



# CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE



## 2020 JOURNAL OF PROCEEDINGS

145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session  
Virtual Convention  
Sacramento, California

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# 2020 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 October 7, 2019 through October 4, 2020

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## OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>2019-2020</i>	<i>2020-2022</i>
PRESIDENT	Kent Westwood Laytonville Grange #726	Kent Westwood Laytonville Grange #726
VICE-PRESIDENT	Jan Saxton Aromas Grange #361	Joseph Stefenoni Bennett Valley Grange #16
LECTURER	Katie Squire Central Union Grange #559	Katie Squire Central Union Grange #559
STEWARD	Vince Scholten Hessel Grange #750	Vince Scholten Hessel Grange #750
ASSISTANT STEWARD	Brandon Nebitt Rosedale Grange #565	Brandon Nebitt Rosedale Grange #565
LADY ASSISTANT STEWARD	Suzi Laskowski Rosedale Grange #565	Suzi Laskowski Rosedale Grange #565
CHAPLAIN	Barbara Geiger Aptos Grange #800	Barbara Geiger Aptos Grange #800
TREASURER	Christina Webster Orangevale #354	Christina Webster Orangevale #354
SECRETARY	Lillian Booth Wyandotte Grange #459	Lillian Booth Wyandotte Grange #459
GATEKEEPER	Jini Reynolds Redwood Valley Grange #710	Chad Smith North Fork Grange #763
CERES	Ellie Bruce Little Lake Grange #670	Ellie Bruce Little Lake Grange #670
POMONA	Annie Waters Little Lake Grange #670	Annie Waters Little Lake Grange #670
FLORA	Emily Casterson Aptos Grange #800	Emily Casterson Aptos Grange #800
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 1 YEAR	Erica Kroesen Little Lake Grange #670	Martha Stefenoni Bennett Valley Grange #16
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2 YEAR	Martha Stefenoni Bennett Valley Grange #16	Will Shaw North Fork Grange #763
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 3 YEAR	Will Shaw North Fork Grange #763	Steven Hood Central Union Grange #559
MUSICIAN	Wendy DeWitt Redwood Valley Grange #710	Wendy DeWitt Redwood Valley Grange #710

# CONVENTION SCHEDULE

## 145th Annual Session of the California State Grange

### October 3 & 4, 2020, Virtual Format

**NOTE:** Breaks will be taken throughout the Session, but are not specifically scheduled.

#### **FRIDAY, October 2, 2020**

Board of Directors Meeting  
5:00 PM State Grange Headquarters

#### **SATURDAY, October 3, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Opening of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree**

- Roll Call of Officers
- Lower to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
- Final Credential Report
- Approval of Convention Rules
- Approval of Convention Schedule
- Communications
- President's Annual Report
- Review and approval of Board of Directors Minutes.
- Report on Resolution 2019-014 Re: Corporate status and actions of the Board in 2019-2020.
- Audit & Budget Committee Report
- Resolution setting salaries of elected President and Secretary of the California State Grange
- Adopt 2020-2021 Budget
- Nomination of Officers
- Election Balloting
- Election Results
- Runoff election(s) as necessary

**12:00 PM – LUNCH**

**12:45 PM – Reconvene**

- Runoff election(s) as necessary
- Resolution Committee Reports

**4:00 PM**

Closing of the 1<sup>st</sup> Day in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree

- California State Grange Foundation Annual Meeting – immediately after the closing of the Grange

#### **SUNDAY, October 4, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Opening of the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree**

- Lower to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
- Roll Call of Officers
- Reading and approval of the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> day
- Memorial Remembrance
- Resolution Committee Reports

**11:45 AM LUNCH**

Prepare for Fifth and Sixth Degree  
(Postponed due to time constraints)

**12:30 PM - RECONVENE**

- Raise to the 5<sup>th</sup> Degree
- 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Obligation Ceremony
- Raise to the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree
- 6<sup>th</sup> Degree Exemplification
- Lower to the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree
- Installation of Officers
- Resolution Committee Reports
- Resolution of Appreciation
- Completion of any remaining business
- Closing of the Annual Session in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree. Until we meet again in 2021
- Board of Directors Meeting after close of the Session

# STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION

## California State Grange *Standing Rules 2020* *145th Annual Session*

The Standing Rules will apply only to the 145th Annual Membership Meeting of the California State Grange, October 3-4, 2020, while using a virtual environment and remote location hubs.

### 1. REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER

- a. By vote of the Board of Directors, the registration fee shall be waived for all attending the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session.

### 2. ATTENDANCE

- a. **Zoom Link:** Only those Delegates whose Granges are in good standing and have pre-registered, will be given the video/audio link to attend and participate in the meeting. Status of your Grange will be verified by the State Grange Secretary.
- b. **Login time:** The Zoom meeting room will be open beginning 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start of each meeting. **(Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition p. 639).**
- c. **Technical Requirements and Malfunctions:** Each member is responsible for their own audio and internet connections; no actions shall be invalidated on the grounds that the loss of, or poor quality of, a member's individual connection prevented participation in the meeting. **(Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition p. 640).**
- d. **Forced Disconnection:** The Chair may cause or direct the disconnection or muting of a member's connection if it is causing undue interference with the meeting. The Chair's decision to do so, which is subject to an undebatable appeal that can be made by any member, shall be announced during the meeting and recorded in the minutes. **(Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition p. 640).**
- e. **Sound and Video:** All delegates and State Officers participating online are asked to mute microphones and video feed when entering or leaving the meeting.

### 3. DELEGATE REGISTRATION

- a. **Closing Date:** Closing date and time for Delegate Registration shall be September 18, 2020. Any Delegate requesting to register after that date and time, shall only be seated with the approval of the California State Grange President.

### 4. RESOLUTIONS

- a. **Deadline:** The last deadline for the acceptance of late resolutions shall be September 15, 2020. Late resolutions will not be accepted after that date or published.

- b. **Resolution Committee Resolutions:** Resolution Committees may submit resolutions for consideration, other than resolutions to amend the by-laws of the California State Grange.
- c. **Committee Presentation:** The Committee presenter will give any amendments to the Resolution by the Committee; read only the "Resolved" portion of the resolution; and then state the Committee's action as "Committee Action is Favorable (Unfavorable)" The resolution is then on the floor for discussion. A motion to approve the Committee Report is not required ([Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised 12<sup>th</sup> Edition p. 603](#)).
- d. **Unfavorable Recommendation:** If the Committee recommendation is unfavorable, the Committee Spokesman will briefly explain the reason for the Committee's action.
- e. **Motion to Amend Resolutions from the floor:** In this virtual environment motions to amend resolutions which are more than 20 words, shall be posted by the maker or the Hub Facilitator in the chat window of the Zoom Meeting App in order to accurately record the amendment and enter it into the minutes.
- f. **Resolution Introduction:** A new resolution shall not be brought to the floor for a vote unless it has been published in DropBox and Delegates have been notified by email at least four (4) hours prior to the opening of the first day of the Annual Session. A new resolution is one that has not been included in the original Resolution upload to DropBox. ([California State Grange Bylaws Article XIV, Section 2. 14.2.1](#))
- g. **Resolutions to Amend the By-Laws:** Resolutions to amend the By-laws of the California State Grange shall not be combined in Committee. Per Article XXI of the California State Grange Bylaws, only properly submitted resolutions can be acted upon. All others will be declared out of order.
- h. **Recommitting Resolutions:** Due to the shortness of the Session, Resolutions presented will not be sent back to the Committee for rewrite at this Session. Resolutions may be referred back to committee for consideration at the 2021 Annual Session.

## 5. RECOGNITION OF SPEAKERS:

- a. To seek recognition by the State Grange President, a Delegate or Hub Facilitator, will post a message in the Chat window "Request to speak" with the name of the Delegate and their Grange.
- b. The State president will be notified of the request by the Headquarters monitors, and will then recognize the Delegate by name in the order the requests were received.

## 6. MOTIONS FROM THE FLOOR

- a. In this virtual environment motions shall be made by first being recognized by the California State Grange President, and then stating the motion. After being recognized, any motion from the floor which is more than 20 words, shall be posted in the chat window of the Zoom Meeting App in order to accurately enter the motion into the minutes.

## **7. FLOOR DEBATE**

- a. Shall be limited to two (2) minutes per delegate on any given question. Only the maker of a motion may speak twice.
- b. Any speaker exceeding their allotted speaking time will be muted by the meeting administrator at the direction of the State Grange President.

## **8. OFFICER & DIRECTOR REPORTS**

- a. Any digital or written reports from Officers and Directors shall be submitted to the Secretary prior to the close of the session for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings.

## **9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the minutes of the final day of session.

## **10. NEXT ANNUAL SESSION MEETING SITE VOTING**

- a. The place of meeting will be determined by a majority vote of the Delegate body at least one or two years in advance. Location(s) will be included on the ballot for Election of Officers.

## DELEGATES TO THE 145<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

### Pomona Granges Represented

<b>NAME</b>	<b>POMONA GRANGE</b>
Ann Larson	Central California Pomona Grange No. 28
Steven L. Hood	Central California Pomona Grange No. 28
Jeff Box	Mendocino County Pomona Grange No. 10
Annie Waters	Mendocino County Pomona Grange No. 10
Denise Osterback	Santa Clara County Pomona Grange No. 4

### Subordinate/Community Granges Represented

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SUBORDINATE/COMMUNITY GRANGE</b>
Robin Turnquist	Aptos Grange 800
Randy Turnquist	Aptos Grange 800
Lynn Mello	Aromas Grange No. 361
Matthew Beachy	Aromas Grange No. 361
Joseph Stefenoni	Bennett Valley Grange No.16
Martha Stefenoni	Bennett Valley Grange No.16
Sue Taylor	Central Union Grange No. 559
Katie Squire	Central Union Grange No. 559
Elise Engelhardt-Mark	Coyote Grange No. 412
Heather Stern	Coyote Grange No. 412
Tacy Currey	Dixon Grange No. 19
Julie Rhodes	Dow's Prairie Grange #505
Judy Byers	Dow's Prairie Grange #505
Marilla Peeler	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
Shaylee Freitas	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
Lynn Scholten	Hessel Grange No. 750
Vince Scholten	Hessel Grange No. 750

Maurice Viand	Humboldt Grange No. 501
Janice Simmons	Humboldt Grange No. 501
Anne Asperger	Laytonville Grange No. 726
Darwin Long	Laytonville Grange No. 726
Eleanor L Bruce	Little Lake Grange No. 670
Liam UiCearbhaill	Little Lake Grange No. 670
Jennifer Kramer	Mad River Grange No. 590
Patti Johnson	Mad River Grange No. 590
Kimberly Hoel	Marshall Grange No. 451
Buzz Chernoff	Marshall Grange No. 451
Ellen Taylor	Mattole Grange No. 569
Michael Evenson	Mattole Grange No. 569
Heidi Golden	Morgan Hill Grange No. 408
Tonya Sanchez	Morgan Hill Grange No. 408
Duncan McIntosh	North Fork Grange No. 763
Chad Smith	North Fork Grange No. 763
Jerry Macklem	Orangevale Grange No. 354
Linda Macklem	Orangevale Grange No. 354
Barbara Geiger	Prunedale Grange No. 388
Ingermarie Bevans	Prunedale Grange No. 388
Lucette Moramarco	Rainbow Valley No. 689
Marybeth Kelly	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Wendy DeWitt	Redwood Valley Grange No. 382
Linda MacCracken	Rio Linda Grange No.403
Marian Sales	Rio Linda Grange No.403
Brandon Nebitt	Rosedale Grange No. 565
Suzanne Laskowski	Rosedale Grange No. 565
Sherry Lee Bryan	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No. 503
Laura Shafer	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Dorothy Morgan	Sebastopol Grange No. 306

Sherry Pitts	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
Laural Colberg	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
Ellen Ferguson	Springfield Grange No. 523
Marian Nichols	Western Yolo Grange No. 423
Frank Nichols	Western Yolo Grange No. 423
Robert Canclini	Whitesboro Grange No. 766
Marialice Canclini	Whitesboro Grange No. 766
Ann Pitts	Windsor Grange No. 410
Lillian Booth	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
William "Bill" Booth	Wyandotte Grange No. 495

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEES

### Agriculture & Water

- Vince Scholten, Chairman Hessel Grange #750
- Michael Evenson Mattole Grange #569
- Augustin Rodriguez Springfield Grange #523
- Kathy Moley Humboldt Grange #501
- Clint Weirich Grover City Grange #746
- Chad Smith North Fork Grange #763

### Audit & Budget

- Christina Webster, Chairman Orangevale #354
- Lillian Booth Wyandotte Grange #459
- Jan Saxton Aromas Grange #361

### Citizenship & Taxation

- Erica Kroesen, Chairman Little Lake Grange #670
- Katie Squire Central Union Grange #559
- Robert Smith Little Lake Grange #670
- Ann Pitts Windsor Grange #410

### Conservation

- Ellen Taylor, Chairman Mattole Grange #569
- Marilla Peeler Fort Bragg Grange #672
- Leroy Squire Central Union Grange #559
- Maurice Viand Humboldt Grange #501
- Buzz Chernoff Marshall Grange #451
- Kozan Richardson Humboldt Grange #501

### Education & Health

- Steven Hood, Chairman Central Union Grange #559
- Ellie Bruce Little Lake Grange #670
- Dwight Winegar Humboldt Grange #501
- Sue Taylor Central Union Grange #559
- Lynn Mello Aromas Grange #361
- Anne Asperger Redwood Valley Grange #710

### Grange Law & Grange Growth & Development

- Joseph Stefenoni, Chairman Bennett Valley Grange #16
- Jini Reynolds Redwood Valley Grange #710
- Matthew Beachy Aromas Grange #361
- Joseph Rhodes Humboldt Grange #501
- Ann Larson Central Union Grange #559

### Labor, Judiciary & Transportation

- Jeff Box, Chairman Redwood Valley Grange #710
- Randy Turnquist Aptos Grange #800
- Julie Rhodes Humboldt Grange #501
- Bob Canclini Whitesboro Grange #766

# MINUTES OF THE 145<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SESSION

## DAY 1

### **CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE 145<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SESSION OCTOBER 3, 2020 SACRAMENTO HEADQUARTERS AND ZOOM**

The California State Grange moved by leaps and bounds into the technical age during the COVID 19 pandemic of 2020. All of the "normal" methods of having a State Grange Session were set aside to make room for technology. Members of all ages attended the State Session from their homes, Grange Halls with limited gatherings and using the Zoom meeting application.

The First day of the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange was called to order by State President, Kent Westwood at 9:00 am. The Session was opened in the Sixth Degree of Flora. The opening prayer was given by State Grange Chaplain, Barbara Geiger who was at Prunedale Grange Hall. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Brother Kent.

#### **ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:**

Roll call of officers found all present.

#### **FINAL CREDENTIAL REPORT.**

Final Credential report was given by the California State Grange Secretary, Lillian Booth. Roll Call of Granges was completed with 35 Granges represented and 64 Delegates. A quorum was declared.

#### **CONVENTION RULES:**

Convention rules were sent to the Delegates by mail and via DropBox prior to the State Session. It was moved by Bill Booth, Wyandotte Grange, to approve the Convention Rules as presented. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Convention Rules adopted.

#### **CONVENTION SCHEDULE:**

The Convention Schedule was sent to the Delegates by mail and via DropBox prior to the State Session. It was moved by Steven Hood to approve the schedule as presented. Seconded. Vote Taken. Motion carried. Convention Schedule approved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS.**

Will be deferred to later in the schedule.

#### **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS:**

California State Grange President, Kent Westwood, gave his annual address. Brother Kent encouraged all of the Granges to begin seed libraries in their community to help each person in their communities.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the report of the President and print in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

## **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **REPORT ON CORPORATE RESOLUTION FROM 2019**

Secretary Lillian Booth reported on the status of the 1946 Corporation, the 2014 Corporation and the 2016 Corporation. The process has begun to merge the three corporations and return everything to the 1946 Corporation which has always belonged to the California State Grange

### **AUDIT & BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT - CHRISTINA WEBSTER REPORTING 2020-038 – RESOLUTION SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE STATE PRESIDENT.**

**Committee report is Favorable.**

Discussion. Vote taken: Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

### **2020-039 – RESOLUTION SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE SECRETARY**

Committee report is favorable.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

### **2020-040 – RESOLUTION SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE .**

Committee report is favorable.

No discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

### **2020 - 2021 BUDGET, PROFIT & LOSS REPORT.**

Sister Christina provided the Audit & Budget, and Profit and Loss for 2020 to date  
It was moved by Steven Hood to adopt the budget as presented by the Audit & Budget Committee. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Budget report adopted.

Break called.

Session resumed at 10:25am.

### **NOMINATION OF OFFICERS:**

President Kent advised Delegates must be recognized or request to speak through the Chat function in order to make a nomination for office.

Nominations are as follows:

#### **President:**

Kent Westwood

Laytonville Grange #726

**Vice-President**

Joseph Stefenoni  
Jan Saxton

Bennett Valley Grange #16  
Aromas Grange #361

**Lecturer**

Katie Squire  
Jini Reynolds

Central Union Grange #559  
Redwood Valley Grange #710

**Steward:**

Vince Scholten

Hessel Grange #750

**Assistant Steward:**

Brandon Nebitt

Rosedale Grange #565

**Lady Assistant Steward:**

Suzi Laskowski

Rosedale Grange #565

**Chaplain:**

Barbara Geiger

Aptos Grange #800

**Treasurer:**

Christina Webster

Orangevale Grange #354

**Secretary:**

Lillian Booth  
Erica Kroesen

Wyandotte Grange #459  
Little Lake Grange #670

Declined

**Gatekeeper:**

Jeff Box  
Chad Smith

Redwood Valley Grange #710  
North Fork Grange #763

**Ceres:**

Ellie Bruce

Little Lake Grange #670

**Pomona:**

Annie Waters

Little Lake Grange #670

**Flora:**

Darlene Wingfield  
Emily Casterson  
Shaylee Freitas

Rosedale Grange #565  
Aptos Grange #800  
Fort Bragg Grange #672

**Executive Committee 3 years:**

Steven Hood  
Jan Saxton  
Vince Scholten  
Jerry Macklem

Central Union Grange #559  
Aromas Grange #361  
Hessel Grange #750  
Orangevale Grange #354

**Musician:**

Wendy DeWitt                      Redwood Valley Grange #710  
 Martha Stefenoni                Bennett Valley Grange #16   Declined

**Location for 2021 Convention (Suggestions to the Board of Directors):**

Aromas Grange  
 Fort Bragg Grange  
 Little Lake Grange  
 Orangevale Grange

While the State Secretary prepares the ballot for distribution to the delegates, The Worthy Musician livened our day with some awesome boogie-woogie while Annie Waters entertained us with dance.

Candidates for office were asked to introduce themselves.

Ballot prepared was prepared. Ballot was verified as correct by Assistant Steward, Brandon Nebitt and Vice-President, Jan Saxton before sending to the Delegates via a survey email.

Ballot results were received and read by Assistant Steward, Brandon Nebitt.

**Q1. Nominations for California State Grange President - 2020-2022**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Kent Westwood	98.31%	58
Blank	1.69%	1
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Kent Westwood declared elected as President of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

**Q2. Nominations for California State Grange Vice-President - 2020-2022**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Joseph Stefenoni	55.93%	33
Jan Saxton	44.07%	26
Blank	0.00%	0
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Joseph Stefenoni declared elected as the Vice-President of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q3. Nominations for California State Grange Lecturer - 2020-2022

Answer Choices	Responses	
Katie Squire	54.24%	32
Jini Reynolds	44.07%	26
Blank	1.69%	1
Write-In	0.00%	0
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>59</b>

Katie Squire declared elected Lecturer of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q4. Nominations for California State Grange Steward - 2020-2022

Vince Scholten	94.92%	56
Blank	3.39%	2
Write-In	1.69%	1
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>59</b>

Vince Scholten declared elected Steward of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q5. Nominations for California State Grange Assistant Steward - 2020-2022

Responses		
Brandon Nebitt	96.61%	57
Blank	3.39%	2
Write-In	0.00%	0
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>59</b>

Brandon Nebitt declared elected Assistant Steward of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q6. Nominations for California State Grange Lady Assistant Steward - 2020-2022

Responses		
Suzi Laskowski	96.61%	57
Blank	1.69%	1
Write-In	1.69%	1
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>59</b>

Suzi Laskowski declared elected as Lady Assistant Steward of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q7. Nominations for California State Grange Chaplain - 2020-2022

Barbara Geiger	96.61%	57
Blank	1.69%	1
Write-In	1.69%	1
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Barbara Geiger declared elected as the Chaplain of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q8. Nominations for California State Grange Treasurer - 2020-2022

Responses		
Christina Webster	100.00%	59
Blank	0.00%	0
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Christina Webster declared elected as the Treasurer of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q9. Nominations for California State Grange Secretary - 2020-2022

Responses		
Lillian Booth	100.00%	59
Blank	0.00%	0
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Lillian Booth declared elected as the Secretary of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q10. Nominations for California State Grange Gatekeeper - 2020-2022

Responses		
Jeff Box	35.59%	21
Chad Smith	57.63%	34
Blank	6.78%	4
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Chad Smith declared elected as the Gatekeeper of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q11. Nominations for California State Grange Ceres - 2020-2022

Ellie Bruce	98.31%	58
Blank	0.00%	0
Write-In	1.69%	1
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Ellie Bruce declared elected as the Ceres of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q12. Nominations for California State Grange Pomona - 2020-2022

Responses		
Annie Waters	98.31%	58
Blank	1.69%	1
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Annie Waters declared elected as Pomona of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q13. Nominations for California State Grange Flora - 2020-2022

Darlene Wingfield	17.24%	10
Emily Casterson	43.10%	25
Shaylee Freitas	36.21%	21
Blank	3.45%	2
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>58</b>

No majority received by any candidate. There will be a run-off between Emily Casterson and Shaylee Freitas.

### Q14. Nominations for California State Grange Executive Committee 3 years - 2020-2022

Responses		
Steven Hood	35.59%	21
Jan Saxton	28.81%	17
Vince Scholten	20.34%	12
Jerry Macklem	15.25%	9
Blank	0.00%	0
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

No majority received by the candidates. A runoff was declared between Steven Hood and Jan Saxton.

### Q15. Nominations for California State Grange Musician - 2020-2022

Responses		
Wendy DeWitt	100.00%	59
Blank	0.00%	0
Write-In	0.00%	0
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

Wendy DeWitt declared elected as the Musician of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

### Q16. Nominations for Convention Location 2021

Responses		
Aromas Grange	30.51%	18
Fort Bragg Grange	42.37%	25
Little Lake Grange	5.08%	3
Orangevale Grange	16.95%	10
Blank	3.39%	2
Write-In	1.69%	1
<b>Answered</b>		<b>59</b>

President Kent Westwood advised the State Secretary to prepare the runoff ballot.

Bible was closed on the Altar.

Lunch recess taken.

Session reconvened at 12:55 pm. Christina Webster opened the Bible on the Altar.

#### **Special Guest:**

Tom Gwin, President of the Washington State Grange Zoomed in to visit our State Session. He offered greetings from Washington State Grange. He is here to observe and learn from us so they can run a successful session in their own state later this month.

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **AGRICULTURE & WATER VINCE SCHOLTEN, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING**

**2020-003 - REMOVAL OF CULTIVATION CAP FOR CANNABIS COOPERATIVES**  
Committee Report is favorable as amended.

Discussion and questions. Cooperatives are only allowed 4 acres and individuals can have 10 acres. This would put the small farmer cooperatives on the same level as the individual larger farmers.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

## **GRANGE LAW / GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

### **JINI REYNOLDS, VICE-CHAIRMAN, REPORTING**

#### **2020-004 - GRANGE OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Committee Report is favorable as amended.

Discussion and questions from the Delegates. Vote taken. Chair was undecided. Roll call requested. Roll-Call vote taken. 25 yes, 28 no. 2 abstain 7 no response. Committee report rejected. Resolution rejected.

## **AGRICULTURE & WATER**

### **VINCE SCHOLTEN, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING**

#### **2020-006 - AMEND CALIFORNIA EGG SAFETY AND QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. Combined with Resolution 2020-013, using 2020-006.**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion and questions from the Delegates. Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

### **Runoff Election Results.**

Election results were read by Brandon Nebitt, Assistant Steward of the California State Grange.

#### **RUNOFF 2020 California State Grange Election of Officers Ballot #2 Nominations for California State Grange Flora - 2020-2022**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Emily Casterson	58.62%	34
Shaylee Freitas	39.66%	23
Blank	1.72%	1
Write-In	0.00%	0
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>58</b>

Emily Casterson declared elected as Flora of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

#### **RUNOFF 2020 California State Grange Election of Officers Ballot #2 Nominations for California State Grange Executive Committee 3 years - 2020-2022**

Answer Choices	Responses	
Steven Hood	50.00%	29
Jan Saxton	48.28%	28
Blank	0.00%	0
Write-In	1.72%	1
	<b>Answered</b>	<b>58</b>

Steven Hood declared elected as Executive Committee 3 years of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

State President Kent congratulated all the officers-elect and thanked everyone for their service to the Grange.

## **Committee Reports**

### **GRANGE LAW/GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT JINI REYNOLDS, Vice-Chairman, Reporting**

#### **2020-005 – OFFICER TITLES AND NAME CHANGES**

##### **Combined with 2020-015, using 2020-005**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion.

Motion for previous question. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Vote taken on the committee report which is favorable as amended. Carried. Committee report is adopted. Resolution as amended, adopted.

#### **Special Visitor:**

Sister Betsy Huber, President of the National Grange, was able to bring greetings to the California State Grange via Zoom Connection. She wished the delegates good luck with this new format and would be watching to see what they can incorporate in the National Grange Convention as well. Hoping to see everyone live next year.

### **EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE STEVEN HOOD, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING.**

#### **2020-025 - WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Request definition of "support". Chairman answered it would be up to the Board of Directors to make that determination.

It was moved by Chad Smith to add a third resolved. "That upon adoption the National Grange Legislative Director would petition Congress to restore the historical relationship of the United States to the World Health Organization." Seconded. Discussion. Point made that there are issues where the policies of the World Health Organization conflicts with the United States Constitution and how do we keep that balance. Point made that any financial support would be determined by the State Grange.

It was moved by Michael Evenson for the Previous Question. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Vote taken on the proposed amendment. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion.

It was moved to amend the first resolved after "responsibilities" by adding "in support of physical, mental, and social well-being or personal health." Seconded. No discussion. Vote taken. Amendment carried.

Committee report as amended on the floor. Discussion. Vote taken. Committee report favorable as amended, adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

### **Special Visitor:**

Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director “dropped” by to say hi from Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Brother Pete has a brand-new award for those who have worked very hard in their communities. It is the National Community Service Directors Award. He arranged with Sister Lillian’s help, to present the very first of these awards to a very deserving Grange Sister in California.

Sister Jini Reynolds of Redwood Valley Grange was presented a pin and a note from Brother Pete in recognition of all of her service to her community before and during the pandemic. Jini was very surprised and almost speechless (but not quite). She thanked Brother Pete and was very appreciative of the award. .

Grange put at ease for recess  
Reconvened 2:35 pm

### **Committee Reports**

#### **EDUCATION & HEALTH**

#### **STEVEN HOOD, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING**

#### **2020-026 – SUPPORT THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

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

#### **2020-027 – SUPPORT AGGRESSIVE TESTING AND CONTACT TRACING DURING A PANDEMIC**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Questions to Committee Chair. The Chair advised to correct the first resolved to read “minimize the spread and manage the treatment” . Lillian Booth moved to add “prompt and comprehensive” before “testing” in the first resolved. Seconded by Katie Squire. Discussion on the amendment. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor.

Discussion. Moved by Marilla Peeler to remove to remove “Worldwide” as redundant. Seconded. Discussion.

Maurice Viand moved the Previous Question on “worldwide”. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate closed on the amendment.

Vote taken on the amendment to remove “Worldwide”. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Committee Report as amended on the floor.

It was moved by Jennifer Kramer, Mad River Grange, to remove “treatment of” before “disease” from the first resolved . Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Committee report as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Report carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

**Education & Health Committee Final report.**

Steven thanked Kent for appointing him to again Chair this committee. Steven thanked the members of the committee: Sue Taylor, Dwight Winegar, and Ellie Bruce, who were able to participate. The committee reviewed the Education and Health Policy in the Legislative Handbook. No changes recommend this time.

**CITIZENSHIP & TAXATION COMMITTEE  
ERICA KROESEN, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING**

**2020-001 - "GUT-AND-REPLACE AND GUT-AND-AMEND" LEGISLATION**

Committee Report is favorable as amended.

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

**Special Visitor:**

Chris Hamp, the National Grange Lecturer gave greetings and wishes for a good convention. Chris is a Fire Chief in Washington State. She is on a current deployment to a fire camp in Northern California. Everyone wished her well and asked her to pass on thanks to all of the fire crews working to help fight the fires.

Erica Kroesen continued:

**2020-002 – GUT-AND-AMEND LEGISLATION**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion that this resolution appears to be the same as the previous resolution. It was moved by Lillian Booth to postpone this resolution indefinitely. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution postponed indefinitely.

**2020-012R - SUPPORT OF BLACK, INDIGENOUS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Comments regarding grammar and meaning. Many suggestions were made, but no motions were made to amend the language.

It was moved by Chad Smith, North Fork Grange, to refer this resolution back to committee to be brought back next year. Seconded. Discussion.

Motion for previous question to end debate on referring this resolution. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate ended.

Motion to refer on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution 2020-012R referred back to the committee and will be brought back in next year's resolution packet.

**2020-014 - OPPOSE DISCRIMINATION BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

Committee report is favorable.

Discussion. Change "sex" to "gender identification" on line 26, as per the committee directions. Discussion continued. Vote taken. Committee report rejected. Resolution lost.

The Orders of the Day showed it to be 4pm and time for closing. The 1<sup>st</sup> day of the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session closed in the 4<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Fraternally Submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

## DAY 2

The second day of the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange was called to order by Kent Westwood, State President.

The officers opened the 2<sup>nd</sup> day in the Sixth Degree of Flora.

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Roll call of officers found all officers present.

### **Reading of the Journal of Day 1**

State Secretary Lillian Booth read the Journal of Day 1 of the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session. It was moved by Steven Hood to adopt the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Joseph Stefenoni. Vote taken. Motion carried. Minutes approved as corrected.

### **Memorial Service**

State Grange Chaplain Barbara Geiger led the membership in a memorial service with prayer and song, to remember strong Grangers who were called home this past year. Well done, good and faithful service.

Sharon Austin	Central Union Grange No. 559	Past First Lady of the California State Grange. Supported many programs and helped mentor Juniors, Youth, and Grangers of all ages.
Edwina Hood-Woolard	Central Union Grange No. 559	She was an active member of the Grange at all levels for over 50 years, having been half of the California State Grange's Young Couple of the Year in 1975, and served as Junior Grange Director and Director of Youth Activities for the California State Grange at different times. She also was Past Master (President) of both Riverdale Grange and the Fresno-Madera Pomona Grange. She has most recently been an active member of Central Union Grange #559 in Lemoore and Central California Pomona Grange #28.

Elsie Rodriguez	Corral de Tierra Grange #474	Past Community Grange Master, Past State Deputy, and Past State Grange Membership Director. A staunch supporter of the Grange at all levels.
Howard March	Alpine Grange #665	Past Master Reseda Grange #703; Past Master, San Fernando Valley Pomona Grange. Past State Grange Youth Fair Program organizer and director.
Jacob "Jake" Albright	Mountain Springs Grange #754	Past Master Mountain Springs Grange and Pillar of the Mountain Springs Grange Community. Victim of the Bear Fire Sept. 2020

## Committee Reports

### LABOR AND JUDICIARY

#### – JEFF BOX, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING

#### **2020-010 REPEAL USPS PRE-FUNDING OF RETIREMENT**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Vote taken. Committee report is adopted. Resolution adopted.

#### **2020-011 - REPEAL USPS PRE-FUNDING OF RETIREMENT**

Committee report is favorable as adopted. Motion by Joseph Stefenoni to postpone indefinitely. Seconded. No discussion allowed on this motion. Motion carried.

Resolution is postponed indefinitely.

#### **2020-019 - OWNERSHIP OF AMERICAN MEDIA COMPANIES**

Combined with 2020-031. Using 2020-019

Committee Report is favorable as amended.

Discussion.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni to amend the resolution to add another Resolved beginning at Line 27 – "Upon adoption by the California State Grange, this resolution will be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration. " Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion.

