegates and others attending.

- (a) Whenever possible, the Board of Directors shall attempt to set the annual session two years in advance.
- (b) The Board shall consider in its selection of a location the invitations from Community or Pomona Granges who want to host the Annual Meeting within their area.

And be it further;

RESOLVED: That the existing sections beginning with 5.3.2 be renumbered accordingly.
And be it further;

RESOLVED: This resolution will take effect beginning in the year 2018.

2017-007 STUDENT LOAN FORGIVENESS FOR FARMERS

Submitted by Little Lake Grange #670

WHEREAS: Farmers over the age of 65 outnumber farmers under the age of 35 by a margin of 6-to-1 and young people are ready to farm, but student loan debt is keeping them from starting, and

WHEREAS The Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program was created in 2007 to help people enter professions that provide a public good, but offer salaries too limited to manage student loan debt, and

WHEREAS We've provided incentives for Americans to enter medicine, education, and other public service careers, and we need to encourage young people to choose careers in agriculture, and

WHEREAS Student loan debt is a significant challenge for our nation's young farmers and ranchers, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to amend the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to include farmers who work on a USDA defined FARM; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby Congress to amend the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program to include farmers who work on a USDA defined farm.

**2017 008 RESTRICTING RATHER THAN SUSPENDING OF DRIVER'S
 LICENSES BY CHILD SUPPORT SYSTEM**

WHEREAS:	The California Child Support System has deemed it necessary to suspend various licenses, especially driver's licenses, of parents who are in arrears with support payments, and
WHEREAS	It is a necessity, especially in rural areas, for adults to be able to legally drive to be able to have gainful employment, and
WHEREAS	Not being able to legally drive and thereby not being able to acquire gainful employment does not create a situation where a parent can make support payments to his/her child/children nor even support him/herself, and
WHEREAS	Working with and educating individual parents rather than threatening them may actually net more payments, and
WHEREAS	All levels of Grange believe in education in all things, therefore be it
RESOLVED	That the California State Grange lobby the California Child Support System to restrict rather than suspend the driver's licenses of parents who are in arrears with support payments.

2017-009 THE NEW GRANGE FOUNDATION

Submitted by Wyandotte Grange #495

- WHEREAS: We have not as of this date, received control of the California Grange Foundation (now operating under the name of Heartland Foundation) and
- WHEREAS: The actions taken by the Foundation has tainted its reputation such that it may not be feasible to continue its operation, if and when we receive control over the Foundation, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange create a new 501(c)(3) foundation to be called "The Grange Foundation of California" and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Foundation shall have two classes of members, the first is "Voting", who shall be those members of the Board of Directors. The second class, "Non-Voting" shall be all members of Subordinate/Community Grange, who are in good standing in their respective Granges; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the Foundation shall be governed by a Board of Directors, who shall be same as the Board of Directors of the California State Grange; and be it further
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall file for the formation of the Foundation prior to the 2018 Annual Session and report to the delegates actions taken to accomplish the same.

2017-011 AGRICULTURAL CENSUS OF GRANGE MEMBERS

Submitted by Mattole Grange #569

WHEREAS: The official name of the organization is the "National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry," and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange endeavors to serve all Brothers and Sisters working the soil as Patrons of Husbandry, and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange is often asked to contribute advice and opinions in regard to agricultural matters to government agencies and legislative bodies, and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange has no organized or thorough way to know which Brothers and Sisters are engaged in particular agricultural pursuits, and

WHEREAS: It would be advantageous for the California State Grange Master and Executive Committee to know how best to serve its Agricultural members, alert them to governmental questions and issues pertaining to their Agriculture production, and

WHEREAS: It would be advantageous for Brothers and Sisters involved in Agricultural production to know who of the membership is similarly involved so that they can share knowledge with fellow producers, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall conduct a census of the membership to determine which members are involved in Agricultural production and what and where they produce and, be it further

RESOLVED: The California State Grange shall make that census roster available to all members.

2017-012R CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE REPEALS 1940-1950 HISTORICAL POLICY REGARDING JAPANESE AMERICANS

Submitted by Grange Law / Grange Growth and Development Committee

WHEREAS: In the 1940's the California State Grange, like many other organizations, took an adverse position regarding the Japanese Americans living in the United States, which was one result of an unprecedented attack by the Japanese nation on Pearl Harbor, resulting in the call for deportation and internment; and

WHEREAS: During the 1940's, the California State Grange determined policy, through properly adopted resolutions, to support the internment and subsequent deportation of all Japanese including anyone of Japanese descent; and

WHEREAS: In 2012, when the California State Grange was in a suspended status, a public apology to the Japanese Americans for the 1940's policies was made on behalf of the California State Grange; and

WHEREAS: While a public apology has been made, there has been no attempt to officially reverse any policy on the records of the California State Grange regarding this matter; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That, in understanding the view of history and actions taken in a specific time and place can become a regrettable action in the future, the California State Grange hereby officially repeals the adverse positions taken in the resolutions passed in the 1940-1950 period, specifically in resolutions No. 68 and No. 69 "Japanese Resolution", No. 71 "Opposing Return of Japanese to Pacific Coast", No. 45 "Solving Japanese Problem", No. 49 "Maintaining Immigration Restrictions", No. 45 "Opposing Statehood of Hawaii"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange reaffirms the Non-Discriminatory Policy of the National Grange as outlined in the National Grange Digest of Laws, Section 4.6.17 *"Non-Discrimination – The various Granges of the divisions of the Order shall not discriminate with regard to race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability or national origin."*

**2017-013R BEGINNING FARMERS AND RANCHERS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAM**

Submitted by Mattole Grange #569 and Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: The Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program (BFRDP) is playing an increasingly important role in the organic agricultural economy, and

WHEREAS: Many of California's organic farmers started farming 30 to 40 years ago, and

WHEREAS: Government-backed programs that provide direct support as well as funds for organizations providing training and technical assistance are necessary to meet the wide range of needs for beginning farmers and ranchers; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding by 25% for the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program through the 2018 Farm Bill, and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby Congress to support an increase of funding by 25% for the Beginning Farmers and Ranchers Development Program through the 2018 Farm Bill.

2017-015R NATIONAL ORGANIC CERTIFICATION AND COST SHARE PROGRAM

Submitted by Mattole Grange #569 and Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: The National Organic Cost Share Program (NOCSP) is a critical Farm Bill program because it ensures that organic certification is affordable and accessible for all organic producers, including young and first time farmers; and

WHEREAS: NOCSP reimburses organic farmers, ranchers, and handlers 75 percent of their certification-related expenses up to a maximum of \$750 per certified scope; and

WHEREAS: NOCSP is a federally-funded program administered at the state level, primarily by state departments of agriculture; and

WHEREAS: In California, the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) administers the program and distributed \$1.5 million to 1,900 producers in FY 2015-16; and

WHEREAS: CDFA's successful administration of NOCSP funds continues to support a wide range of California producers in meeting the strong consumer demand for organic products; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding by 25% for the National Organic Cost Share Program through the 2018 Farm Bill, and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby Congress to support an increased funding by 25% for the National Organic Cost Share Program through the 2018 Farm Bill.

**2017-016R ORGANIC AGRICULTURE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION
INITIATIVE**

Submitted by Mattole Grange #569 and Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: The Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative (OREI) is crucial to organic farmers and ranchers who rely on biologically-based inputs and management practices that require stable funding for long term studies; and

WHEREAS: The funding increase would provide baseline funding for organic research programs, bringing much needed stability over the next 10 years to research for domestic organic crop and livestock production; and

WHEREAS: More OREI funds for researchers at California land grant institutions will not only help California's organic producers, but the study of organic management practices will also contribute to CDFA's work to improve soil health on farms and ranches; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange actively lobby its Congressional delegation to increase funding by 25% for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative through the 2018 Farm Bill, and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby Congress to support an increased funding by 25% for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative through the 2018 Farm Bill.

**2017-017R USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN FOR PIPELINES TRANSPORTING
FOSSIL FUELS**

Submitted by Mattole Grange #569

WHEREAS: It is stated in the Declaration of Purposes of the National Grange that we seek the greatest good for the greatest number, and

WHEREAS: It additionally states that we desire a proper equality and fairness, protection for the weak, restraint upon the strong; in short justly distributed power and that, "We are opposed to such spirit and management of any corporation or enterprise which tends to oppress people,"; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange ~~oppose~~ the condemnation of lands by eminent domain for the purpose of laying pipelines that would transport fossil fuels; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange will support any legislation that protects our native American brothers and sisters, the indigenous tribes, in their demands that their treaty rights be respected in regards to issues of eminent domain; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this resolution be carried to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will oppose the condemnation of land by eminent domain for the purpose of laying pipelines that would transmit fossil fuels, and will support any legislation that protects our native American brothers and sisters, the indigenous tribes, in their demands that their treaty rights be respected in regards to issues of eminent domain.

2017-018R SPECIALTY CROP RESEARCH INITIATIVE

Submitted by Mattole Grange #569 and Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: The Specialty Crop Research Initiative is valuable to California organic producers because the majority of organic crops grown in California are specialty crops (vegetables, fruits, and nuts); and

WHEREAS: Programs such as the Specialty Crops Block Grant Program fund important projects related to food safety, research, marketing and other specialty crop needs; and

WHEREAS: It is important that the funds are available to address each state's unique market and research needs and to ensure reporting requirements are not overly burdensome for grant recipients; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange urge its Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding for the Specialty Crops Block Grant Program through the 2018 Farm Bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby Congress to maintain and increase funding for the Specialty Crops Block Grant Program through the 2018 Farm Bill

2017-020R CALIFORNIA PRIMARY ELECTION

Submitted by Santa Clara County Pomona Grange #4

WHEREAS: The June Primary does not give California voters enough say in presidential elections; and,

WHEREAS: June primaries are late for National issues and most measures have already been decided; and

WHEREAS: Most states need to know the issues in California choices before they vote; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange support California 2017 AB84 which changes the date of the California primary from June to March.

2017-021 AGRICULTURAL WORKER PROTECTION ACT OF 2017

Submitted by Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: Senators Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), Michael Bennet (D-Colo.), Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) and Kamala Harris (D-Calif.) have introduced the Agricultural Worker Protection Act of 2017 to shield farmworkers from deportation and put them on a path to earned legal status and eventual citizenship; and

WHEREAS: Under the Agricultural Worker Program Act, farmworkers who have no criminal record, and have worked in agriculture for at least 100 days in each of the past two years may earn lawful "blue card" status. Farmworkers who maintain blue card status for the next three or five years, depending on the total hours worked in agriculture, would be eligible to adjust to a green card or legal permanent residency; and

WHEREAS: Agriculture is a \$54 billion industry in California, and U.C. Davis estimates that up to 70 percent of California farmworkers—approximately 560,000 people—are undocumented and use false documents to obtain work; and

WHEREAS: The U.S. Department of Labor's National Agricultural Workers Survey (NAWS) reports that of crop workers surveyed between 2007 and 2009, 71 percent were foreign-born (67 percent in Mexico and 4 percent elsewhere). Forty-eight percent of crop workers surveyed indicated that they were not legally authorized to work in the United States; and

WHEREAS: There is a shortage of U.S. workers willing and able to perform farm work; and

WHEREAS: Farmers, ranchers and growers are experiencing labor shortages that impact business profitability; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Justice has issued a statement regarding a renewed commitment to immigration enforcement, stating that when 'an alien has unlawfully entered the country, which is a misdemeanor, that alien will now be charged with a felony if they unlawfully enter'; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Justice has directed federal prosecutors to charge criminal aliens with document fraud and aggravated identity theft — the latter carrying a two-year mandatory minimum sentence; and

WHEREAS: Many people in Mexico and other developing countries face extreme poverty, lack of jobs, natural disasters, armed conflict, and civil unrest. As economic refugees, many immigrant farmworkers have made the difficult decision to leave their homes and families in search of new possibilities in the United States; and

WHEREAS: Our agricultural system has historically relied on the labor of displaced people that do not have the benefit of full citizenship in this country—whether indentured servants, slaves, sharecroppers, or undocumented immigrants; and

WHEREAS: The Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017 will result in improving the quality of life of undocumented farmworkers who are currently separated from loved ones by an increasingly militarized US-Mexico border; and

WHEREAS: It is contrary to Grange principles of charity, equality and fairness; and protection for the weak to criminalize the undocumented men and women who make possible our agricultural economy that feeds our great country and the world; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange join the list of Farm Organizations that have endorsed the Agricultural Worker Protection Act of 2017 as listed on www.agnetworkforcecoalition.org.

2017-022 COOPERATIVE CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP INITIATIVE

Submitted by Mattole Grange #569 and Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: The health of farms and ranches and the natural environment managed by agricultural entities across the state is of great concern to the California State Grange; and

WHEREAS: Under the 2014 Farm Bill, small producers were given incentives to protect their natural environments voluntarily by limiting production in sensitive areas under the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI); and

WHEREAS: CCPI is a program whereby partners with approved projects will enter into multi-year agreements with Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to help enhance conservation outcomes on agricultural lands and private nonindustrial private forest lands, by leveraging resources of certain Federal government programs along with services and resources of non-Federal partners to implement natural resource conservation practices; and

WHEREAS: CCPI consists of the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall urge the California Congressional delegation to support the Cooperative Conservation Partnership Initiative, the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) in the 2018 Farm Bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall bring this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will urge Congress to include these programs in the 2018 Farm Bill.

2017-023R FARM BILL – CROP INSURANCE

Submitted by Mattole Grange #569 and Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: The National Grange was founded as the Patrons of Husbandry; and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange serves and protects the interests of farming Brothers and Sisters; and

WHEREAS: The US Congress is preparing to pass legislation known as the 2018 Farm Bill; and

WHEREAS: Over the past 5 years California farmers and ranchers have experienced devastating drought conditions, the impact of which was tempered by Farm Service Agency programs such as the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, and the Conservation Reserve Program-Grasslands; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall actively lobby the California Congressional delegation to support the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, and the Conservation Reserve Program-Grasslands in the 2018 Farm Bill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby Congress to support the Livestock Forage Disaster Program, the Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program, and the Conservation Reserve Program-Grasslands in the 2018 Farm Bill.