Motion by Steven Hood to amend each of the resolved sections to change National to State Grange supports the 1934 Federal Communications Act. Seconded by Michael Evenson. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion lost. Amendment lost.

Committee report as amended on the floor for discussion.

Motion for Previous Question by Joseph Stefenoni. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate closed.

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

**Final report:**

Jeff Box Bob thanked the committee for helping with the work.

President Kent asked Jan Saxton to stand. Kent presented Jan with a Past Overseer's pin and thanked her sincerely for the time she spent as acting President when Kent was incapacitated. Jan received a standing ovation from everyone at the State Session.

Secretary Lillian read a letter from Darlene Wingfield, Past State Grange Pomona and long-time member. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Convention in 40 years that Darlene has not been able to attend.

**Committee Reports****GRANGE LAW / GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT  
JINI REYNOLDS, VICE-CHAIRMAN, REPORTING****2020-007 AMEND BYLAWS TO ADD EMERGENCY BOARD MEETINGS**

Committee report is favorable.

Discussion. One word changed to clarify. Would only apply to the State Grange Board of Directors and not to the Community Granges.

Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

**2020-008 - 5.3.5 OF CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE BY-LAWS**

Committee report is favorable.

No discussion. Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

**2020-009 - BY-LAW AMENDMENTS – 1946 CORPORATION**

Joseph Stefenoni moved Convention Rule 4c requiring the Resolved be read suspended for resolution 2020-009. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Chairman Jini read the intent of each of the sections being amended.

It was moved by Laura Schaffer, Sebastopol Grange, to change all terms of Master and Overseer in the amendments to President and Vice-President in resolution 2020-009. Seconded. Extensive discussion.

Vince Scholten moved the Previous Question. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Amendment on the floor with no further debate. Vote taken on amendment. Motion carried. Amendment adopted.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion

Previous Question was moved by Joseph Stefenoni. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Resolution as amended on the floor with no further debate.

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

**2020-017 – BANKING**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Question on all monies or just the invested funds. The resolution says “all”.

Move the previous question by Buzz Chernoff to close debate. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate Closed.

Resolution as amended on the floor with no further debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

Roll call vote requested. Yes 33 and No 24. No response 6. Resolution adopted.

Lunch recess called at 12:00 pm. Bible was closed.

Return from lunch at 12:37 pm. Bible was opened.

Due to the amount of business to be conducted, State President Kent asked if there were any objections to postponing the Degree Work to a different date and time.

It was moved by Steven Hood to postpone the exemplification of the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Degree until a later date. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. The Degrees will be announced at a later date.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**CITIZENSHIP & TAXATION**

**ERICA KROESEN, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING**

**2020-032R CANNABIS TAXATION**

Committee report is favorable as rewritten.

Discussion. Vote taken. Report adopted. Resolution as rewritten adopted.

**Final Report:**

Erica gave the final report by thanking her committee.

**GRANGE LAW / GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT**

**JINI REYNOLDS, VICE-CHAIRMAN, REPORTING**

**2020-018 ROUND TABLE FORMAT FOR GRANGE MEETINGS**

Committee report is favorable.

Discussion. Several referrals to Resolution 2020-035

It was moved by Lillian Booth to table this resolution until immediately after processing Resolutions 2020-021 and 2020-035. Seconded. Motion carried.

**2020-035 - AMEND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNITY GRANGE  
ALTERNATIVE OPENING**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Extensive discussion. Many thoughts and ideas were exchanged among the Delegates

It was moved by Linda MacCracken for the Previous Question. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate Closed.

Resolution on the floor with no further debate. Vote taken. Report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

**2020-021 - UPDATE COMMUNITY GRANGE MANUAL**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Extensive Discussion

It was moved by Lynn Mello for the Previous Question. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Debate ended.

Report as amended on the floor with no further debate. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report of the committee adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

Request from the Vice-Chairman to take 2020-018 from the table. No objections heard. 2020-018 is on the floor.

**2020-018 - ROUND TABLE FORMAT FOR GRANGE MEETINGS**

Committee report as favorable as amended. Extensive Discussion.

Heather Stern, Coyote Grange, moved the previous question. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Committee report on the floor with no further discussion. Vote taken. Unable to determine the majority. Roll Call Vote requested. Aye: 26. Nay: 29. No response by 8. Abstain 1. Resolution has lost.

Lillian Booth moved that the round meeting format be referred to a special committee educated on existing options then propose a version that suits as many considerations as possible and completed before the next session with recommendations. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried.

**AGRICULTURE AND WATER  
VINCE SCHOLTEN, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING.**

**2020-022R – STANDARDIZING COUNTY EIR COUNTY REGULATIONS.**

Committee report is favorable as rewritten.

Discussion.

Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, moved to amend to follow the "EIR" "for cannabis cultivation "CEQA" "for cannabis cultivation. In both resolved statements. Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion. Vote taken. Committee report as amended adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

### **2020-023 – SOLAR POWERED TRACTORS AND FARM EQUIPMENT**

Committee report is favorable.

Discussion.

Added second resolved as a friendly amendment by the writer of the resolution to send on to National Grange after adoption.

Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

### **2020-024 - SMALL FARMER RESOLUTION**

Committee Report is favorable as amended.

Discussion.

Move to amend Line 21 to add "appropriate" before "state regulations". Accepted by the committee as a friendly amendment.

Buzz Chernoff, Marshall Grange, moved to amend by adding "category for exempting small farms from certain regulations that may also apply to large farms." Motion died for lack of second.

Discussion continued.

Motion by Brandon Nebitt, Rosedale Grange, to amend to replace the Resolved with: "The California State Grange actively lobby state officials to create a regulatory category for small farms with less than \$150,000 gross income per year." Seconded by Steven Hood.

It was moved by Liam UiCearbhaill to amend the amendment to add "with such category having reduced cost and regulations." After "per year". Seconded. Vote taken. Amendment to the amendment is carried.

Amendment as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Amendment is carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion. It was moved by Steven Hood to amend the second Resolved to add "at the federal level". Seconded. Discussion. Vote taken. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended, and amended, and amended on the floor. No discussion. Vote taken. Committee report as amended, adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

Recess taken

Reconvened.

**Committee Reports:**

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE  
ELLEN TAYLOR, CHAIRMAN, REPORTING.**

**2020-016 - PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATIONS**

Committee report is favorable.

Discussion. Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

**2020-029 - TO SELL HEMP AND CANNABIS WASTE FOR USE AS ANIMAL FEED**

Committee report is favorable.

Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted

**2020-030 IDENTIFY HEMP AND CANNABIS AS AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES**

Committee report favorable as amended.

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

**Final Report:**

Ellen thanked the committee of Kathy Moley, Clint Weirich, Chad Smith, Michael Evenson and LeRoy Squire.

**GRANGE LAW / GRANGE GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT  
JINI REYNOLDS, VICE-CHAIRMAN, REPORTING**

**2020-020 - UPDATE LANGUAGE OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

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

**2020-034 – AMEND NATIONAL GRANGE BY-LAWS TO CHANGE SUBORDINATE TO COMMUNITY.**

Committee Report is favorable as amended.

Extensive discussion and divided opinions. The option is already provided for in the National Grange Digest to allow either "Subordinate" or "Community" referring to the local Grange.

It was moved by Lillian Booth to postpone this resolution indefinitely. Seconded. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution postponed indefinitely.

**2020-033 - AMEND SECTION 4.10.7 (B) OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS**

Committee report is favorable.

Discussion. Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

**2020-036 - AMEND 4.8.2(G) OF NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Extensive discussion. Motion carried. Resolution adopted.

### **2020-037 - AMEND 4.6.6 OF NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Motion to amend by Martha Stefenoni (over the age of 13 year and 6 months). Determined there may be a conflict with the next section. Sister Stefenoni withdrew the amendment.

Families can make a choice to have a family membership or not.

Vote taken. Committee report adopted. Resolution is adopted as amended.

### **2020-028 - CREATE PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK FOR GRANGE JUDICIAL PROCESS**

Committee report is favorable as amended.

Discussion. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

### **Final report:**

Chairman Joseph Stefenoni gave the final report. He thanked Jini Reynolds for stepping up when he asked her to present the resolutions. This was mentorship by doing. All of the members were thanked for working diligently on the resolutions.

### **Completion of Business:**

President Kent asked the Secretary, Lillian to verify if all of the resolutions were complete. Sister Booth verified the resolutions are complete.

### **Installation of Officers:**

Installing Officer: Martha Stefenoni, Priestess Annalist of the Assembly of Demeter

Installing Master: Bill Booth, Past President of the California State Grange

Installing Chaplain: Barbara Geiger, California State Grange Chaplain.

Sister Martha obligated all of the officers with the Installation Oath of Office.

New Officers were installed:

Vice-President: Joseph Stefenoni

Gatekeeper: Chad Smith

Pomona: Annie Waters

Executive Committee: Steven Hood

Officers were declared installed.

### **Closing of the Grange.**

There being no further business before the Delegates, the Grange was closed in the Fourth Degree to again assemble for the 146<sup>th</sup> Annual Session in 2021. President Kent wished all a well and healthy year.

With the rap of the gavel, the Session came to an end.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

# CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE FOUNDATION

Worthy President and Brothers and Sisters of the California State Grange,

Congratulations to us! We have made it through the first year of existence of the California State Grange Foundation, which was established at the 2019 California State Grange Annual Session in Santa Rosa, by you, the delegates of the California State Grange. You elected five additional Board of Directors members who, along with the seven members of the California State Grange Executive Committee, have worked hard at getting our Foundation going.

Our first order of business was electing officers of the Board. After doing this, your California State Grange Foundation Board of Directors consisted of:

President:	Steven Hood,	Central Union Grange #559
Vice President:	Erica Kroesen,	Little Lake Grange #679
Treasurer:	Martha Stefenoni,	Bennett Valley Grange #16
Secretary:	Bill Booth,	Wyandotte Grange #459
Director:	Kent Westwood,	Laytonville Grange #726
Director:	Jan Saxton,	Aromas Grange #361
Director:	Will Shaw,	North Fork Grange #763
Director:	Christina Webster,	Orangevale Grange #354
Director:	Lillian Booth,	Wyandotte Grange #459
Director:	Katie Squire,	Central Union Grange #559
Director:	Rachel Britton,	Little Lake Grange #670

Next, we set about jumping through all the legal and governmental hoops to get set up as a 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt nonprofit foundation. This included filing documents with the IRS and California Secretary of State. From there we could establish bank accounts and start working on all the other things necessary to get the Foundation established. We had to get an agreement with the National Grange for use of the trademarks which are property of the National Grange. We had to get a website set up, along with establishing a social media presence. We are set up with Amazon Smile, a program where ½% of the value of your Amazon purchases is donated to a specified charity; you can easily set up so that a donation is made to the Foundation every time you buy something from Amazon. We have a PayPal account, which will make it easier for folks to get donations to the Foundation. Stationary, fictitious name statement, acknowledgment letters... and the list goes on.

We also started work on developing policy for the Foundation. A Scholarship Advisory Committee was established to figure out just what kinds of scholarships we would like to have, what are the qualifications for receiving a scholarship, procedures for applying, selecting winners, and everything else that goes along with having a scholarship program. A Foundation Development Committee is working on ways to grow the Foundation, raise funds, and get the word out. A Foundation Policies and Procedures Committee is working on just that, the ways the Foundation will operate.

We have already been getting inquiries from Community Granges about using the California State Grange Foundation to serve as a pass-through for receiving grants. We

know this is important to you and that it will really help Granges get funding projects. We are working on establishing policies and procedure in this area and want to be able to help our local Granges as soon as possible. We will let you know just as soon as we are able to work with the local Granges in this way.

We need to give a big thanks to our Secretary, Bill Booth, and his assistant, Lillian, for doing so much of the work in getting things established. And I would like to thank all of the Directors for the work they have put into serving on the Board and getting things going over the past year.

In closing, I would like to remind you that this is your California State Grange Foundation. Your Board of Directors would appreciate hearing any ideas or suggestions regarding the Foundation. We want to do our best for you and with your help, we will continue to build and grow into a strong future!

Fraternally,

Steven L. Hood, President  
California State Grange Foundation

## COMMUNICATIONS

Video messages were received from:

Betsy Huber, National Grange President

Chris Hamp, National Grange Lecturer

Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director

Tom Gwin, President, Washington State Grange

Darlene Wingfield, Past State Grange Pomona sent greetings to the Delegates.

9-28-20

Lillian Booth, California State Grange Secretary,

I am sorry to miss the 2020 session of the California State Grange Convention this year. This is the first one to miss since I started attending as a delegate in 1974. (45 yrs).

About 3 months ago was short of breath and had been, my doctor referred me to a Pulmonary Doctor in Bend, Oregon. I found out I have pulmonary fibrosis, then breast cancer and then I heart valve problem. Have CAD (Coronary Artery Disease) and had a PCI (Percutaneous Coronary Intervention) Sept 25, 2020. In about a month they will go in and fix the heart valve.

Sure will be missing all my Grange families I see each year.

Wishing you all a successful Convention.

Hug everyone for me, No Can't Do That.

I send my Love & prayers to all.

P.S.

God Bless

Darlene Heath Baldrige Wingfield

Rosedale Grange #565 Kern Pomona #26

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Luzi has been my Angel caretaker  
driving from Bakersfield (800 miles)  
to Burns, Oregon and taking me  
to Bend, Oregon the 150 miles to  
Doctor appts. from the start.  
Only going home about 3 times.

## STATE MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brothers and Sisters,

Well a year has passed since our last convention and what a year it has been, one that will probably be remembered throughout the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

### **Some Good News!**

Let's start out with some good California State Grange news. As you may know, we have been in lawsuits with several community Granges that have tried to stay with the Guild or turn into some other nonprofit organization. One of those was the Fort Bragg Grange where the Guild broke into the building, changed the locks, and stole valuable contents including substantial monies in its bank account. After several years of legal battling, we got our day in court—the judge decided in our favor on every count. The defendants will now have to reimburse the Grange for our legal costs, as well as restore the money they stole and all goods and paraphernalia they took. This was another high win for the Grange and will set the tone for other similar cases in the courts. We are encouraged.

### **Strategic Plan**

Before I went on disability, we went through quite a process putting together a strategic plan to revitalize the California State Grange—to focus our mission and make it more relevant to younger generations. The Grange has the structure to bring our desires to fruition through our legislative programs, the fair program where children can show their animals, as well as the fraternal structure where we all get together for fund raisers, community projects, or—just as important—having fun together. We also intend to set some funds aside and invest in grant programs to fix up some of our halls in communities where fundraising is difficult and deferred maintenance is not getting done. We cannot afford to let our buildings fall apart. I would rather fix and revitalize a lot of these halls and make them viable community centers again. Still, we had to demolish one this year that was beyond fixing and there are a few more like that. A lot of the small communities where we have Grange halls no longer can raise money like they once did; while there are many different reasons, all ultimately revolve around changing economic conditions.

### **Climate**

Now —or the news that's not so good. Carbon dioxide is now 415 parts per million in Mother Earth's atmosphere, unprecedented storms are coming out of the Atlantic Ocean pounding our country, giant fires are burning the western part of our country, and a freak storm this past summer has destroyed millions of acres of corn and soybeans in the Midwest.

These storms and fires aren't just happening in our country but worldwide. Fires and extreme storms are here to stay with us unless we wake up and deal with our overuse of fossil fuels. Folks, it's as simple as that. We are all going to be affected by these climate changes to different degrees as the weather gets hotter in the southern states and the country's aquifers continue to be sucked dry. People are having to migrate, not just in our country, but worldwide. In the next 20 years a minimum of 13 million

people may have to migrate within the United States alone due to rising water, extreme temperatures, and devastating storms.

### **What to do?**

What to do? As Grangers, we have to think about raising more of our own food. Most of Americans don't have vegetable gardens as we depend on corporate agriculture to provide their food at their local supermarket.

My community Grange, however, has started a seed library and seed bank with over a 1,000 varieties of heirloom organic vegetables for our Grangers and the local community; we provide these seeds free of charge, and the community in turn provides seed back to the library to keep the system going.

If you have gardeners in your hall, think about doing something like this because garden seeds are not cheap anymore, and your seeds will be acclimatized to your area. In ancient days, mariners and explorers used the stars to navigate their way around our planet looking for new lands and places to settle.