2017-025 GLOBAL WARMING

Submitted by Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: There is near consensus within the international scientific community as to the occurrence of global warming, caused by pollution created by our current cultural practices, and the contribution of industrial operations toward this effect; and

WHEREAS: Rising temperatures are very likely to adversely affect agricultural production; and

RESOLVED: That the California Grange shall publicly acknowledge the value of scientific research and inquiry; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall aggressively lobby State representatives to honor existing legislation and international agreements, such as the Paris Climate Agreement, which seek to limit the effects of industrial activity which contributes to temperature rise; and be it further

RESOLVED: That future lobbying shall encourage legislation to reverse global warming.

**2017-026 RIGHT TO OWNERSHIP OF FARM EQUIPMENT – RIGHT TO
MODIFY OR REPLACE SOFTWARE AS NEEDED**

Submitted by Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: John Deere has threatened litigation against purchasers of equipment manufactured and sold by them claiming restrictions in how they may use and modify that equipment, per a licensing agreement enforceable under the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA); therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall aggressively lobby State and Federal representatives to amend the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) to allow owners of farm machinery to use and modify their equipment however they determine is in their best interest.

2017-028R WHOLE FARM REVENUE PROTECTION

Submitted by Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS: Whole Farm Revenue Protection is one of the few crop insurance options available for small, diversified farms; and

WHEREAS: The risk management options for California producers have improved with the increase of organic price elections and the availability of Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and

WHEREAS: Organic producers continue to need additional organic price elections to ensure coverage for the full value of their crops; and

WHEREAS: Insurance agents have been unwilling to work with producers to use this program because it is overly complicated; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall to actively lobby the USDA Risk Management Agency to train insurance agents about the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program, work to streamline the paperwork associated with the program for producers, and work to create additional organic price elections to ensure coverage for the full value of organic crops; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby the USDA Risk Management Agency to train insurance agents about the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program, work to streamline the paperwork associated with the program for producers, and work to create additional organic price elections to ensure coverage for the full value of organic crops.

2017-029R WHOLE FARM REVENUE PROTECTION

Submitted by Aromas Grange #361

WHEREAS: Whole Farm Revenue Protection is one of the few crop insurance options available for small, diversified farms; and

WHEREAS: The risk management options for California producers have improved with the increase of organic price elections and the availability of Whole Farm Revenue Protection; and

WHEREAS: Organic producers continue to need additional organic price elections to ensure coverage for the full value of their crops; and

WHEREAS: Insurance agents have been unwilling to work with producers to use this program because it is overly complicated; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall to actively lobby the USDA Risk Management Agency to train insurance agents about the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program, work to streamline the paperwork associated with the program for producers, and work to create additional organic price elections to ensure coverage for the full value of organic crops; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby the USDA Risk Management Agency to train insurance agents about the Whole Farm Revenue Protection program, work to streamline the paperwork associated with the program for producers, and work to create additional organic price elections to ensure coverage for the full value of organic crops.

**2017-030R MAINTAIN AND INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL
ORGANIC PROGRAM**

Submitted by Santa Cruz-Live Oak Grange #503

WHEREAS Organic certification has created a niche for family farmers to make their living in an increasingly competitive marketplace; and

WHEREAS The success of organic depends on consumer trust in the organic seal which is achieved through strong national organic standards and rigorous enforcement; and

WHEREAS The National Organic Program (housed in the US Department of Agriculture) supports the governance structure that regulates the word organic and provides national oversight of certification bodies that certify organic; and

WHEREAS The National Organic Program is a low-cost program with a significant return—the organic sector returns \$200 for every \$1 spent; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange actively lobby California's Congressional delegation to maintain and increase funding by 25% for the National Organic Program through the 2018 Farm Bill, and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall take this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption so that the National Grange will actively lobby Congress to maintain and increase funding by 25% for the National Organic Program through the 2018 Farm Bill.

2017-031 GRANGE MISSION STATEMENT

Submitted by Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee

WHEREAS: At the 2016 Annual Session a resolution was submitted by Little Lake Grange #670 to update the California State Grange Mission Statement; and

WHEREAS: The Delegates recommitted this resolution to the interim Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee to continue to work on the Mission Statement and report back at the 142nd Annual Session; and

WHEREAS: The interim Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee performed the following activities:

- (1) Committee members used the internet to research what makes a good Mission Statement
- (2) Members searched for Mission Statements from various non-profits and companies with reports back to the Committee on what met the requirements for a well-designed Mission Statement
- (3) The Committee used the framework of the suggested Mission Statement as rewritten to reflect the current purpose of the California State Grange;

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the interim Grange Law / Grange Growth and Development Committee now presents the following Mission Statement for adoption by the Delegates of the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange:

"Since 1873 the mission of the California State Grange has been to serve, steward and teach the virtues of the land to our children and community. We maintain our commitment to grassroots advocacy, supporting farmland preservation, farm development, community service, sustainable and regenerative agriculture, and the consumer's role in the food production system."

2017-032 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IN HIGH SCHOOL

Submitted by Bennett Valley Grange #16

WHEREAS: High School students are required to complete at least one year of a foreign language course for graduation, and;

WHEREAS: Both the University of California and the California State University systems require at least two (2) years of a foreign language course for admission, and;

WHEREAS: Most high school districts offer only verbal languages such as Spanish and French to fulfill this requirement, and;

WHEREAS: American Sign Language also qualifies to fulfill this requirement, and;

WHEREAS: Only a few major school districts offer American Sign Language (ASL) classes¹

WHEREAS: An estimated 1.5% of California's population is deaf and/or hearing impaired, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: The California State Grange lobby the California Department of Education and the California Legislature to amend the California Education Code to allow school districts to offer American Sign Language (ASL) in addition to other foreign language classes to fulfill the foreign language graduation requirement.

2017-033 AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE EDUCATION

Submitted by Bennett Valley Grange #16

WHEREAS: The Grange has a long history with the deaf and hearing impaired community; and;

WHEREAS: American Sign Language (ASL) is a language unknown to many Californians; therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange Lecturer will develop a program for Subordinate/Community Granges to use that will educate the public on how to communicate in American Sign Language (ASL).

2017-034 BUDGET SUBMISSIONS AT ANNUAL SESSION

Submitted by the Audit & Budget Committee

WHEREAS: The Audit & Budget committee currently submits at the annual session for delegate approval the budget for the current year; and

WHEREAS: The annual session in the past has been held in June with the budget submission encompassing the same year as the session, and

WHEREAS: With the change of the annual session to September or October a budget for that same year would not be meaningful considering that the year has substantially passed; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the annual budget presented at the 2018 annual session shall be for the 2019 calendar year; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the annual budget presented at subsequent annual sessions shall be for the following calendar years; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Budget Committee is authorized to prepare a 2018 budget for the Board of Directors by December 31, 2017

2017-035 CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE AG LOBBYIST

Submitted by the Agriculture & Water Committee

WHEREAS: The Grange prides itself as the oldest agricultural organization in America, representing family farms across the nation, and

WHEREAS: California is by far the most diverse and productive agricultural state in America, whose farm practices and policies many elsewhere look to as an example to follow, and

WHEREAS: Many California State Grange resolutions call on our organization to advocate for state policy reform on behalf of farms and agriculture more generally; and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange currently has no political representation in Sacramento focused on and well-versed in issues pertaining to agriculture; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall establish, when fiscally possible, a political presence led by a professional advocate to draft, with the guidance of the membership, a lobby plan and to actively advance all CA State Grange official positions, urging state legislators, and collaborating with existing statewide farm-based coalitions whose values match the official platform of the CA State Grange; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this advocate report to and receive feedback from the California State Grange Master and the applicable standing Committee on a quarterly basis.

2017-036 CUSTODIAL ACCOUNTS

Submitted by the Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee

RESOLVED: We strongly urge the National Grange to change all references to holding items in "trust" for Granges to holding items in "Custodial Accounts."

2017-037R PLANTING TREES

Submitted by the Conservation Committee

WHEREAS: Approximately 70% of the oxygen we breathe comes from ocean phytoplankton that is threatened by ocean acidification; and

WHEREAS: Approximately 28% of the oxygen we breathe comes from trees, that give off oxygen, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange support and encourage sustainable forestry and arboreal practices on both public and private lands, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange encourage the use of native or regionally appropriate species, and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, The California State Grange shall take this resolution to the national grange so that the National Grange will support and encourage sustainable forest and arboreal practices on both public and private lands, and further encourage the use of native or regionally appropriate species

2017-038 AFFORDABLE HEARING AIDS

Submitted by the Education and Health Committee

WHEREAS An estimated 48 million Americans suffer from some form of hearing loss, with almost one-third of people ages 65 to 74 reporting difficulty hearing, as well as about half of those 75 and older, according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, and

WHEREAS Evidence is mounting that untreated hearing loss is a significant national health concern, and studies have linked it with other serious health problems, including depression, a decline in memory and concentration, and perhaps even dementia, and

WHEREAS Hearing aids can make a profound difference in a person's quality of life and, according to a 2015 Consumer Reports survey, many adults who need them put off buying them because of the high cost, and only hearing-aid look-alike devices are available now without a prescription, (devices that are not regulated and could possibly cause additional hearing damage), and

WHEREAS The Food and Drug Administration doesn't even allow the products to be marketed for improving impaired hearing, and hearing aids are not covered by Medicare or most private insurance plans and out-of-pocket costs for a single device average \$2,700, and

WHEREAS A group of bipartisan lawmakers in Congress recently sponsored the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act, H.R. 1652, aimed at making easy-to-use, prescription quality hearing aids available to adults with mild to moderate hearing loss for purchase without a medical exam, giving consumers more cost effective options, therefore be it

RESOLVED That the California State Grange request the membership to contact their lawmakers and urge them to support the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act, H.R. 1652, and be it further

RESOLVED That on the passing of this resolution, the California State Grange take this resolution to the National Grange to urge all lawmakers to also support the Over-the-Counter Hearing Aid Act, H.R. 1652.

2017-039 GRANGE SUPPORT OF PASSENGER RAIL

Submitted by Labor, Judiciary & Transportation Committee

WHEREAS: Passenger Rail is an important part of the USA long-distance transportation system, and has been for over 100 years, and

WHEREAS: The use of rail reduces the energy consumption of travel by as much as 80%, and

WHEREAS: Funding for public transportation in the USA continues to decrease, and

WHEREAS: Rural areas of the USA are poorly served by public transportation and passenger rail, and the economics of our rural areas suffer as a result, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: The California State Grange supports the expansion of our passenger rail service and will ask our legislature to increase the State Budget for rail improvements, infrastructure and increasing passenger services, and be it further;

RESOLVED: The California State Grange urge The National Grange to urge Congress to increase the Passenger Rail Subsidy and Infrastructure Budget.

2017-040 UPSTATE CALIFORNIA RAIL TRANSPORT NETWORK

Submitted by Labor, Judiciary & Transportation Committee

WHEREAS: The rainy year of 2016-2017 that superseded a five year drought has brought much damage and awareness of highway and infrastructure needs including major route closures; and

WHEREAS: The Governor and Government of the State of California are putting massive financial efforts into the planning and creation of high speed rail which does not serve the transportation needs north of Interstate 80, yet all Citizens of the State of California are paying through taxation;

WHEREAS: Joint ventures of Amtrak and the California Department of Transportation or Caltrans has heavily invested in a rail and bus infrastructure network to serve most of California, including such services as the Capital Corridor, San Joaquins, Surfliners, and other rail service;

WHEREAS: The taxpayers north of Interstate 80 have limited interlined passenger transport including only the night time interstate Coast Starlight trains, a couple of Amtrak Thruway bus connections, and SMART rail in Sonoma and Marin Counties, but almost nonexistent services in Upstate California, which the California legislators have used to define the upper 20 counties of California, north of and including State Route 20; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange supports a passenger rail and bus network to serve Upstate California north of Interstate 80.

POLICY STATEMENTS

AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE POLICY STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Audit and Budget Committee

- To review the annual income and expenses of your State Grange including the audit report of the State Grange's outside auditors
- To review the annual memorandum on internal controls and accounting procedures prepared by the organizations outside auditors
- To review the annual budget for the ensuing year
- To be responsible for insuring that the board of directors and membership are provided with accurate and timely financial information that serves to protect the well-being of the State Grange and supports the board in fulfilling their fiduciary responsibility.

GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT POLICY STATEMENT

The growth and development of our Granges should be the top priority for every member across our state. The nature of our state and communities is continually changing and our Community Granges need to recognize those changes to maintain their relevance to the communities they serve. Grange growth is built of the activities of local Granges. As members, we must remember to ask potential members to join our Grange. Growth does not happen spontaneously, it happens when members ask someone to join.

We acknowledge the greater role that technology plays in our society and encourage each Grange to find a way to incorporate modern technology into the life of their Grange. Social media is a valuable and cost-effective tool to share Grange activities with the world. We encourage each Grange to establish a virtual presence through a well-maintained website or Facebook page.

We maintain that the ritual is as relevant today as it was 150 years ago. Its teachings are a valuable part of the Grange experience for both new members and seasoned Grangers. We challenge each Community and Pomona Grange to explore the use of the ritual in their meetings and life of their Granges. We urge each Community Grange to give new members the Welcoming Ceremony or Obligation Ceremony when they join, if the degree work is not available. We remind all members of the obligation they took upon joining the Grange and urge that they make every effort to live out the obligation both in and out of the Grange. Our motto "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, in all things charity" is still representative of our core principles as an organization.