Now is the time for the Grange, our country, and the world to set our sights on new stars, to forge a new path for humanity and end this downhill progression towards what might be the end of humanity and the other living beings we share the planet with. Stepping back, taking a real look at the truly "big picture"—now is the time to spend the kind of money we spend on the military on alternative energy, to get rid of the mountains of used plastic that exist around the globe, and to clean up our oceans. Do you know how much micro plastic you consume when you eat seafood? It's time we turn our soils into organic soils; that's the only way to grow healthy foods—from healthy soils!

### **Community Advocate**

So, let's advocate for our local communities to start seed libraries and seed banks. We can do this in our Granges. We can come together to teach our community the skills necessary! filled with organic seeds and learn to start growing part of your own food and help others who don't have the skills. My own Grange Laytonville #726 also houses a food bank to help feed the poor of our community, and this has grown greatly since the pandemic started and left so many people out of work.

As a Grange, we can and must find ways to serve your community —because that is what the Grange does.

Fraternally,  
Kent Westwood, President  
California State Grange

## STATE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Worthy Brothers and Sisters and State Officers,

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

### **Membership**

Our membership continues to grow, and Granges are continuing to return to good standing in the Order. We reorganized in 2014 with 26 Granges and there are now 100 Granges in good standing with more returning. Our membership stands at close to 5,000 members with almost 800 having family memberships. Because of the Grange Youth Fair Program, our membership is getting younger with more Junior 1+ members than Golden Sheaf Members in California.

### **Charters Revoked:**

Charters are revoked for when a Grange is working in violation of the By-Laws of the National Grange and/or State Grange or for non-payment of dues. There are still over 50 Granges who are in that position in California. We have reached the point where it is a necessity to revoke their charters. All are afforded the opportunity to appeal to the National Grange Master and none have taken that avenue. We continue to welcome all to the Grange who wish to return.

### **Convention:**

2020 has been a difficult year. One of our biggest accomplishments was to overcome obstacles in the COVID 19 pandemic and have a fully functional socially-distanced and virtual Grange Convention. Getting internet connectivity to the Granges hosting small groups will continue to be an asset to those Grange Halls in the future. Thank you to everyone contributing ideas, information, and resources to make this convention work.

I want to thank my family for helping to keep things centered this past year. Bill, KayLynn, LoRee, and Amanda were always there with a smile, hug, funny meme, advice, and help every time it was needed. I love you all very, very, much.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

## **STATE TREASURER'S REPORT**

Christina Webster, Treasurer of the California State Grange presented the Financial Reports and the 2020 Budget to the Delegates.

Please see the following pages for details.

**California State Grange**

**2020 Profit and Loss Comparison Budget to Actual  
& 2021 Profit and Loss Budget**

code	2020					Variance to budget	2021 BUDGET
	2020						
	01/01-09/30 Actual	10/01-12/31 Projected	2020 Total				
INCOME							
R01	Membership Dues	69,127	43,739	112,866	(248)	115,123	
R02	Supportive Membership Dues	69,629	24,063	93,691	(2,559)	96,250	
R03	Family Weekend Registration	290		290	(210)	500	
R04	State Session Registration	-	600	600	(3,900)	4,500	
R05	Investment Income	-	-	-	-	-	
R06	Sale of Fair Valley Grange Hall	-	107,000	107,000	107,000	60,000	
R07	Parking	26,740	5,880	32,620	9,100	23,520	
R08	Building	91,445	50,058	141,503	7,088	139,311	
R09	Applegate Rent	600	450	1,050	(750)	1,800	
	Rental Income - Sacramento	118,785	56,388	175,173	15,438	164,631	
R10	Legal expenses refunded	-		-	-	-	
R11	UCD Expense Reimbursement	-	24,805	24,805	13,945	10,860	
R12	Other	1,054		1,054	1,054	-	
R13	Pmt against Grange Loans	1,769		1,769	1,769	3,259	
R14	Donations	-		-	-	-	
R15	Youth Program	-		-	-	-	
R16	EXPO Program	-		-	-	-	
	Other Income	2,823	24,805	27,628	16,768	14,119	
	Total Income	260,654	256,594	517,249	132,290	455,124	
EXPENSES							
X01	Dues to National Grange	27,346	40,584	67,930	9,930	59,078	
X02	Nat'l Conv Assessment	10,900	-	10,900	10,900	4,350	
X03	Legal Fees	245,601	85,000	330,601	230,601	50,000	
X04	Audit	-	4,000	4,000	(1,000)	5,000	
X05	Sacramento Property	37,780	6,480	44,260	4,260	40,000	
X06	Personnel Costs	116,584	30,840	147,424	43,248	123,360	

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**& 2021 Profit and Loss Budget**

code	2020		2020		Variance to budget	2021 BUDGET
	Budget	01/01-09/30 Actual	10/01-12/31 Projected	2020 Total		
X07 Travel & Meetings	40,000	11,887	3,962	15,849	(24,151)	20,000
X08 Family Weekend	500	1,091		1,091	591	1,000
X09 Estimated Officer Stipend	2,400	-	4,800	4,800	2,400	2,400
X10 State Session Expenses	4,000	3,453	1,900	5,353	1,353	4,000
<b>State Session</b>	<b>6,400</b>	<b>3,453</b>	<b>6,700</b>	<b>10,153</b>	<b>3,753</b>	<b>6,400</b>
X11 Operations	30,000	25,891	8,630	34,521	4,521	35,000
X12 Insurance	25,000	11,899	5,592	17,491	(7,509)	30,000
X13 Wisteria Note Payment	19,560	-	19,560	19,560	-	19,560
X14 Investment Expense	-	-		-	-	
X15 Contract Services	25,000	3,527	4,500	8,027	(16,973)	10,000
X16 Memorial	-	-		-	-	-
X17 Donations & Sponsorship	-	1,285				
X18 Grange Hall Loans	10,000	3,500		3,500	(6,500)	10,000
X19 Grange Hall-Property Tax	7,000	18,219	24,000	42,219	35,219	15,000
X20 Grange Hall-Insurance	1,000	4,074	-	4,074	3,074	5,000
X21 Grange Hall Maintenance	2,000	32,945	-	32,945	30,945	50,000
<b>Grange Hall Recovery &amp; Main</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>58,738</b>	<b>24,000</b>	<b>82,738</b>	<b>62,738</b>	<b>80,000</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>473,636</b>	<b>555,980</b>	<b>239,849</b>	<b>794,544</b>	<b>320,908</b>	<b>483,748</b>
<b>NET INCOME (LOSS)</b>	<b>(88,677)</b>	<b>(295,326)</b>	<b>16,746</b>	<b>(277,295)</b>	<b>(188,618)</b>	<b>(28,625)</b>

# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

## CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 10, 2019 - Rincon Valley Grange Hall

The pre-Convention Board meeting of the California State Grange was called to order by President/President, Kent Westwood.

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Kent Westwood, President; Jan Saxton, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Christina Fletcher, Treasurer; Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee 3 Years; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee, 2 Years; Bob Clouse, Executive Committee 1 Year, all present. There were no guests.

### **Rosedale Grange request:**

Rosedale Grange requested funds from their Custodial Account to pay for the registration, housing and meals for the representatives to the Convention. Motion by Lillian to approve. Seconded. Discussion. Aye: Booth, Westwood, Saxton, Fletcher, Stefenoni, Kroesen, and Clouse. Nay: None. Motion carried.

### **Fort Bragg Grange request:**

Marilla Peeler is the representative for Fort Bragg Grange. Due to family medical emergencies, funds are not available for housing for this Convention.

*It was moved by Lillian that the State Grange will pay up to \$250 per night for housing and meals for Marilla Peeler, representative from Fort Bragg Grange. Seconded. Discussion. There are other options being discussed as well. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Westwood, Saxton, Fletcher, Stefenoni, Kroesen, and Clouse. Nay: None. Motion carried. Kent called Marilla to tell her to be there in the morning.*

### **Convention:**

Martha reported everything is ready to go. Great crew put the room together today. Lillian advised crew put together all of the Convention binders and all appears ready. National Guests are checked in to the hotel and everyone will be here tomorrow.

No further business was presented. The meeting was adjourned.

Fraternal submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Post-Convention**

October 15, 2019 - Rincon Valley Grange Hall

The post-Convention Board meeting of the California State Grange was called to order by President, Kent Westwood.

### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Kent Westwood, President; Jan Saxton, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Christina Fletcher, Treasurer; Will Shaw, Executive Committee 3 years; Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee 2 Years; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee, 1 Year; all present.

Will Shaw was welcomed to the Board and filled in on the basic legal issues pending with the State Grange.

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### **Convention Expenses:**

Receipt received from Martha for out-of-pocket expenses for Convention. Christina will process.

Lillian will submit her expenses to Christina for processing.

### **Convention Committee – Orangevale:**

Convention committee will be appointed. Martha will facilitate and mentor the committee to put on the next Session.

### **Survey of Convention:**

Survey will be composed and sent to the members attending and the general membership. Need to consider moving the dates to Friday through Monday. This question will be added to the survey. Jan, Martha & Lillian will compose the survey.

### **Board Members:**

Each Board member needs to make a list of essential items or tasks in order of importance. When received, it needs to be compiled, orders placed, and sent to the other Board members.

### **Strategic Planning:**

A time and talent survey needs to be composed to send to the membership to garner participants to the teams.

### **National Grange expenses:**

Kent and Iona have already made their flight reservations, hotel, and convention registrations for National Convention.

Talent participants. After much discussion by the Board of various ways to provide funds,

*it was moved by Lillian to donate matching funds up to \$1,000 to the dancers, if the parents will allow them to travel to Minnesota. Seconded by Jan. More discussion. Vote taken: . Aye: Booth, Westwood, Saxton, Fletcher, Stefenoni, Kroesen, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**Resolution Committees:**

It was suggested to appoint the Resolution Committees now so they are able to work with Michael Evenson throughout the year. Kent will appoint committees.

**Convention locations – after 2020.**

Suggested locations included Asilomar Conference facility and other. We are outgrowing our larger halls as evidenced by this Session.

**Thank you, Bob Clouse!!**

Bob stopped by the meeting to tell everyone to have a safe trip home. Bob was thanked for all of his years of service to the State Grange. "Thank you" is not adequate to express our appreciation. Lillian and Bob were both thanked for getting the Settlement signed and completed.

**Communication:**

Letter received from Roosevelt Tarlesson asking the State Grange to be the Grant Administrator to a grant his organization, the National Economic & Social Development Action Committee, is receiving to purchase property in Oroville and Dixon. Responsibilities will include accounting, accounts receivable/payable and financial reports as well as working with contractors. General discussion. Lillian to follow-up to ask for a specific business proposal and current insurance documents for the organization.

**Fort Bragg follow-up:**

Marilla Peeler was able to attend the convention and stayed at the same vacation rental with Kent and Iona Westwood. No additional expenses for hotels at this time.

**Bills and accounts:**

*It was moved by Christina to pay the outstanding bills and reimbursements for Convention. Seconded. Vote taken. Aye: Booth, Westwood, Saxton, Fletcher, Stefenoni, Kroesen, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Next meeting set for Saturday November 17, 2019 in Sacramento. Times to be determined.

No further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
EMERGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

October 25, 2019 - Via Go-To-Meeting

The emergency meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was called to order by Overseer, Jan Saxton, at 7:00 pm.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

Jan Saxton, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Christina Fletcher, Treasurer; Will Shaw, Executive Committee 3 Years; Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee 2 Years; all present. Erica Kroesen, unable to participate in the meeting.

Item for discussion: Extended Illness of State President:

Due to the extended illness of State President, Kent Westwood, National Grange Digest Section 4.10.8(F) applies to the California State Grange.

\*\*4.10.8 Vacancies in Office\*\*

(F) In the National or State Grange, the Overseer shall assume the duties of the Master upon an absence of the Master due to incapacitation (the inability to perform the duties of office due to ill health) that would impede the business of the Grange. It will be the responsibility of the Executive Committee as their representatives to notify the Masters of all Granges as soon as possible. When the Master is able to return to duty he/she will re-assume the office.

By a unanimous vote, the Board voted to declare CA State Grange Overseer, Jan Saxton, as the Acting Master of the California State Grange with all authority of the President, until such time as Brother Kent is well enough to return to his duties.

Sister Jan will be attending the National Grange convention in Minnesota as the Delegate for the California State Grange.

*After much discussion, it was moved by Martha to designate Jini Reynolds, Gatekeeper of the CA State Grange, as the second delegate to the National Grange Session. Seconded by Christina. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Stefenoni, Webster, Saxton, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Lillian will notify National Grange Session registration of the changes. Lillian will officially notify National President, Betsy Huber, and send an Official Notice to the general membership.

Other items discussed:

Salary for Jan Saxton as the Acting President. Jan asked to have this delayed until after National Convention and we know more about Kent's recovery.

Granges – Central Union Grange By-Laws and Turlock Grange by-laws will need to be approved. Prior custom of the State Presidents is to submit to Bill Booth for review for any conflicts before approval. Jan will continue that custom for the new Granges.

Change of meeting date:

Lillian requested a change of meeting date due to conflict at her own Grange.

*It was moved by Will to change the meeting as follows: Meeting will be moved to Sunday November 17, 2019. 9AM Closed session (please be there at 8:30am so we are all assembled and ready to go). Foundation meeting at 10AM to sign Articles of Incorporation and elect officers of the Foundation. General meeting will open at 10:30 am. Seconded by Lillian. Vote taken: Aye: Booth, Stefenoni, Webster, Saxton, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

No further business. The meeting was adjourned.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday, November 17, 2019 - Headquarters Building, Sacramento,  
CA

CLOSED SESSION 9:00 am  
FOUNDATION MEETING 10:00 AM  
OPEN SESSION 10:30 AM

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order by Acting President Jan Saxton at 9am. Salute to the flag was made by all present.

Board members entered Closed Session at 9:10 am.  
Open Session reconvened at 10:30 am

**1. Roll Call of officers**

Jan Saxton, Overseer/Acting President; Lillian Booth, Secretary, Christina Webster, Treasurer; Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee 2 year; Will Shaw, Executive Committee 3 Year, and Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 1 year were all present.

Members present were: Linda MacCracken, Steven Hood, Bill Booth, KayLynn Booth, Katie Squire, Jerry and Linda Macklem, Reg Corella, D

**2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.** – Lillian Booth, Secretary

- a. Journal Day 4, 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Session – reading postponed, not complete.
- b. Board Meeting October 10, 2019

Minutes of the Board meeting prior to Convention were read.

*It was moved by Stefenoni to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Kroesen. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

- c. Board Meeting October 15, 2019

Minutes of the Board meeting after close of Convention were read.

*It was moved by Stefenoni to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Kroesen. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

- d. October 25, 2019. Motion to approve as corrected by Martha. Erica 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
Aye:

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of October 25, 2019 were read.

*It was moved by Stefenoni to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Kroesen. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**3. Financial Reports –**

Check register was passed to the Board Members for review and comment.

#### **4. Communications received**

Telephone call received by the State Secretary from a collections agency advising there is an outstanding invoice from Cal Expo in the amount of \$1600 outstanding from Cal Expo. Lillian has placed two phone messages and an email to Cal Expo accounting office with no return contact.

#### **5. Director Reports**

##### **a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth / Inger Bevans**

Corporations will need to be reviewed to determine how to go forward from here. Secretary of State filings have to be completed first, then proceed from there. We will need assistance to determine how to proceed with the Group non-profit exemptions of 1160 and 6229.

Jan commented the National Grange Advocacy program is incorporation as a 501(c)(4) corporation. We will need more information to see if that would be beneficial for the State Grange. Jan to contact Burton for more information.

Lillian will contact Bank on how to change corporations from the 2014 to the 1946. More information to follow

##### **b. Communications Director – Bill Booth**

Website is updated. Inquiries still coming in about joining Granges. Latest Journal has been posted and the updated Grange Youth Fair Program Handbook.

Last year the State Grange paid for a Subscription for Good Day Magazine. Cost is \$16.00/year. Bill suggests sending a copy to each State Officer, each Grange, and Deputies. Cost would be approximately \$2,000+ There's a card in each.

*It was moved by Martha to purchase one subscription for each Grange, State Officer and Deputy. Seconded by Erica. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Bill continued by stating the committee is still moving ahead on the Strategic Planning for Communication. His next project is to set up a Google search within the site to make finding information easier.

##### **c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire reporting**

\$1251 was donated to Expo at the Convention. It was a very good Expo this year. Newer people could see what they "could" do and are excited about it.

Katie advised there is a need to update to a newer laptop for the Expo. The current laptop is running on Windows 95 platform. Katie will be contacting the Expo program software company for an update. Newer software will allow on-line registration with newer updates for a fee.

Expo Theme for 2020 will be Pumpkins. Katie has added three different classes. Beaded jewelry and beaded items are now separate. Art Night class is now added as a separate class. Building block contest is still in there. Maybe use them as an introductory entry to the Expo

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey  
Lillian Booth reporting. The National Grange Youth Fair Handbook update is posted on the California Grange website. And will be on National's very soon.

e. Youth Director – Vacant

f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni  
Turlock Grange #29 has been organized, with Steven Hood's help. There are 65 members. 75% under the age of 40.

Community Grange in the Imperial area was organized on October 28, 2019. There are 35 total on their Charter. Had over 100 express interest at their Spaghetti Dinner.

On November 5, Hessel Grange was reorganized by Vince Scholten with 35 people on the roster.

November 9, Coalinga Grange was organized by Steven Hood.

Manzanita Grange was organized last January – new charter was issued.

All charters were presented at National Session. Out of 14 total charters presented, 5 were in California.

Now we have to help them become Grange members. And they need mentoring. Deputies are the nuts and bolts so the framework is there and the house will stand. Need to start a mentor program. Need mentor Granges and socialization aspect. These new Granges have support around them.

Community Service – Project Sustenance cards are available for Deputies and State Officers. If a Grange wants them, they can purchase and reimburse the State Grange.

g. Grange Deputy Reports

i. Bob Clouse – Lead Deputy

Jerry Macklem reporting for Bob.

Bob put together a binder he will use to train the deputies so they know what is going on. Jurisdictions and training with the Deputies will be set soon.

Jerry & Bob went to Lockeford Grange and met with the two ladies. Had the locks changed. Hoping to get back there to get the Community going again. Ladies there were never Grangers and believe we will sell the Hall. The goal is to revitalize the Grange.

ii. Reg Corrella – Not attending

iii. Steven Hood

**Turlock Grange - November 3, went to Turlock Grange.** The members have already set up a fund-raising committee and events. There is a pulled pork, and pies, auction in December. Cioppino feed and craft sale are coming. They are working on raising funds. Grange Garden will be set up.

By-Laws – Steven will meet with them. Martha to get By-laws to Steven. December 1st – Steven will help them set up as a Grange hall. They will elect the rest of the officers. Steven will explain duties, and present the Charter.

President is 20 years old and there is a good leadership team.

**Coalinga Grange** – Application signed and sent in the mail. 15 charter members. Elected 6 officers. Steven used the Welcoming Ceremony in Spanish. It was really nice to see their reaction. Meeting set for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the Month.

**Elbow Creek Grange:**

Steven will reach out.

**Central Union Grange – By-laws**

Central Union By-laws were reviewed and approved.

**Kings County Pomona Grange**

Steven outlined the plan made by the Granges, requesting to come together as the Central California Pomona Grange.

iv. Dwight Winegar

Dwight sent emailed report.

v. Will Shaw

Bob, Kent, and Will went to Anderson Grange for revitalization. There was no support in the community. The revitalization will be reviewed at the New Year.

Redding Grange is rented monthly to the Sons of Italy. Marked as a Guild. Will to make contact with them.

Mt. Bolivar Grange – attorney for the Guild is occupying the property in lieu of rent. They are hostile to the Grange

Will is planning to make contact with Millville Grange in Palo Cedro to talk to other members.

Scott Valley Grange – unable to repair the roof. Steel with asphalt under. Went to 5 construction companies that won't go there. No keys to the building. Will to continue to work on the roof. Recommends selling the property since Mt. Bolivar is just down the road.

Greenhorn Grange is a blank building – not marked Grange or Guild. Building is in good condition. Homeless staying down below the Hall in bad weather. No activity in six months.

*It was moved by Martha to authorize Will to change the locks on the Scott Valley Grange building. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken: Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

vi. Mitch Clouse – no report

vii. Lawrence Jaffe – no report

h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Revocation of Granges:

Paradise Grange, Muscoy Grange, Freshwater Grange, Atascadero Grange, Lake Francis Grange, Berry Creek Grange, Woodbridge Grange, Clear Lake Grange, Yankee Hill Grange, Thermalito Grange, Hessel Grange, Rutherford Grange, and El Paso de Robles Grange

ii. Granges indicating return to Good Standing:

Atascadero Grange, El Paso de Robles Grange, and Estrella Grange, Lompoc Grange.

iii. Charters Issued

Manzanita Grange, Turlock Grange, Community Grange, Hessel Grange,

iv. Charters Pending

Coalinga Grange

v. Membership Statistics

No report this meeting.

Reorganizing Granges – must have the Membership application filled out and signed by each member/family.

Break for lunch at 12:06 pm.

i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Things are working well at the office. A couple of issues with the computers, causing frustration, but all turned out well.

j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

Seismic report. Lillian and Jan to try to meet with the UCD Staff on Monday for conversation about the Janitorial reimbursement and rent increase. Need to know a status update on the seismic retrofit.

i. Maintenance

Landscaping sprinkler system. Fix one part and another part goes down. Turning off one element out by the neighbor who has been complaining. Controls to sprinklers are inside the GBO building. Reprogrammed the timers. Going to cap off the last two sprinklers.

Have a lot of deferred maintenance to the building. Getting dry-rot in some areas from deferred care. Will have a better assessment very soon. Per Jan, let's get ahead of the maintenance.

ii. GBO Building

Holding action until update from UC Davis.

k. Grange Property Report

i. Applegate Grange (Merced County)

Phone call from neighbor behind the Applegate Grange was received, asking if the Hall was for sale and would we please keep him informed.

Lillian was advised to contact the Lodge and ask for a decision from the Lodge as of 12/31/2019 to determine if they want to purchase. Have another interested buyer.

ii. Capay Grange (Tehama County)

Refer to Randy & Lawrence. Board has already voted to sell this property.

iii. Crescent Redwood Grange (Del Norte County)

Received letter from David Kinder regarding purchase of the Crescent Redwood Grange. This would be the fourth time he requested to open escrow. Randy Turnquist following up. Supposed to close escrow by 12/1/2019.

iv. Eastlake Grange (Lake County)

Hall to be sold. Kent was able to take the better kitchen items and distribute them to Granges who need them. Just recently Jini Reynolds has people interested in re-starting a Grange there.

v. El Camino Grange (Tehama County)

1. Demolition – cost \$30,000

Notarized Form for Tehama County permit sent to the contractor with \$10,000 deposit. Need update as to progress.

vi. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

vii. Fair Valley Grange / Chino Valley

1. Broker update.

Randy & Lawrence to get broker update.

*It was moved by Martha to reimburse Chino Valley Grange (Letty Roman) the property taxes, upon receipt of proof to reimburse the proper person or organization on Fair Valley Grange property, after it became the property of the California State Grange. Seconded by Erica. Discussion. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

viii. Los Molinos Grange (Tehama County)

Nothing new.

ix. Millville Grange (Shasta County)

Will made contact there. Very hostile. Will make another attempt at contact since the settlement is concluded.

x. Scott Valley Grange #386 – Etna CA (Siskiyou County)

Under Will's report.

xi. Tulelake Grange (Siskiyou County)

Need to refer to Randy / Lawrence and work with Bob.

xii. Thermalito Grange Hall  
Talk to Jeff and see how to get control of the Grange.

xiii. DeSabra Grange  
Roof is done. Heating needs to be looked at. Stove needs repair. Propane tanks need to be hooked up.

xiv. Honey Lake Valley Grange  
1. contacted by Barbara White; deed, promissory note, taxes in arrears?  
Attached the deed and promissory note. Last time taxes paid in that Barbara knew was in 2010. Barbara was a former Deputy Master in that area. Need to research. Determined there are no delinquencies on property taxes.

xv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls  
None received.

xvi. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls  
DeSabra Guild  
Biggs Grange  
Jan will contact Randy & Lawrence to follow-up and push these ahead.

\*\*\* Family workshop - Katie Squire reporting  
Location – Orangevale Grange / President's Day Weekend February 15-17, 2020  
Prices are set and publicized.

## **6. Comment Request**

## **7. Old Business**

a. Report on Granges  
i. American River Grange  
Lillian – to check and refer to Jan for follow-up with Bill Thomas on amount of dues to be paid.

ii. Buckeye Grange  
Will says the Buckeye Grange members are getting the hall fixed up, he will contact them again after the new year.

iii. Elk Creek Grange - State Grange is still paying the bills.  
iv. Garcia Grange – nothing new.  
v. Elk Grove Grange – Nothing new  
vi. Healdsburg Grange –  
The deed has been in the name of the California State Grange for several years, but occupied by the Ballet Guild. There are many questions here that need to be worked on. Jan and Martha will pursue.

vii. Sonoma Valley Grange  
Now called Sonoma Springs Community Center. Seems to be operating as a Community Center. Jan plans to go talk with them.

viii. Banner Grange

ix. Pilot Hill Grange - Fighting the lawsuit with lawyers

x. Rutherford Grange –

Jeff is working on this one to bring everyone together for a conversation  
Need to contact the associate members from Wine Association –

xi. Elbow Creek Grange – Steven Hood to reach out to them.

xii. Petaluma Grange -

Grange to be taken off the list. Was reorganized as #851 in December 2012. Amended to Guild.

*It was moved by Will Shaw to revoke the Charter of Petaluma Grange. Seconded by Martha. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried. Revocation to be sent.*

xiii. Calaveras Grange

Lillian got call from someone who wanted to know about the Calaveras Grange. Will send information on to Martha.

xiv. Lucerne Valley Grange – turned keys over to us.

Lillian will check on the corporation and transfer deed to the State Grange. Steven believes if someone can get out there and work with the community it could be a good Grange.

Refer to Randy & Lawrence to get deed in our name.

xv. Jacinto Grange

The current needs include getting the former Secretary to return records to the current secretary of the Grange.

Recess taken.

Reconvened.

The California State Grange Foundation Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws are signed by the Directors. Will be filed with the California Secretary of State as soon as possible.

Will suggested we have Grange ball caps for sale. He also asked to inquire about cost for the American Flag / Grange Emblem pin for new members.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – Lillian

i. Bennett Valley Grange Hearing

On December 5<sup>th</sup> the Case Management Conference delayed and moved to February. Motion for Summary Judgement is pending. Need to determine hearing date.

ii. Fort Bragg Grange

Discovery of documents is in process.

iii. Redwood Valley Grange

Are meeting in the hall. Guild is still causing problems for them about the building. The case is not complete yet.

iv. Other Granges

Lillian to reach out to other Guilds with pending cases to see who is open to conversation.

c. 2019 Journal of Proceedings

Goal for January 31, 2020. Jan volunteered to proofread.

a. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

Website search has to be done by name. Need to determine the process to get the property.

b. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth – In progress

c. Grange Travel / Visits

Several from California went to Minnesota for the National Grange Session. Jan Saxton, Jini Reynolds, Lillian Booth, Bill Booth, Martha Stefenoni and Joseph Stefenoni.

d. Iris Bulbs – Planted by Vince Scholten right after State Session.

Bulbs planted in memory of Johnny Squire are in the ground and growing. Katie checked on them, all doing fine.

e. Grange Essentials - Local Grange Training & Mentoring

Dates to be determined. Humboldt County invited Martha & Lillian.

f. State Grange Session Update - Martha

Christina Webster to be the Chair of the local committee at Orangevale Grange Hall.

g. Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Plan

Lobbyist contract – a current contract was never signed with Mike Greene. Jan to get that contract done.

Question was asked - Are the legislative committees at the last convention going to work through the next year? Jan stated she will proceed with the committees we had at the last convention. She will have Michael Evenson contact the Committee Chairs to work with Mike Greene and Michael Evenson on legislative advocacy this year. .

At next year's Session, the newly elected President will appoint committee chairs to work for the next two years.

Legislative Fly-In will be working the 2020 Primary in New Hampshire. The Youth Department is working on a separate Youth Legislative Fly-In in March – which will be open to everyone.

Suggested that the California State Grange have a Contest to send a Youth to Washington DC to the Youth Fly-In. We need to invest in our younger members and help them learn to Advocate for Grange Policy. Jan asked Martha to check on travel costs. Jan asked Katie to design an essay contest – start promoting now and get Michael Evenson to be involved..

h. Strategic Planning Team

1. Fraternal

Erica Kroesen, Martha Stefenoni, Steven Hood, Augustin Rodriguez, Lanny Cotler, Annie Waters, Katie Squire, Buzz Chernoff

2. Business

Lillian Booth, Christina Webster, Gary Abreim, Dwight Winegar, Rachel Britten.

3. Communications

Bill Booth, Jan Saxton, Lanny Cotler, Gus Rodriguez, Kent Westwood

4. Legislative

i. Traveling Degree Team

Hold for next meeting

**8. New Business**

a. Membership – Invite National Membership Director to California  
Strategically planning where and when to send. Purpose would be to mentor the Deputies in various areas.

b. NESDAC – Roosevelt Tarlesson – Fiscal Sponsor of Grant  
*It was moved by Will Shaw to send a letter advising the California State Grange declines to participate because we do not have the capacity to administer the grange at this time. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried. Jan will send letter.*

c. Access Live – Communications Platform  
Basic information provided to the Board per phone call between Lillian and sales representative. Board determined we are not interested in this company.

d. Deputy Districts and Training  
Maps of districts were presented to view. Will be referred to Bob Clouse for further consideration.

e. Business Cards for Deputies  
Business cards discussed. Deputies & Officers can reach out for business cards.  
*It was moved by Martha that the State Grange pay for 500 cards for each person requesting, using Office Depot. Seconded by Erica. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

f. Report on Closed Meeting  
Actions taken:  
*It was moved by Christina that, If the California State Grange President is unable to serve, for any reason, extending more than two weeks, their salary will be temporarily suspended, and the Acting President will be compensated at the same rate, to end when the elected officer returns to full duty. Seconded by Martha. Vote: Aye: Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Note: Jan left the meeting at the beginning of the discussion and was not present for the vote.

*It was moved by Lillian that Martha Stefenoni receive the President's compensation for the time period she was the Acting President for two months in 2012, which was denied by the previous administration during that time. Seconded by Erica. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Note: Martha was asked to leave the meeting at the beginning of the discussion and was not present for the vote.

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

**a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings**

Next meeting will be a Deputy Training / Strategic Planning and Board meeting. Friday January 17 and Saturday January 18.

**b. Other**

Christina advised the mileage reimbursement by IRS is \$.58/mile and we are currently reimbursing at \$.41/mile.

*It was moved by Christina to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to be in line with the IRS. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday, January 19, 2020 - Headquarters Building, Sacramento,  
CA

CLOSED SESSION      8:30 am to 10:00 am  
OPEN SESSION        10:30 AM to Close of Business

Closed Session called at 8:30 am.

Board members met in closed session for personnel and legal updates. Closed Session ended at 10:15 am.

The meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was called to order at 10:30 am by Acting President/Overseer, Jan Saxton. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. The members were led in the Grange Salutation by Sister Saxton.

**1. Roll Call of officers**

Jan Saxton, Acting President/Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Christina Webster, Treasurer; Will Shaw, Executive Committee 3 year; Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee 2 year; and Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 1 year, all present for the meeting. Visitors are: Bill Booth, KayLynn Booth, Linda MacCracken, Steven Hood, Sami Hood, and Dwight Winegar. Augie and Buddy, our Grange dogs, were also present.

**2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.** – Lillian Booth, Secretary

a. Board Meeting November 17, 2019

Minutes of the November 17, 2019 Board of Directors meeting were read.

*It was moved by Stefenoni to approve the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Kroesen. Vote taken: Aye: Webster, Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**Special Introduction:**

Acting President Jan introduced the new Assembly of Demeter (7<sup>th</sup> Degree) Priestess Analyst (Secretary), Martha Stefenoni. There are only three officers elected by the members of the Assembly; the High Priest, the Priest Archon, and the Priest Analyst. Martha is only the third woman to be elected to hold the office in the history of the National Grange.

**3. Financial Reports –**

- a. Invested Funds – Overview
- b. Check Registers for review and approval

Treasurer, Christina, reported on the December expenses. Legal fees were paid. Property taxes on Grange halls were paid out at approximately \$8,000, and \$6,000 for the State Grange triangle property taxes.

Check register for December was passed to the Board for review.