We recognize the importance of Grange youth development programs such as the Junior Grange and Grange Youth Fair Program in developing the next generation of Grange leaders. Each Grange should find a way to incorporate young people into the fabric of their Grange and work with State Grange leaders to develop Grange Youth Fair programs when applicable.

The success of this organization is ours to create. The Grange in California has advocated for the improvement of our state for almost 150 years. Through action we continue that legacy and build the Grange into a perpetual organization that will continue into the future.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE - FRACKING 2015

Report by Ed Mitchell, Past Master of Prunedale Grange #388

Brothers & Sisters,

As the legislative lead of Prunedale Grange 388, the Worthy State Master granted me 3 minutes to report to this convention the significant impacts that a State Grange resolution had in California and in the United States.

Often we pass resolutions but do not see the results and wonder if the effort was worth it. In 2015, the California State Grange debated and passed a resolution to ban extreme oil fracking operations, in the Salad Bowl of America. It had three impacts.

First, Grange members ensured that the written initiative to ban fracking, that was presented to the voters in Monterey County, allowed current traditional oil operations to continue. Closing down oil operations was not the initiative's intent. Protecting water and Ag jobs in the most seismically active oil field in America from having millions of gallons of toxic waste stored in our aquifer was the initiative's intent.

Second, during the initiative process, when asked what farmers supported the ban we told the public that Grange delegates across the length and breadth of California supported banning fracking in the Salinas Valley because of the threat to farming there. Also, that those delegates were farmers or families that strongly support farming and safe water in California.

Third, the resolution contributed to winning the Monterey County initiative to protect our water and protect 73,000 direct and indirect Ag-related jobs within Monterey County's multi-billion dollar Ag industry.

This was a David and Goliath win. The fracking industry spent over five-million dollars. The Protect Our Water initiative had \$220,000. Monterey is the fourth largest oil-producing county in California. And it is the **only** oil-producing county in the United States to ban fracking.

Prunedale Grange #388 feels that passing the state resolution and the initiative work that followed is in the best traditions of grassroots efforts by National, State, Pomona, and local Grange members during the past 150 years. It is also fitting for today's attendees to hear how the 2015 delegates helped protect water and farming in the Salad Bowl of America.

Therefore, I'm here to thank the delegates from other Granges for their foresight, labor, and support to protect agriculture within this state. You made a difference. You fulfilled our Grange mission.

Fraternally submitted,
Ed Mitchell, Past Master
Prunedale Grange #388

FIFTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

The following members received the Fifth Degree of Pomona at the 142nd Annual Session in Santa Rosa, California.

Collet, Jeanna	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Ellis, Mack	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503
Freitas, Shaylee	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
Linkemyer, Lauren	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503
Nielson, Sarah	Mendocino Pomona Grange No. 10
Shafer, Laura	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Simmons, Bethany	Dixon Grange No. 19
Watson, Edward	Corral De Tierra Grange No. 474
Fletcher, John	Aromas Grange No. 361
Fletcher, Susan	Aromas Grange No. 361
Freitas-Peeler,	Marilla Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
Munderloh, Kristen	Windsor Grange No. 410
Munderloh, Robin	Windsor Grange No. 410
Peeler, Donald	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
Pitts, Ann Marie	Windsor Grange No. 410

SIXTH DEGREE CANDIDATES

The following members received the Sixth Degree of Flora at the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange.

Collet, Jeanna	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Ellis, Mack	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503
Freitas, Shaylee	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
Golden, Heidi	Morgan Hill Grange No. 408
Linkemyer, Lauren	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503
Nielson, Sarah	Mendocino Pomona Grange No. 10
Oswald, Rebecca	Morgan Hill Grange No. 408
Pitts, Ann Marie	Windsor Grange No. 410
Sanchez, Tonya	Santa Clara Pomona Grange No. 4
Shafer, Laura	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Simmons, Bethany	Dixon Grange No. 19
Watson, Edward	Corral De Tierra Grange No. 474
Fletcher, John	Aromas Grange No. 361
Fletcher, Susan	Aromas Grange No. 361
Freitas-Peeler, Marilla	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
Munderloh, Kristen	Windsor Grange No. 410
Munderloh, Robin	Windsor Grange No. 410
Peeler, Donald	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672

RECOGNITION

Grange Builder Award –

Certificates awarded to Community Granges with a net gain of at least one new member for the calendar year.

Alpine Grange No. 665
Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Central Union Grange No. 559
Clovis Sanger Fowler Grange No. 842
De Sabla Grange No. 762
Dixon Grange No. 19
Escalon Grange No. 447
Grover City Grange No. 746
Ione Grange No. 681
Lake Earl Grange No. 577
Little Lake Grange No. 670
Mad River Grange No. 590
Marshall Grange No. 451
Mattole Grange No. 569
Morgan Hill Grange No. 408
Mountain Springs Grange No. 754
Oakdale Grange No. 435
Ono Grange No. 445
Orcutt-Sisquoc Community Grange No. 651
Palermo Grange No. 493
Rainbow Valley Grange No. 689
Santa Clara Valley Grange No. 838
Simooore Grange No. 857
Springfield Grange No. 523
Westside Grange No. 473
Windsor Grange No. 410
Winton Grange No. 531

Grange Anniversaries

Certificates were presented celebrating the years of continuous service provided by the Community Granges in California

Years of Service	Grange	Chartered
100	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382	3/31/1905
100	Gazelle Grange No. 380	3/31/1905
95	Gilroy Grange No. 398	4/5/1905
85	Palermo Grange No. 493	4/15/1905
85	Independent Grange No. 470	4/15/1905
85	Westside Grange No. 473	4/15/1905
85	Corral De Tierra Grange No. 474	4/15/1905
85	Shenandoah-Willow Springs Grange No. 491	4/15/1905
85	Wyandotte Grange No. 495	4/15/1905
85	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503	4/15/1905
85	Dows Prairie Grange No. 505	4/15/1905
85	San Bernardo Grange No. 506	4/15/1905
85	Monterey Pomona Grange No. 17	4/15/1905
85	Corralitos Grange No. 487	4/15/1905
80	Los Alamos Valley Grange No. 647	4/20/1905
80	Ojai Valley Grange No. 659	4/20/1905
10	Solomon Hills Grange No. 840	6/29/1905
5	Simooore Grange No. 857	7/4/1905

Continuous Membership Awards

Congratulations to our members who have achieved 25 years and more of continuous membership in the Grange.