#### **4. Communications received**

##### **a. Maywood Grange**

Letter received from the former Maywood Grange Secretary's daughter regarding the property taxes and utilities paid personally by Wilma Ayers. The people living in the building have not paid any expenses of the Grange Hall. Christina will look at what taxes have been paid since 2013. Will Shaw will stop by to inspect the Hall. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

##### **b. Invoice From Orangevale Grange – 2016 Convention**

Invoice from Orangevale Grange was presented for the use of the hall for the 2016 Convention. Invoice had not been presented for payment before this.

*It was moved by Erica to pay Orangevale Grange the \$1800 for the 2016 State Session. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None. Abstain: Webster. Motion carried.*

#### **5. Director Reports**

##### **a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth / Inger Bevans**

Lillian reported the amended Articles of Incorporation for the 1946 were rejected by the California Secretary of State's Office. State Grange attorney, Jeff Skinner discussed the issues with the staff attorney at the Secretary of State's Office. Articles were presented for the Board to approve in line with the resolutions presented at the 2019 State Grange Convention with one minor amendment as required by the Secretary of State.

*It was moved by Christina to adopt the Articles of Incorporation as presented by Jeff Skinner. Seconded by Will Shaw. Vote taken: Aye: Webster, Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Jan and Lillian signed the Articles of Incorporation for the 1946 Corporation. Lillian will send to Jeff to submit to the Secretary of State's Office.

Questions on compliance with the Secretary of State and Internal Revenue service for Community Granges. Lillian is continuously working with Granges on their compliance with State and Federal rules. This is an on-going review.

##### **b. Communications Director – Bill Booth**

Bill reported that more updates have been made to the website. Currently starting to updating the Graphics and will add a new section of "Granges In The News".

##### **c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire**

Katie was not able to attend. Discussion on the Family Heritage Weekend. Only two registrations have been received. Orangevale Grange Hall is requesting \$1200 for rent for the weekend. Discussion. Suggestion was made to change the conference venue to the Grange Headquarters at 3830 U Street, Sacramento, CA. With some activities in the GBO Building.

*It was moved by Martha to change the venue to the State Grange Headquarters, and send a letter to Orangevale Grange thanking them for their willingness to rent the building for the weekend, but due to lower attendance than expected the venue needed to be changed. Seconded by Lillian. Discussion. Vote taken:*

Aye: Webster, Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None.  
Motion carried.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Tacy not attending. Lillian and Martha reporting that Tacy is actively engaged with several Youth Fair Teams and is working behind the scenes.

e. Youth Director – Vacant

Discussion on who would best fit this position and work with the new National Grange Program. Expectations for the position need to be outlined and a request for a letter of interest needs to be sent out.

f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni

Martha stated she is putting together a Charter application to organize Vaca Valley Grange #298. They will be using the original number of the Grange. The local growers have concerns over water issues in the valley. They felt they would have more impact as an organization so they reached out to the Grange.

Madonna Grange – Jan and Martha were approached about re-organizing the Madonna Grange. After doing some research, Madonna Hall was annexed to the Santa Cruz County Fair Grounds and Grange members were allowed to use the property. All other former members who knew about it have passed away. Jan is going to contact the Fair and ask them about re-establishing a Grange in that building.

FFA Convention is coming up in Anaheim, April 24-26, 2020. Martha and Lillian attended last year and two new Granges have come directly from the contacts made there. Suggestion to have the National Membership Director attend also. The California State Grange would have to pay ½ the travel expenses for the National Membership Director. Jan directed Martha & Lillian to make the necessary reservations for the information exhibit booth and contact Joseph to see if his calendar is open for that week.

Jan and Martha are working with the groups in Hesperia. Martha will contact Clinton Grange in Amador County to see if they want to use the Calaveras Grange hall.

Break for lunch.

The Board returned to closed session during lunch.

Meeting called back to order.

Jan presented Steven Hood, Central Union Grange, the National Grange Distinguished Grange Certificate received at the National Grange Session. Central Union Grange has received this award for the second year in a row.

g. Grange Deputy Reports

i. Bob Clouse – Lead Deputy

Lawrence Jaffe	Reg Corella	Steven Hood
Dwight Winegar	Will Shaw	Mitch Clouse

Due to time constraints, Steven Hood gave his Deputy report at this time.

**Steven Hood reporting**

Bear Creek Grange – He recently stopped by and took pictures. Lillian gave him a Grange Hall Detail Report before he went to the Hall. Steven asked to have every deputy receive that report for each Grange in their jurisdiction. No Grange signage on the building. Talked with Ken the President and Pastor of the church Grange is leasing too. Steven has a meeting with them on 1/25/2020 at 10am.

Kings County Pomona Grange #28 – The Board approved the name-change to Central California Pomona Grange #28. First meeting is February 23<sup>rd</sup> at West Visalia Grange hall. Steven sent out email letters to all Granges who have an email address from San Joaquin to Kern County and included San Luis Obispo County. The found there was some funds available. When Kings River Grange consolidated there was money left in the Fresno Grangers Federal Credit Union with Ann Larson as the only signature. This small amount of money has been donated to the Pomona Grange. Dues have been set at \$20.00. New By-Laws are in process for Central California Pomona Grange

Central Union Grange is doing fine.

Clovis-Sanger-Fowler Grange. Email for President is bounced back.

Coalinga Grange. Steven keeps in touch with Lupe, the President. Next meeting will be Saturday February 1 at 10am and Steven will be presenting their charter.

Elbow Creek Grange – Now is Elbow Creek Hall. Steven called Richard Jones, the listed President/President and Mr. Jones hung up the phone without saying anything. Steven went by the Hall and left a letter at the Hall as well as mailed the same letters to the President and Secretary of record.

Tulare Grange – 1/10/2020 drove to the Hall and took pictures. Signs outside do not have Grange, just the Followers of Christ Church. Steven is attempting to contact the responsables there.

West Visalia Grange – will notify Steven when they are next meeting. The Pomona Grange will be meeting there this year.

Next steps: Steven will be going to Kern County to check on those Granges.

Steven is creating a Power Point of "What Are The First Four Degrees?" for the Heritage Conference. He will be asking Augustine Rodriguez to come to the Conference to film it. Discussion regarding Augustine's offer to film and record various Grange events in order to educate the members of Springfield Grange. This can also help all of our members.

*It was moved by Lillian that the State Grange pay for hotel, transportation and registration fees if Gus can attend. Seconded by Will. Discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Webster, Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen, and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Steven concluded his report and had to leave the meeting.

**Martha Stefenoni – Membership continuing**

The Associate Grange members who have been joining through the Napa Valley Wine Association have been asking about becoming active Grange members. Martha requested the list from Lillian.

Grange Essentials Workshops – Santa Cruz County area. Need to discuss a date in March/April and invite everyone in the area to attend.

New Grange Kit – The State Grange needs to make a list of specific items in each kit. Need to get new 2013 Manuals. Cost is \$10.00 each. Every Grange should have 10 manuals per Grange.

Lillian to check on cost to print the manuals as ½ page spiral bound.

**Bob Clouse - Deputy Grange Report –**

Jan reporting for Bob who could not attend today.

Delhi Grange -- Letter received by Bob Clouse on the Delhi Grange funds at Delhi High School. Funds were originally donated for the Safe Graduation night. They would like to convert that to a scholarship award. Need to research any funds Delhi Grange may have had and any restrictions. .

El Camino Grange – will be down by next weekend. Contractor has dirt to fill in the basement. Need \$10,000 check for Guy Nunez Construction to pay the second installment.

Calaveras Grange – windows are broken. Bob and Martha to talk about the repairs.

Woodbridge Grange – there is hostility in the community and we need to do a great deal of work there.

Bob would like the State Grange to buy new Manuals for the Grange Deputies.

**Will Shaw – Reporting**

Redding Grange -- Went by the Redding Grange Hall. Group is still operating and renting to Sons of Italy

Millville Grange – has no Grange sign on the building. Attempt to contact people in the Millville Grange area. Need list from old records.

Buckeye Grange – looking to re-organize themselves. There are only five people active in that Grange and the building is in disrepair. Lillian to get contact information for Will.

Anderson Grange – vacant right now. No one in the area wants to participate. Lillian advised there is a Grange member moving in to the area which may change things.

Gazelle Grange – Will is planning to visit there.

Mt. Bolivar Grange – this is a strong community in Callahan. They are resistive to any contact from the Grange. The Grange Hall an old school house property. Their attorney is Michael Thamer.

Scott Valley Grange (Etna): Will has not been able to get a contractor to come and repair the roof. No one will come up to the area. Need one piece of metal roof to protect from further damage. Will has another contact he will try. Will also investigate the community to determine if reviving the Grange is an option.

### **Dwight Winegar Reporting**

Written email report submitted. Gave verbal update as well.

### **Reg Corella – not attending**

### **Lawrence Jaffe – not attending**

#### h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

##### i. Revocation of Granges:

Chico Grange 1/17/2020	Pleasant Valley Grange	Elk Grove Grange
Greenhorn Grange		

##### ii. Granges indicating return to Good Standing:

Atascadero Grange, El Paso de Robles Grange, Lompoc Grange

##### iii. Charters Issued

None to report this meeting

##### iv. Charters Pending

1. Coalinga Grange – Steven to present 2/1/2020

2. Vaca Valley Grange – in process

##### v. Membership Statistics

There are 4,604 members – not counting Turlock and Community Grange. Numbers continually change as reports are submitted. Still increasing in membership each quarter.

#### i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Everything is working well right now. They will be removing the big desk in the file room and changing out some of the file cabinets.

#### j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

##### i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center

Rental agreement – Jan will be contacting Beverly at UCD to move the process ahead to get the earthquake retrofit completed. Janitorial reimbursement has not been paid. Lillian to send updated invoice to Beverly. Parking spaces are all rented out with five people on the waiting list. Jerry & Linda Macklem are handling these.

##### ii. Maintenance

No issues at this time. .

##### iii. GBO Building

The only renter in the GBO building will be closing out their art studio as of May 1, 2020

k. Grange Property Report

i. Applegate Grange

No response from the Lodge about buying the building. Neighbor behind the property is still interested in purchasing the property.

ii. Capay Grange

Need to contact the property owners next to the hall to see if they want to purchase the acre.

iii. Crescent Redwood Grange

Dave Kinder has not followed through with the escrow on the property. Is now asking for us to donate it to the group. Letter needs to be sent to vacate the property and list it for sale.

iv. East Lake Grange

Locals were interested in re-organizing the Grange, but no action has been taken. Windows are broken. Need to list the property for sale. Interested members should be referred to Bachelor Valley Grange just down the road. They are moving ahead and working in the community. Erica will call a local contractor to get the windows boarded up/secured. Kent has keys to the building. Will also call a realtor to see what can be done with the property.

v. El Camino Grange

Hall scheduled for demolition by Monday 1/20/20. Bob Clouse will be taking a trip up there to verify. Second installment of \$10,000 needs to be sent to the contractor.

vi. Maywood Grange

Will research the tax issue from the letter received and place on next meeting's agenda.

vii. Fair Valley Grange Hall – San Bernardino

Church advised to remove all property from the building by January 31, 2020. Realtor called to update Jan. Septic was disconnected and is unsure if it is on the city sewer system. Jan advised the realtor to hire a specialist to get a definitive opinion if necessary. County and City Records are uncertain. Per discussion by the Board, Jan was advised to tell the realtor to sell the property as is.

viii. Los Molinos Grange – no report

ix. Millville Grange – no report

x. Scott Valley Grange #386 (Siskiyou County)

Will reported on this in the Deputy section.

xi. Tulelake Grange

Historical Society has authority to remove items. They told Bob Clouse the buildings were actually used in the Internment Camps in the 1940's. The heating stove and other items are all original to the building and were used there. The Historical Society may be interested in moving the buildings and should be an idea to consider.

xii. Thermalito Grange

xiii. Honey Lake Valley Grange

xiv. DeSabra Grange

xv. Woodbridge Grange

Meeting with Bob Clouse on 2/3/2020 to have the keys returned. Jan will try to attend.

xvi. Clear Lake Grange / Big Valley

Request received to use the building as a polling place. Building may be returned by the Guild in the near future.

xvii. Lompoc Grange

Have advised they want to return to good standing, but no steps have been completed yet.

xviii. Estrella Grange

Current renter has advised they would like to purchase the hall. Water well is dry.

Comments regarding properties. When a Grange Hall is returned, the State Grange needs to concentrate in that area to re-establish the membership. There also needs to be a concerted effort to maintain any commitments to renters and events already scheduled for that community.

xix. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

1. Marshall Grange – inquiry on loan to repair parking lot.

Lillian advised the Secretary of the process to request a loan. No formal request was made.

xx. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

1. All received have been paid, no additional known at this time.

I. Strategic Planning Team

- i. Fraternal
- ii. Business
- iii. Communications
- iv. Legislative

Strategic Planning update was held on Saturday. No reports from teams at this meeting.

6. **Comment Request** None.

**Old Business**

a. Report on Granges

American River Grange	Buckeye Grange	Elk Creek Grange
Garcia Grange	Elk Grove Grange	Healdsburg Grange
Sonoma Valley Grange - Still need to contact Sonoma Springs Community Hall	Banner Grange	Pilot Hill Grange
Rutherford Grange	Elbow Creek Grange	Petaluma Grange Need to revoke
Calaveras Grange	Lucerne Valley Grange	Muscoy Grange
Moro Grange – Status?	Hessel Grange – will be meeting on 1/22/2020, Jan, Lawrence & Lillian will attend	

i. American River Grange –

Jan and Bill Thomas have been in contact by email. Jan will visit the Grange on her next trip to Sacramento.

ii. Healdsburg Grange

Healdsburg Grange Hall. The Dance studio is still in the building. Deed is in the name of the California State Grange. Martha attempted to contact the dance studio and there has been no response.

iii. Sonoma Valley Grange

Jan will attempt to contact the leadership at the Sonoma Valley Grange Hall

iv. Hessel Grange

Jan and Vince Scholten will be attending the Grange meeting set for January 22, 2020.

v. Moro Grange

Jan will check out this Grange with Reg Corrella.

vi. Petaluma Grange

Jan instructed Lillian to send letter revoking the Charter of Petaluma Grange (now Guild). There is no property. Need to close the Charter.

vii. Granges changing name from Guild to Community Hall

No new information at this time.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – Lillian

i. Bennett Valley Hearing

ii. Fort Bragg Grange

iii. Redwood Valley Grange

iv. Other Granges

Brief review was given regarding current Court Cases.

c. 2019 Journal of Proceedings

Not complete.

d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

e. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth – In progress

Secretary of State rejected the original articles of incorporation because there were titles added to the names of the Directors. Jeff had new articles prepared according to the request of the Secretary of State. All directors except Katie Squire signed on Saturday. Steven will take the Articles to Katie at their meeting on Monday and return them to Lillian via Fed Ex.

f. Grange Travel / Visits

1. Coyote Grange

Jan attended their meeting with Augustine Rodriguez from Springfield Grange. Reg Corella also attended. The members are excited and eager to be Grange. There is some conflict between the longer members and the newer members. Jan defined the specific roles for the members and how to work within the meeting structure without interrupting the meetings. Coyote Grange is holding meetings on a regular basis, using the Grange manual and doing the opening and closing.

g. Grange Essentials - Local Grange Training & Mentoring

1. Dates to be determined.

Martha and Lillian will set date with Jan to have first session in the Monterey/Santa Cruz area. Several Granges are interested. Discussion turned to the Central and Northern Coastal areas. Martha will reach out to Maurice Viand, Humboldt Grange, to set something in May/June.

Discussion on dates. Determined to have the Grange Essentials training the day before the next Board Meeting. All members like moving the Board meetings to the local Granges. Dates set are Saturday March 28, 2020, and the Board meeting will be Sunday March 29, 2020 at the same location.

An Email needs to be sent to the Granges in the area and see who wants to host both days. Jan & Martha to set the language of the invite and send to Lillian to email out. Jan will look for lodging in the area.

h. State Grange Session Update - Martha

1. 2020 – Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County

Orangevale Grange Hall will be the location. They are requesting \$2,000 rent for the full week. Contracts are here to sign. After reviewing the Convention Survey, days of the week will change. Thursday October 1, 2020 through Monday October 5, 2020.

Proposed having registration and an opening reception on Thursday evening October 1. Then open the Convention on Friday morning. Degrees will be Saturday evening. Session will close by noon on Monday October 5.

Theme: After seeing Brian Weller's presentation yesterday, the Board liked the idea of the life cycle of the butterfly; using Revival, Renewal, Re-Imagination, Re-Emergence. Lillian to contact LoRee Lampke at Phoenix Ridge to begin on the graphic art.