70 Years

Emerson, Jessie
 Empire Grange No. 521
Miller, Edna
 Empire Grange No. 521
Miller, George
 Empire Grange No. 521

Olinghouse, Violet
 Orangevale Grange No. 354
Swett, Ray
 Wyandotte Grange No. 495

65 Years

Fries, Vera
 Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Geiger, Leland
 Prunedale Grange No. 388
Haley, Marie
 Anderson Grange No. 418
Koskela, Marie
 Whitesboro Grange No. 766

Leslie, Donna
 Windsor Grange No. 410
Morrison, John
 Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Sommerville, Bette
 Big Sur Grange No. 742
Tallman, Evelyn
 Grover City Grange No. 746

60 Years

Coffman, Lealand
 Clovis Sanger Fowler Grange No. 842
Coffman, Ray
 Clovis Sanger Fowler Grange No. 842
Francis, Barbara
 Loomis Grange No. 638
Mee, Norman
 Marina Grange No. 518

Montoya, Dorothy
 Cloverdale Grange No. 456
Montoya, Thomas
 Cloverdale Grange No. 456
Rasmussen, Carmen
 Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Skinner, Jean
 Costa Mesa Grange No. 612
Wood, Regan
 Sebastopol Grange No. 306

55 Years

Angle, Ida
 Empire Grange No. 521
Goss, Joe
 Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
Henderson, Donna
 Merced Colony Grange No. 527
Larson, Ann
 Central Union Grange No. 559
Nagle, Wilma
 Costa Mesa Grange No. 612
Preston, Robert

 Prunedale Grange No. 388
Saberniak, Rose
 Ripon Grange No. 511
Woolard, Edwina
 Central Union Grange No. 559
Buck, Fern
 Ripon Grange No. 511
Finn, Elizabeth
 Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
Henderson, James
 Palermo Grange No. 493

50 Years

Koehler, Janet
Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Koehler, Roger
Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Larrigan, Dolores

Ione Grange No. 681
Pitcher, Beverly
Palermo Grange No. 493
Solgat, Helen
Redwood Valley Grange No. 382

45 Years

Ackeret, Patricia
Orangevale Grange No. 354
Austin, Sharon
Central Union Grange No. 559
Bathe, Mary Ann
Grover City Grange No. 746
Bernard, Ronald
San Bernardo Grange No. 506
Curtis, Alice
Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
Deaver, Roland
Clovis Sanger Fowler Grange No. 842
Harms, Curtis
Fairfax Grange No. 570
Harris, Charles
Ripon Grange No. 511
Kidder, James
Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
Kyer, June
Montgomery Grange No. 442
Leonard, Vernon
Montgomery Grange No. 442
Lewis, Linda
Alpine Grange No. 665

Lewis, Randall
Alpine Grange No. 665
Lindeleaf, Warren
Gilroy Grange No. 398
Mattila, Charles
Mattole Grange No. 569
Pianfetti, Anthony
Los Alamos Valley Grange No. 647
Plagenza, Donna
Merced Colony Grange No. 527
Roscoe, Delores
Mattole Grange No. 569
Short, John
Mattole Grange No. 569
Stanley, Kathleen
Loomis Grange No. 638
Tosti, Suzanne
Los Alamos Valley Grange No. 647
Walker, Gene
Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
Wells, Sally
Prunedale Grange No. 388
White, Marvin
Palermo Grange No. 493

40 Years

Ball, Britt
Gazelle Grange No. 380
Baranak, Olga
Prunedale Grange No. 388
Christiansen, Lorene
Whitesboro Grange No. 766
Clouse, Corey
Orangevale Grange No. 354
Dutschke, Dwight
Ione Grange No. 681
Gilbert, Susan
Wyandotte Grange No. 495
Hutcherson, Barry
Anderson Grange No. 418
Jones, Julie
Anderson Grange No. 418
Lima, Clarence
Central Union Grange No. 559

Lima, La Vern
Central Union Grange No. 559
Luis, Michael
Ripon Grange No. 511
Pedrazzi, Debbie
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Pedrazzi, Donna
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Perez, Richard
Anderson Grange No. 418
Perry, Barbara
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Randolph, Harold
Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
Rodney, Carol
Anderson Grange No. 418
Viergegge, Penny
Big Sur Grange No. 742

35 Years

Baker, Barbara
Mountain Springs Grange No. 754
Baker, Emmett
Mountain Springs Grange No. 754
Behler, Carrie
Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
Biringer-Rehm, Bettyann
Dows Prairie Grange No. 505
Bonnet, Stella
Little Lake Grange No. 670
Brunson, Nancy
Mad River Grange No. 590
Brunson, Ronald
Mad River Grange No. 590
Fletcher, Willena
Windsor Grange No. 410
Greenmyer, Elsie
Grover City Grange No. 746

30 Years

Angle, Patricia
Empire Grange No. 521
Bianchi, Vern
Anderson Grange No. 418
Bohl, Erma
Ione Grange No. 681
Cauckwell, Cynthia
Whitesboro Grange No. 766
Cauckwell, Robert
Whitesboro Grange No. 766
Clouse, Jeanne
Orangevale Grange No. 354
Dillon, Gloria
Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Geissler, Apolonia
Central Union Grange No. 559
Hill, Jeremy
Empire Grange No. 521
Huntington, Gary
Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
Johnson, Douglas

25 Years

Adams, David
Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Alves, Veralei
Dows Prairie Grange No. 505
Anderson, Mary
Montgomery Grange No. 442
Apfel, Deanna
Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
Apfel, Mark
Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
Arraztoa, Petra
Rosedale Grange No. 565
Brothers, Thelma
Central Union Grange No. 559

Hanlon, Leona
Anderson Grange No. 418
Piazza, Alice
Ione Grange No. 681
Squire, John B.
Central Union Grange No. 559
Tyner, Anita
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Tyner, Donald
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Violini, Jim
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Violini, Kate
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
Whitmore, Ethel
Ripon Grange No. 511

Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
Lord, Tracy
Bear Creek Grange No. 530
Lyons, Linda
Mattole Grange No. 569
Lyons, Ronald
Mattole Grange No. 569
Means, Mary
Buena Vista Grange No. 564
O'Keeffe, Mary
Anderson Grange No. 418
Ramsey, Sue
Rosedale Grange No. 565
Shower, Anita
Grover City Grange No. 746
Stymeist, Steve
Hangtown Grange No. 464
Webb, Linda Jo
Winton Grange No. 531
Webb, Timmothy
Winton Grange No. 531

Brower, Shelley
Empire Grange No. 521
Cummins, Virginia
Prunedale Grange No. 388
Dalton, Marguerite
Stonyford Grange No. 686
Garman, Lois
Ione Grange No. 681
Harness, Linda Lou
Anderson Grange No. 418
Holley, Geney
Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Holley, Kenneth
Loma Rica Grange No. 802

Kingsley, John
 Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Kovner, Steve
 Little Lake Grange No. 670
Lake, Cindy Lee
 Anderson Grange No. 418
Lollar, Debra
 Prunedale Grange No. 388
Meyer, Bill
 Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
Parker, Betty
 Mountain Springs Grange No. 754
Parker, Charles
 Mountain Springs Grange No. 754
Phillips, Kyle
 Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
Rash, Earleen
 Windsor Grange No. 410
Rash, William
 Windsor Grange No. 410
Rice, Marcella
 Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Rose, Joan
 Anderson Valley Grange No. 669

Salisbury, Robert
 Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
Schwyhart, Jeanette
 Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Schwyhart, Robert
 Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Shadwell, Carol
 Big Sur Grange No. 742
Sinn, Phyllis
 Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Smith, Valerie
 Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
Stocker, Harold
 Loma Rica Grange No. 802
Tompkins, Heman
 Jacinto Grange No. 431
Watson, Lois
 Ione Grange No. 681
Webster, Christina
 Orangevale Grange No. 354
West, Jayme
 Ramona Grange No. 632

2017 GRANGE EXPO AWARDS

2017 California Grange Expo Results

Katie Squire, Director

Best of Show Art - BJ Fitzpatrick: Dow's Prairie - Chief Raven Hair

Best of Show Textiles - Naomi Fletcher: Orangevale - Set of woven placemats

Best of Show Photography/Adult - LoRee Lampke: Wyandotte - Lighthouse

Best of Show Photography/Youth - Chase Squire: Central Union guest - Catching a Football

Best of Show Talent – Josh Harper, Vocal

ART

Div. 10 Art - Section C Senior

Class 1 Painting

- 1st BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - Container with Lide
- 2nd BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - Cardinal on Wood
- 3rd Brandon Nebitt - Rosedale - Untitled
- HM KayLynn Booth - DeSabra - My Paint
- HM Sandra Wingfield - Rosedale - Pegasus at the Beach
- HM Sandra Wingfield - Rosedale - Hummingbird in Moonlight

Class 2 Drawing

- 1st BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - Chief Raven Hair
- 2nd BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - Cat
- 3rd Brandon Nebitt - Rosedale - Untitled

Class 3 Other

- 1st BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - Leopard - Mixed Media
- 2nd BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - French Bulldog
- 3rd Katie Squire - Central Union - Elephants

CRAFTS

Div. 30 Christmas Tree Ornaments - Section C Senior

Class 1 Fabric/Fiber/Yarn/Thread

- 1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Crochet snowflake

Class 3 Any Other Kind

- 1st Suzanne Moramarco - Rainbow Valley
- 2nd Lucette Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Snowflake

Div. 33 General Crafts - Section C Senior

Class 1 Recycled Craft Item

- 1st Betty-Ann Biringner-Rehm - Dow's Prairie

Class 3 Natural Object

- 1st BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - Oyster Shell Paperweight

Class 4 Any Other Craft Item

- 1st BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - Tiny Tales in 1:144 scale
- 2nd KayLynn Booth - DeSabra - Jewelry

Div. 50 Arrangements & Centerpieces - Section C Senior

Class 2 Baskets

- 1st Nancy Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Basket Centerpiece

Class 3 Holiday

- 1st Nancy Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Holiday Centerpiece

Div. 115 Folding Display - Section C Senior

Class 1

1st Judy Long - Orangevale - Pancake Breakfast

Div. 120 Collections - Section C Senior

Class 1 Any Kind

1st Sandra Wingfield - Rosedale - Donkey

2nd Sandra Wingfield - Rosedale - Pegasus

HM Marilla Peeler - Guest - Potholders

BAKING

Div. 152 Cookies - Section C Senior

Class 1 Bar

1st Lillian Booth - DeSabra - Gluten Free

Class 2 Drop

1st Shannon Willette - Rosedale - Chili Chocolate Chip

Div. 170 Snacks - Section C Senior

Class 2 No-bake cookies

1st KayLynn Booth - DeSabra - Rice Krispy Treats

Canning and Food Preservation

Div. 184 Pickled Foods - Section B Youth

Class 1 Cucumber

1st Rebekah Chamberlin - Central Union - Bread & Butter pickles

Div. 184 Pickled Foods - Section C Senior

Class 1 Cucumber

1st Codey Larson - Central Union - Bread & Butter pickles

Class 5 Relish

1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Picalilli

Div. 185 Jam - Section B Youth

Class 4 Any Other Kind

1st Rebekah Chamberlin - Central Union - Apricot

Div. 185 Jam - Section C Senior

Class 2 Strawberry

1st H.F. (Tom) Sawyer - Morgan Hill - Low Sugar

Class 4 Any Other Kind

1st Codey Larson - Central Union - Apricot

2nd H.F. (Tom) Sawyer - Morgan Hill - Low Sugar Apricot Jam

Div. 186 Jelly - Section C Senior

Class 5 Any Other Kind

1st Shannon Willette - Rosedale - Jalapeno Jelly

Div. 187 Other Soft Spreads - Section C Senior

Class 1 Marmalade

1st H.F. (Tom) Sawyer - Morgan Hill - Low Sugar

Div. 190 Dried Foods - Section C Senior

Class 2 Herbs

- 1st Leroy Squire - Central Union - Greek Oregano
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Greek Oregano

TEXTILES

Div. 210 Textiles - Section C Senior

Class 2 Small item - cotton thread

- 1st Darlene Wingfield - Rosedale - Dishcloth
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Knit washcloth
- 3rd Katie Squire - Central Union - Hand towel with knitted lace edge

Class 4 Any Other - thread

- 1st Judy Long - Orangevale - Crochet Wrap

Class 5 Afghan - Yarn

- 1st Sue Taylor - Central Union - Afghan

Class 6 Baby Blanket - Yarn

- 1st Sue Taylor - Central Union - Baby Blanket

Class 7 Baby Set - yarn

- 1st Rosemary Hansen - Anderson - Aqua baby set

Class 8 Cap, Hat, or Scarf

- 1st Sue Taylor - Central Union - Magnolia Lace Hat
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Blue knit cap
- 3rd Marian Sales - Rio Linda - Ice Cream Social Hat

Class 10 Any other - yarn

- 1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Rainbow Shawl
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Wrap-po
- 3rd Lillian Booth - DeSabra - Hot pad

Class 11 Embroidery or Crewel

- 1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Oval Doily
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Round Doily

Class 15 Any other - made from kit

- 1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Marikita

Class 16 Any Other, specify

- 1st Rosemary Hansen - Anderson - Scrubbie

Div. 220 Quilts & Comforters Section C Senior

Class 4 Quilt, machine quilted

- 1st BettyAnn Biringer-Rehm - Dow's Prairie

Class 7 Any other quilted item

- 1st BettyAnn Biringer-Rehm - Dow's Prairie - Table Runner

Div. 225 National Grange Quilt Block - Section D Youth & Senior

Class 1 Block

- 1st Naomi Fletcher - Orangevale
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union

Div. 230 Weaving, Misc., or Mixed - Section C Senior

Class 1 Weaving

- 1st Naomi Fletcher - Orangevale - Set of Placemats

Class 5 Any Other Kind, specify

- 1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Dragonfly keychain
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Paracord bracelet