2021 Annual Session – Dates and Locations -- Want to put out this information with location, and dates at the Convention and in the Convention program.

Discussion on which National Officer to invite as our National Grange representative. Phil Prelli, National Grange Overseer; Cindy Greer, National Grange Ceres & Colorado State President; or Pete Pompper, National Grange Community Service Director. Jan will submit the request to the National Grange.

2. Survey from 2019 Session

Reviewed by the Board.

i. Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Plan

Bill Booth advised the State Grange has a bill-tracking subscription at \$100/year. He suggested adding Michael Evenson, Legislative Director as a second user for an \$100. Jan approved Michael Evenson getting a subscription. Bill will set that up.

CDS Consulting, Michael Greene – legislative lobbyist.

*It was moved by Erica to set cap at \$15,000 for lobbyist fees for 2020. Seconded by Will Shaw. Discussion: Vote taken. Aye: Webster, Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen and Booth. Nay None.*

j. Traveling Degree Team

1. Set committee assignments

Planning will be postponed to 2021. Place on the agenda again after State Convention in October.

- k. Grange Utility Trailer – sell or keep.

Bob Clouse is still trying to get the title transferred from the Guild to Grange. He recommends selling the trailer and renting a U-Haul to move convention items, etc., as needed.

*It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to sell the Utility trailer and rent a U-Haul apparatus when we need it. Seconded by Will Shaw. Discussion: Vote taken. Aye: Webster, Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen and Booth. Nay None.*

## **8. New Business**

- a. Membership – Invite National Membership Director to California

Per discussion, an invitation will be extended to the National Grange Membership Director to come to California to assist with the membership work in progress and with the Deputies in various areas. California State Grange responsible for ½ of the flight/transportation costs.

- b. FFA Convention – Anaheim April 2020

Further discussion on FFA Convention. Lillian and Martha will design and set up the exhibit booth. Discussed the rip-cards used by National Grange and no longer available. Will design and create our own and have printed before the event.

- c. Deputy Districts and Training –

Jan discussed the training held yesterday. Jan and Bob Clouse will set up the district areas for the Deputies. Jan stated the Deputies need to go out in teams. The second person can be someone they are mentoring or an interested Grange member. Teams need to be a minimum of two and prefer three people going together.

- d. Mattole Grange request to administer grant for Appellation for Cannabis Growers.

Jan sent documents to the Board prior to the meeting regarding Mattole Grange administering grant monies from Humboldt County for an appellation for cannabis growers. The County is offering grant money and need tax-exempt a non-profit to run the grant through. There are several stages in the grant process which will allow Mattole Grange to decline to continue the process. The Grange members asked to notify the State Grange of their intention. Discussion by the Board members. Mattole Grange is not growing or distributing. This is a grant to help create the Appellation district which certifies how cannabis or hemp is grown in the area. The growers want open, sunshine, crops and not grown with hydroponics or inside buildings. The Board discussed and reviewed by-laws. Mattole Grange does not appear to violate by-laws or their obligation. Jan will advise the State Grange has no objection to Mattole Grange participating in the Appellation Grant process.

- e. Legal Fees paid by Redwood Valley Grange for Redwood Valley Grange and Fort Bragg Grange

This item was discussed in closed session. At the time of the original lawsuit, Redwood Valley Grange used their Custodial funds to pay legal fees.

*It was moved by Martha to reimburse Redwood Valley Grange for their legal fees thus far, approximately \$11,500.00, once copies of the paid invoices are received. Seconded by Erica. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Webster, Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen and Booth. Nay None.*

f. The California Granger Buzz Chernoff

On Saturday, Buzz Chernoff asked Lillian to have an item brought to the Board meeting. The editors of the California Granger are asking if there was a budget amount for the cost of printing and mailing the newsletter to the membership. They are disappointed in the viewing rate of the emailed newsletter. Lillian advised Buzz there was nothing in the budget. The team would need to contact a printing house to get bids and postage rates and she provided King City Printing in King City, CA, with contact information. Discussion by the Board. Any decisions will wait for costs from the editorial team.

g. Deputy Expense Authorization

Discussed yesterday with the Deputies. Christina and Bob Clouse advised the Deputies they will need to submit current expenses by the end of the following month. Example 1/1/2020 expenses will be submitted by 2/29/2020. Anything outstanding for 2019 should be submitted by 3/31/2020.

h. Package Delivery Box – State Grange Office

Lillian brought up having a package delivery box at the State Grange office. Linda MacCracken advised the UPS, FedEx, and Post Office pick up points are close and she and Marian Sales do not mind picking up packages. (Thank you Linda & Marian!!)

i. State Grange Board Policy & Procedure Manual

Policies for consideration were submitted by Martha.

Board Resolution for Audit & Budget Policy & Procedures

Board Resolution for Background check policy. Discussion that this will apply to all State Grange Officers/Directors/Deputies for all areas of the State Grange. Once completed, the State Grange will reimburse the cost of the background check.

*It was moved by Lillian to adopt the Board Resolutions for Audit & Budget Policy & Procedures and Board Resolution for the Background Check at this meeting. Seconded by Erica. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Webster, Stefenoni, Shaw, Saxton, Kroesen and Booth. Nay None.*

j. Service Contract for the Elevator at 2101 Stockton Blvd.

The Service Contract with Kone for the elevators was continuously sent to the Guild, who did not advise the company they were not longer responsible. The State Grange had to pay approximately \$7,500 in contract fees, service fees outside the contract, and interest. Lillian to follow-up with the company on a new contract.

k. Request from High Desert Grange to change name to Outlaws Grange.

Request for High Desert Grange to change name to Outlaws Grange was received. Request to change the name was denied by the Board. Grange obligation says we are quiet peaceful citizens of the Order and the name would not portray that image. Jan to contact Jaime Flores to discuss and advise about the California Corporation and Federal EIN.

**10. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Central Coast area – to be determined. Dates are Saturday/Sunday March 28 & 29, 2020

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Saturday, March 28, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

CLOSED SESSION      9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
OPEN SESSION        10:30 AM to Close of Business

Closed Session was called at 9:00am for the California State Grange Board of Directors for the purpose of court case updates. No actions were taken by the Board during this closed session. Closed Session ended at 10:05 am.

Meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was called to order at 10:15 am by Jan Saxton, Acting President. All members used the GoToMeeting conference platform for the meeting.

**1. Roll Call of officers**

Overseer/Acting President Jan Saxton, Executive Committee 2 years, Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee 1 year Erica Kroesen; Executive Committee 3 years Will Shaw, Secretary, Lillian Booth; and Treasurer Christina Webster, all present.

Other members attending by phone or virtual login by GoToMeeting are; Reg Corella, Deputy; Ann Asperger, Laura Benne, Diane Schankin, Katie Squire, Expo Director; Buzz Chernoff, Glenda McBride, Jane Evans, Jini Reynolds, Steven Hood, and Bettyann Biringer Rehm.

Secretary Booth asked if any members objected to the meeting being recorded only for the purpose of the minutes. It will then be deleted. No objections from the participants.

**2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary**

*a. Board Meeting 01/19/2020*

Per the possible time constraints today. The minutes of the January 19, 2020 Board Meeting will not be read. Postponed approval to the next meeting.

**3. Financial Reports –**

Christina Webster reporting. She gave an overview of the current profit and loss for the year. There were considerable funds expended in legal fees, National Grange dues; other arrears to National Grange. The invoices were sent to the State Offices in January of this year. Income to the State Grange is from dues and rental of the 2101 Stockton Blvd. Building.

There are currently pending legal fees of \$48,000 and property taxes pending to be paid in the next two weeks. Many of the larger expenses have been paid in January/February.

**4. Communications received**

No Communications received.

## 5. Director Reports

### a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth

Ongoing project to help Granges who are returning to good standing to recoup their non-profit exempt status with the State of California and the Internal Revenue Service.

### b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Per Jan Saxton, James Crawford, Sebastopol Grange, has offered to help with the website programming. Bill has been asked to assess if Jim has the necessary skills for the current programming to help with updates and backups.

### c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Katie forwarded documents to the Board for review, which were placed in Drop Box before the meeting. Katie went over a synopsis of the information. She is requesting funds to purchase a new laptop for the Expo and purchase an update to the computer software used. Total cost would be \$1016.98. Katie said she believed there were enough funds in the Expo Fund raised by the Expo Auction and donations. Lillian reminded the Board there were funds set aside in the Restricted Funds for the Expo, per the delegates at the last session. Christina will provide Katie with an accounting of the Expo Funds.

*It was moved by Erica Kroesen to approve the funds to purchase the updated computer software and laptop for the Grange Expo. Seconded by Will Shaw. Discussion. Vote taken individually by voice and written in the Chat feature of the GoToMeeting platform. Aye: Saxton, Shaw, Webster, Stefenoni, Kroesen and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

### d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Not attending. No report.

### e. Youth Director – Vacant

### f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni

Martha reported that the FFA convention in Anaheim will probably be canceled. If that happens, National Grange Membership Director, Joseph Stefenoni will not be coming to California. Jan, Martha, and Joseph have been working on a possible schedule of virtual meetings through the State. Joseph will be working on a compact format for the informational meetings to provide them in segments as video conferences since travel is restricted right now.

Martha has the Charter for the Vaca Valley Grange. Their future plans will include using a meeting facility at the Nut Tree Complex on Hwy 80. They are a chartered Grange, but the presentation of the charter will be completed once the stay-home orders are lifted.

### g. Grange Deputy Reports

#### i. Bob Clouse – Lead Deputy

Jan reported that Bob was ill earlier in the month. He is home and recuperating.

DEPUTY STATE MASTERS		
Lawrence Jaffe	Reg Corella	Steven Hood
Dwight Winegar	Will Shaw	Mitch Clouse

Kevin Bennett		
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Steven Hood reporting.

Coalinga Grange was presented their charter. Steven thanked Jan for attending and helping make the Grangers welcome. Bear Creek Grange is another project. Steven is reaching out to them to meet.

He also went to the Fresno Grange Credit Union meeting. He put flyers out inviting people to come and talk with him about the Grange while they were there, but no one asked for time with him. Steven will continue his efforts in the area.

Reg Corella reporting.

Paso Robles Grange is coming back. Reg has been working with Atascadero Grange. He is also contacting Moro Grange. The Santa Ynez Valley Grange is coming up on revocation and Reg is trying to bridge contact there. Lompoc Grange is coming back to good standing – Lillian is in contact with Judy Holden in the area working them through the paperwork. Reg would like to verify there is insurance a liability on the buildings in San Luis Obispo County. That is another project.

In the southern part of the state – Lucerne Valley Grange has a care taker and still unoccupied – concern for liability. There is no interest in the community there.

Reg commended Coyote Grange members for working together to get the non-profit status and the building taken care of.

Will Shaw reporting.

Maywood Grange Hall – Corning. Will contacted the State Grange attorney, Jeff Skinner, about the possible liability at that Grange Hall. There are former members living in the Hall, other campers/motorhomes/tents on the property with people living in them. When will went by last, they were digging a trench to try to tie in to the septic system. May need to have eviction papers drawn up and go with the Sheriff to serve them to remove from the property. Lillian suggested Will contact Code Enforcement in Tehama County since there is an open trench with the septic line exposed. Will said he will make a call Code Enforcement and have them look at the property.

*It was moved by Martha that, as soon as issues are settled with the property and the State Grange Attorney gives clearance, the Secretary will give notice to revoke the Charter of Maywood Grange. Seconded by Will Shaw. Vote taken individually by voice and written in the Chat feature of the GoToMeeting platform. Aye: Saxton, Shaw, Webster, Stefenoni, Kroesen and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Will continued his report. He made a round stopping at the properties of the Granges in the North State. He reposted the November 2019 on each location where he stopped with the information on how to get back in to good standing.

Greenhorn Grange appears to be empty. It may be rented out. He will need to gather more information.

Mt Bolivar Grange meeting was 3/11. The group there is very opposed to Grange. They changed to a whole new corporation and transferred all deeds. He will have more on that Grange at the next meeting.

No other reports given.

h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Revocation of Granges:

Letters of revocation have been sent to the following Granges since the last meeting.

Healdsburg Grange	Millville Grange	Sonoma Valley Grange
Elbow Creek Grange		

1. Recommendations for Suspension/Revocation

DeSabra Grange. Lillian requested a suspension of the charter of DeSabra Grange. Since the fire, all of the members have moved out of the area. There is hope in the community to rejuvenate the Grange once the stay-home orders are lifted. The State Grange will file a deed of trust on the property for the monies paid to replace the roof damaged while the Guild held the hall and never repaired prior to the return of the keys to the State Grange. Discussion from the Board. Agreed with the Secretary's recommendation. DeSabra Grange charter will be suspended effective 3/28/2020. State secretary to make notations in the Grange file.

ii. Granges indicating return to Good Standing:

Atascadero Grange is almost complete, just need their membership list and officers. Their representative is in the process of completing that.

Durham Grange is in the process of returning. They have started submitting their information. There are still some details to finish.

iii. Membership Statistics

The current membership of the California State grange is 4,616 Members. An increase of 275 members since we last met. The State Grange has 196 Families with 741 family members. The Grange Youth Fair Program continues to increase.

Discussion by the Board about the Granges closed down right now because of the stay home order. They are unable to fund-raise. There have been some questions about payment of dues. The State Grange will look at this on a case-by-case hardship basis. Granges are not in peril of being suspended until 2 quarters in arrears for dues.

The State Grange still has to pay the portion to the National Grange. Discussion of possibly sending out a question to allow individual Granges to let us know which ones are struggling to pay the bills. This is an unprecedented crisis.

i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Lillian & Christina said that Linda still going once per week. Jan talked to Linda and is going to have Linda send the papers on the President's desk to Jan. Mail is still be scanned to the Cloud by Linda and Christina, but neither is there at the same time. All other projects are on hold for now.

- j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –
  - i. Rental Agreement with UC Davis Med Center – email received  
Email received from the UC Davis tenants advising that they reviewed the necessity for moving out of the building while it is retrofitted for seismic stability. They advised they will not need the GBO Building on T Street and thanked us for the offer.

Discussion by the Board about the GBO Building.

*It was moved by Lillian to contact a real estate management company to help obtain a tenant for the GBO Building to get it rented. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Recommendation to talk with the Macklems and MacCrackens for any recommendations of firms. Then put out a request for proposal to the firms and see what comes back. Vote taken individually by voice and written in the Chat feature of the GoToMeeting platform. Aye: Saxton, Shaw, Webster, Stefenoni, Kroesen and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Lillian to make the contact and ask for recommendation.

- k. Grange Property Report
  - i. Halls managed by State Grange - Voted to be sold
    - 1. Applegate Grange Hall  
Need Realtor / no response from Lodge re: sale
    - 2. Capay Grange  
Need Realtor.
    - 3. Crescent Redwood Grange (Lillian)  
Contractor from El Camino Grange was asked for recommendation in the area. He said he can do the work so he will go up to check the building, provide bid for demolition/salvage.
    - 4. East Lake Grange (Erica)  
Realtor. Repairs to stop vandalism  
Erica reported that even with the broken windows, there is no water in the building. If repaired, it will just happen again. Erica consulted a real estate professional who advised contact should be made with the School District and open the listing at \$399,000 to start negotiations with the school district.
    - 5. El Camino Grange (Lillian)  
The Grange hall has been demolished and the property is level. Total cost was \$30,000. The building was 6,000 square feet with the basement. The property is right next to the canal and cannot be fenced off. Contractor went by again last week during the rains, there is no settling or ponding of water. Need realtor to list it for sale.
    - 6. Fair Valley Grange Hall listed for sale (Jan)  
Realtor has shown the property. No specific interest in it yet.
    - 7. Tulalake Grange Hall (Bob)  
Discussion regarding Tulalake Grange Hall. Jan directed Will to contact Bob to see how to proceed.

ii. Halls – Under State Grange management

1. Calaveras Grange Hall
2. Clear Lake Grange / Big Valley Grange (Lillian)

Big Valley Grange Hall was returned to the State Grange. There is a caretaker there named Dennis Booth (No relation to Lillian or Bill) who offered to stay on to rent and care for the building. He is in the process of cleaning up overgrowth next to the building, taking damaged furniture left outside to the dump and getting it ready for tenants. He has tenants who want to use the building after the stay-home orders are lifted. He is also working on painting the name of the Grange on the building.

Deed – Deed will need to be changed to Big Valley Grange. The change of name from Clear Lake Grange to Big Valley Grange was approved in 2010. The deed was never changed from Clear Lake Grange.