Div. 240 Sewing - Section C Senior

Class 7 Any other garment

1st Sandra Wingfield - Rosedale - Hooded Cape

Div. 250 Sewing - Household creations - Section C Senior

Class 3 Any other item

1st BettyAnn Biringner-Rehm - Dow's Prairie - Pillowcase

2nd BettyAnn Biringner-Rehm - Dow's Prairie - Pair of pillowcases

Div. 260 Stuffed Toys - Section C Senior

Class 1 Animal

1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Crochet Bear

2nd Shannon Willette - Rosedale - Red Monster Plush

Class 3 Any Other Kind

1st Rosemary Hansen - Anderson - Toys

Div. 270 Wearable Art - Section C Senior

Class 2 Beaded

1st Shannon Willette - Rosedale - Leather bone necklace

Class 3 Dyed

1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Tie Dye shoes

2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Tie Dye T-shirt

Div. 300 Miscellaneous - Section C Senior

Class 1 Any other - specify

1st BJ Fitzpatrick - Dow's Prairie - Home Sweet Home ¼ scale

Class 2 Handbag

1st Shannon Willette - Rosedale - Leather/Bone purse

2nd Shannon Willette - Rosedale - Leather Feather purse

Div. 310 Field Crops & Garden Seed - Section C Senior

Class 2 Grain, Sheaves

1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Sheaf of wheat

Div. 318 Honey - Section C Senior

Class 1 Any Kind

1st Ann Larson - Central Union - Mixed Honey

Div. 319 Eggs - Section B Youth

Class 1 Any Kind

1st Shaylee Frietas - Sebastopol - 1 doz.

2nd Rebekah Chamberlin - Central Union - 1 doz.

Div. 319 Eggs - Section C Senior

Class 1 Any Kind

1st Codey Larson - Central Union - 1 doz.

Div. 370 Photography - Section B Youth

Class 5 Family

1st Chase Squire - Central Union Guest - Catching a Football

Div. 370 Photography - Section C Senior

Class 1 Landscape/Seascape

- 1st LoRee Lampke - Wyandotte - Lighthouse
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Red Rock Canyon
- 3rd Leroy Squire - Central Union - WFKU Elm Fire
- HM Suzanne Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Waterfall
- HM Lucette Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Flower Fields
- HM LoRee Lampke - Wyandotte - Ocean

Class 2 Portrait

- 1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Brandon in the Snow
- 2nd BettyAnn Biringner-Rehm - Dow's Prairie - Unnamed
- 3rd Katie Squire - Central Union - Native Dancer
- HM BettyAnn Biringner-Rehm - Dow's Prairie - Unnamed

Class 3 Macro (close-up detail)

- 1st Lucette Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Agapantha
- 2nd Katie Squire - Central Union - Iris
- 3rd Leroy Squire - Central Union - Zoom & Enhance
- HM Katie Squire - Central Union - Snowflower

Class 4 Animals

- 1st Lucette Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Peeking Flamingo
- 2nd Lucette Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Tiger in Shade
- 3rd Katie Squire - Central Union -
- HM Katie Squire - Central Union - Snowflower

Class 5 Family

- 1st Katie Squire - Central Union - Follow Me Boys
- 2nd Lillian Booth - DeSabra - Puzzle Time
- 3rd Lucette Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - State Grange Family

Class 6 Computer Manipulated Photograph

- 1st Leroy Squire - Central Union - WFKU S-24 Air Drop
- 2nd Lucette Moramarco - Rainbow Valley - Glowing CA Poppies

Div. 430 Woodworking - Section C Senior

Class 2 Self-cut

- 1st Codey Larson - Central Union - Wooden Cross
- 2nd Codey Larson - Central Union - Patriotic Sign

California State Grange Talent Show 2017

Class 1 Vocal

- 1st Josh Harper
- 2nd Laura Shafer

Class 2 Instrumental

- 1st Jeanna Collet
- 2nd Jerry Allen

Class 3 Variety

- 1st Brandon Nebitt

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

2017 California State Grange Resolution of Appreciation

WHEREAS: This is the 12th California State Grange Annual Session to be held in Sonoma County; and

WHEREAS: A convention's success is dependent upon the efforts of many; therefore be it

RESOLVED:

We, appreciate and acknowledge the outstanding work of State Secretary, Lillian Booth in the planning of this Convention as well as fulfilling her duties as State Grange Secretary throughout the year;

We offer our sincerest thanks to Sister LoRee Lampke for assisting the State Secretary, directing the 5th Degree team and being the "go-for" anything we needed; and to she and brother Mike Lampke for our new station drapes;

We greatly appreciate the gift by the Booth family of an antique Grange Bible to be used for our sessions;

We are grateful for welcomed guests Jim Houston, Under Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture, Brother Burton Eller, National Grange Legislative Director; Brother Tom Gwin, Master, Washington State Grange, Brother Tom McKern, President of the Grange Insurance Association Board of Directors and Sister Caroline who added much to the Annual Session;

We offer many thanks to State Lecturer, Katie Squire for the Lecturer's Program, Expo and the moving Veterans tribute; and be it further

We, appreciate Sister Erica Kroesen's knack for baking cookies to keep us sweetened up;

We, are glad to have an in-house auctioneer, Joe Stefenoni to help raise funds for our Expo program;

We, thank Chaplain, Barbara Geiger for a moving Memorial Service remembering those who have gone on before us to the great Grange above;

We, greatly appreciate to the hard-working Committee members for their work in our legislative endeavors and to the Chairs of the Committees for keeping the committees, organized, and moving forward;

We, are honored to receive the donation of historical documents from Little Lake Grange and are most appreciative;

We, offer our heartfelt thanks to the members of Sebastopol Grange for providing
and tending the refreshments during the Session;

We appreciate all Youth, Young Adults and Senior Youth for the excellent 5th Degree exemplification;

We also appreciate all the work and 6th Degree exemplification from the State Grange Officers;

We, give our sincerest appreciation to State Master Ed Kowski for his perseverance in shepherding the State Grange through the fight to reclaim our organization and heritage and to First Lady, Cynthia for keeping him grounded and on track

We, appreciate those who serve as State Officers and Directors so as to keep us moving forward to the future in which all our hopes center;

We, offer our thanks you to all those who, although unnamed, lent their time and talents to making this convention a success, we couldn't have done it without you.

Fraternally,
Martha Stefenoni
California State Grange Musician
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STATE MASTER'S RULINGS



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RE: Request for Master's Ruling on Conservation portion of the Policy Handbook as passed at the 142nd State Grange Convention.

Dear Brother Booth,

This is an answer to your request for a ruling, concerning the Conservation Policy portion of the Legislative Handbook passed by the Delegates at the 142nd Annual Session of the California State Grange in Santa Rosa, California, June 2017.

Your concern references the changing of words within certain portions of the previously published Conservation policy. You advise the change in these words results in a change of the original resolutions, without due process of a new resolutions to change Grange Policy.

Upon review, I agree with your assessment and am directing the following:
The Conservation Policy will conform to the policies passed for the other Resolution Committees, i.e. that whole sections may be deleted from the 2017 Policy Handbook to reflect the current active policy. All other sections will remain in the 2017 Policy handbook as originally published. Any other changes will need to be made by Resolution at the 2018 or subsequent State Grange Sessions. The State Grange Secretary will be advised to publish the Conservation Section as per this ruling.

Thank you for bringing this matter for consideration.
Fraternally,


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*In essentials, unity;
In non-essentials,
Liberty;
In all things, charity*