3. DeSabra Grange Hall (Lillian)

Already discussed above.

4. Elk Creek Grange Hall
5. Lockeford Grange Hall
6. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

Already discussed above.

7. Scott Valley Grange (Siskiyou County (Will))

Repairs to the Hall are complete. The materials were difficult to match. Repairs done \$1,600 (roofing and repair, changed locks, all inclusive.). Total of \$1800 for all repairs. All reimbursements to Will for the out-of-pocket expenses have been completed. The building is ready to rent, fully equipped, but tables and chairs missing and Will has not been able to find out where they went. The local theater and Fire Company are ready to use it. The community is not ready to reorganize a Grange, but Will plans to keep working towards that goal.

8. Thermalito Grange Hall (Lillian)

Thermalito Grange Hall has been returned under a default judgment by the Court. Locks need to be changed and the name on the Deed changed.

9. Woodbridge Grange Hall

Glenda McBride asked some questions and advised she is waiting to find out with what is going on with the insurance which is currently paid through August 2020. Heat and air have been taken care of. A lawn mower and blower have been loaned to trim property. Glenda received a call from a former Grange member – wants to do music and let him know where to pay rent. Glenda was advised to let him know the hall is available to rent and if other musicians want to join, they are also welcome.

Woodbridge Grange will be starting over. Glenda has a realtor friend who will help manage the property. GPS Property Management. She contacted the County about testing the well. It is not required, but Glenda feels for peace of mind, it should be tested. Contacted testing agency for bid to re-test.

10. Yankee Hill Grange (Concow) – vacant property

Property has been returned by the Court in a default judgment. Bill and Lillian to take drive up there to check out if squatters are on the property as complained of by a neighbor.

iii. Halls Pending return

1. Banner Grange Hall
2. Elbow Creek Grange
3. Elk Grove Grange Hall – pending default
4. Estrella Grange – working on talking with them
5. Fort Bragg Grange Hall
6. Freshwater Grange Hall
7. Garcia Grange Hall
8. Greenhorn Grange Hall
9. Healdsburg Grange Hall
10. Honey Lake Valley Grange
11. Hornbrook Hall property – burned, no insurance

Property burned in the Carr Fire. Previously advised there was no insurance. Send information to Will on location and APN so he can check it out.

12. Lake Francis Grange Hall
13. Lucerne Valley Grange Hall
14. Maywood Grange (Corning, Tehama County)
15. Meadow Vista Grange Hall
16. Millville Grange
17. Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
18. Muscoy Grange
19. Pilot Hill Grange
20. Pleasant Valley Grange Hall
21. Rutherford Grange Hall
22. Sonoma Valley Grange Hall

Jan announced Kevin Bennet, San Luis Obispo Grange, is appointed as a new Deputy to the team. Kevin will be looking at reorganizing Granges in the area, especially Estrella Grange Hall. Lillian to send Kevin the contact information for the tenant who wants to purchase the Estrella Grange Hall.

iv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls

1. Marshall Grange – repair parking lot

Marshall Grange sent proposal to for loan to repair the driveway, including the meeting minutes, bid received, and cover letter received. They are requesting \$3,500.00 or less.

*It was moved by Martha to provide \$3500 to Marshall Grange in two parts; \$1750 as a grant and \$1750 as a loan at 4% to be paid over 17 ½ months. Seconded by Lillian. Discussion. Vote taken individually by voice and written in the Chat feature of the GoToMeeting platform. Aye: Saxton, Shaw, Webster, Stefenoni, Kroesen and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Buzz Chernoff, Marshall Grange, says "Thank you from Marshall Grange!!"

ix. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

1. Yankee Hill Grange – Current year: \$57.68 Delinquent: \$5,409.23.

2. Thermalito Grange – Current Year \$2,141.97 Delinquent \$7,141.31

Lillian will contact Butte County to see if these can be put on a payment plan. The Guild did not pay the property taxes for five years for Yankee Hill Grange Hall and it is ready to be sold for delinquency, per the County.

Jan asked clarifying question regarding the Grange Halls listed to be sold – are the Grange Halls all over the 7-year period for holding them in Custodial/Trust. The answer is yes, all are over the 7-year period.

Steven Hood will see what realtors and options there may be for Applegate Grange.

- I. Strategic Planning Team Reports – no reports at this time.
  - i. Fraternal
  - ii. Business
  - iii. Communications
  - iv. Legislative

## **7. Comment Request**

**GPS Management** – Glenda McBride offered to contact this firm to see if they can post the Grange Halls for sale. General discussion by the Board. It is preferable to work with a realtor in each area since all are spread around the State.

## **8. Old Business**

- a. Report on Granges
  - i. American River Grange (Jan)

Jan is working with Bill Thomas. They are getting caught up with their back dues and coming in to good standing.

- ii. Elk Grove Grange (Lillian)

Lillian reached out to members of the Elk Grove Guild just to open conversation with them.

- iii. Petaluma Grange – letter from 2018

A letter was sent to Ed Kowski in September 2018 from Petaluma Grange stating they had closed their Grange some time ago and no longer wished to be part of the organization. The letter did not receive any action because of his sudden death. Request by Lillian for action on the letter. Board discussion. The letter will be accepted as surrender of their charter and will be reported to the National Grange.

- iv. Madonna Grange – Status (Jan)

Martha is reaching out to the leadership at Madonna Grange. Was going to invite them to the end of the month meeting, which will not happen. So she will remain in contact with them.

- v. Redding Grange (Lillian)

Lillian is having conversations with the current leader at the Redding Guild, occupying the Redding Grange Hall. An informational meeting will be set as soon as we can have a meeting there. They also talk with Millville and Chico Granges. Lillian advised anyone who wants information would be welcome at the meeting.

- b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – Lillian
  - i. Bennett Valley Hearing
  - ii. Fort Bragg Grange

- iii. Redwood Valley Grange
- iv. Other Granges
  - 1. Thermalito Grange / Concow Grange

Lillian reported the legal cases are still being pursued for Granges who changed their name and property to Guild from 2015 to 2018. The civil courts are closing due to the pandemic and many cases are on hold. Bennett Valley hearing is delayed. Fort Bragg cases are moving ahead with the attorney setting depositions for Jan, Lillian and Marilla Peeler. Dates to be set soon and may be video depositions. Redwood Valley Grange is moving towards a settlement. Other Granges – Thermalito and Yankee Hill/Concow Grange Halls were recently returned to the State Grange by two separate judges in Butte County. The person served with the lawsuits did not respond and the decisions were made in a default judgement. Both judges found the same points in their decisions – Grange rules apply.

- c. 2019 Journal of Proceedings - Draft
  - i. Proofreading team

Lillian requested proofreaders for the Journal of Proceedings. Steven Hood, Katie Squire, and Jan Saxton volunteered.

Lillian asked the Board for direction on production of the Journal. To print it and mail to each Grange as in the past, or just to post on the Grange Website. It is a public document once it is published as the yearly report of the corporation required by the State of California corporate code.

*It was moved by Will, to send out the Journal of Proceedings to the Presidents and Secretaries via email with a note that the Grange can request a printed copy if they want one. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken individually by voice and written in the Chat feature of the GoToMeeting platform. Aye: Saxton, Shaw, Webster, Stefenoni, Kroesen and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

- d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

Lillian requested a volunteer member who wanted to do research on this. Erica Kroesen advised that Robert Smith could take this on. Erica will have him contact Lillian.

- e. Training / Mentoring Session – Martha & Jan
  - 1. Joseph Stefenoni visits/workshops

Joseph is working on how to reduce the workshops more designed for video presentations. Joseph and Amanda Brozana-Rios did a 1 hour video chat and broadcast through FaceBook which are recorded for anyone to view on YouTube.

- f. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth

The California corporation is complete and filed by the Secretary of State. We now have to get the Employee Identification Number from the Internal Revenue service and file the application for the 501©(3) corporation.

- g. Grange Travel / Visits

Completely on hold until further notice.

h. State Grange Session Update - Martha  
Theme - Revival, Renewal, Re-Imagination, Re-Emergence .  
Update report.

- Speakers: Christina has 3-4 speakers lined up, including the County Supervisor
- Expo: Katie requested coordinating schedules for receiving entries which led in to a larger discussion.
- Scheduling - There is a need to coordinate schedules for moving equipment in and out of the Orangevale Grange Hall. Suggestion made to load up from the State Grange building the week before and stage everything in the little house. Then move it around on Thursday morning. Martha, Katie, Lillian & Christina will coordinate.

A request will be put to Granges in the area/region asking for volunteers willing to set up and clean up. We need young and strong people to help us move "Stuff".

Will suggested contacting the Boy Scouts. Christina has some local young people who help with Breakfasts who may want to help also. Jini Reynolds and Ann Asperger stated they can come a day early to help set up also.

- Meals/menus – Martha and Christina will have these set before the next board meeting.

i. Legislative Advocacy – Legislative Plan

1. Lobbyist contract from Mike Greene for approval

*It was moved by Lillian to accept the contract with the amendment to change "not to exceed \$15,000 during the Session. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken individually by voice and written in the Chat feature of the GoToMeeting platform. Aye: Saxton, Shaw, Webster, Stefenoni, Kroesen and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Jan will contact Mike Greene and sign the contract.

**9. New Business**

a. Membership – Invite National Membership Director to California

On hold for now .

b. Western States Conference – August 2020

i. Sponsor costs to send Brian Weller as a speaker to the conference

Plans are currently on hold for Western States Conference for now. Jan asked if the State Grange would be willing to pay the costs and fees for Brian Weller to attend the conference as a speaker for the adults. Brian would charge \$1,500 plus travel costs. Discussion by the Board included options of the other states contributing 1/5 of the speaker fee. Jan will contact the Idaho State Grange President and see how the planning is going. Brian can send some information to them and Jan will see if this is still an option and how to make it happen.

Convention – National Grange Representative invitations:

Jan gave the list to Betsy Huber at the President's Meeting in Maryland. Betsy makes the assignments from that list. Jan will wait to hear.

c. Video of Ritual – Degrees 1 through 4

Martha reporting – The Assembly has a meeting on Monday with the National President. There is a television producer/director and audio engineer on deck. The Assembly is to report back to the 2020 National Convention.

Board discussion included there are some of the Granges in California who want to collaborate to start scripting and working production now which could be presented to the State Grange as a resolution to send on to National Grange. Maybe California can help National Grange invent the wheel.

d. Convention 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Degree props – update/replace

Martha asked for Amy Crawford and Annie Waters to look at the props we have. Steven Hood and Jini Reynolds also volunteered. Martha will coordinate a meeting for them in Sacramento.

e. Property Title Policy for closed Grange Halls

Jan assigned Martha and Lillian to work with Jeff Skinner on the policy/procedure to hold title to defunct Grange Halls.

**11. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

b. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

Next meeting will be Sunday, April 26, 2020. Closed meeting from 9:00am to 9:45am. Open meeting from 10am to 2pm.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange.

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday, May 3, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

CLOSED SESSION      9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
OPEN SESSION        10:30 AM to Close of Business

The California State Grange Board of Directors closed meeting was called to order by Acting President/President, Jan Saxton at 9:00 am in a virtual meeting. No actions were taken by the Board in closed session. Closed Session ended at 10:15 AM.

The meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was called to order by Jan Saxton, Overseer, Acting President of the California State Grange at 10:30am in a virtual environment using the GoToMeeting platform.

**1. Roll Call of officers**

Acting President/Overseer Jan Saxton; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Christina Webster; Executive Committee members 3 year, Will Shaw and 2 year Martha Stefenoni; all present. Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 1 year was unable to attend.

Members attending: Anne Asperger, Clint Weirich, Katie Squire, Marybeth Kelly, Steven Hood, Ellen Ferguson, Bob Clouse, Linda & Jerry Macklem, Jini Reynolds and Wendy DeWitt. Dwight Winegar joined the meeting as it progressed.

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

The minutes having been sent to the Board members previously, it was determined by the Board members that only the action items of the minutes of the previous meetings would be read by the State Secretary.

*Action items of Board Meeting 01/19/2020 were read. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to approve the minutes. Seconded by Christina Webster. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Webster, Shaw, Booth and Saxton. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

*Action items of Board Meeting 03/28/2020 were read. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to approve the minutes. Seconded by Will Shaw. No discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Webster, Shaw, Booth and Saxton. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**3. Financial Reports –**

General discussion on Grange finances. State Grange Treasurer, Christina Webster, reported this property tax year \$32,000 has been paid out in property taxes for Grange Halls. Only \$10,000 of that amount is for the Sacramento local building. Butte County delinquency on Yankee Hill Grange and Thermalito Grange outstanding taxes total over \$14,000. There needs to be a discussion on paying those back taxes. Other large-amounts spent this year were to demolish the El Camino Grange Hall and the legal bills.

*It was moved by Martha Stefenoni to accept the report of the Treasurer. Seconded by Lillian. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Webster, Shaw, Booth and Saxton. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

#### **4. Communications received**

#### **5. Director Reports**

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth

Lillian reported this is an on-going process. Granges are being helped with their non-profit status and compliance. Jan complimented Jeff Skinner and Lillian who are working together to make sure the Granges are being helped with property deeds and non-profit status. She requested sending a thank you card.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Bill sent a written report which was sent to the Board members prior to the meeting. He advised that Jim Crawford, Sebastopol Grange, is taking on the project of setting up and programming the members only section of the website.

His report strongly suggested the State Grange begin using more Social Media to promote the website and communicate better with the younger generation of Grange members.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Katie reported on the status of the Expo moving forward. The Expo Book will be published soon. She has been working on a project with Martha Stefenoni.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey – no report

e. Youth Director – Vacant

f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni

Katie and Martha reported on the YouTube videos the National Grange has been developing and posting on their YouTube channel.

Katie took some of the ideas and has added a full section in the Expo Book for bananas – specifically banana bread entries.

Katie and Martha were sharing ideas about posting instructional videos. Finding people within own State Grange to demonstrate skills, explain how things work like knitting, commercial Nursery men who can show how to plant a patio or container garden.

Chris Hamp, National Grange Lecturer; Amanda Brozana, National Grange Communications Director had a conference call with Katie and Martha to talk about some of the same ideas. They discussed various ideas including: How to teach about changing tires, an Internet Expo, The business part of the Grange, Quarterly Reports etc. Develop How-To videos on these and host on the FB Video page.

Katie and Martha request a Zoom-Pro subscription at a cost of \$180/annually. They have been looking in to this and find there are many ways to apply the use of the Zoom platform. The National Grange is excited about the ideas California has presented.

They asked if California would be willing to share what we develop. California would be able to add our tag to the National Grange ideas as well.

*It was moved by Martha that the California State Grange set up a Zoom-pro account subscription for one year, the Administrator to be determined. Seconded by Lillian. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Webster, Shaw, Booth and Saxton. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

*It was moved by Jan to co-brand our product with National Grange and share with them. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Webster, Shaw, Booth and Saxton. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Martha reported there are two more leads for Granges in the Southern part of the State. Will be continuing to work those leads.

g. Grange Deputy Reports

i. Bob Clouse – Lead Deputy

Bob was welcomed back and looks very well.

Jan reported that she met with the Deputy's in a video conference. They talked about Granges in various areas. She is asking them to call and check in with the Granges, once the Deputy areas are finalized.

Bob said he will be calling on Steven Hood to mentor him to do some of the Lead Deputy work for the State Grange. Bob is very pleased with the progress.

Lawrence Jaffe	Reg Corella	Steven Hood
Dwight Winegar	Will Shaw	Mitch Clouse
Kevin Bennett		

No deputy reports at this time.

h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Revocation of Granges

Three Granges have had their charter revoked for working in violation of the by-laws. The President of each Grange was notified of the revocation with a notice to the National Grange.

Redwood Grange #504	Bayside Grange	Garcia Grange #676

ii. Membership Statistics

Sister Lillian reported that, as of today there are 4,614 Members. Needs dates of birth or age for all members. This is used for demographics. The membership database contains the legislative districts for California. Members can be contacted by district for legislative advocacy.

i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Linda Macklem reporting. The office team is alternating when they go in to the State office. Everyone is keeping up on the mail and scanning to the cloud for use. When Jerry is there, he walks the grounds and picks up trash the homeless have left in the parking lot. UCDavis is on a reduced staff right now so there are fewer cars in the parking spots. Linda and Jerry are continuing to keep up on the parking for the building.

Jan thanked Linda, Jerry, Linda MacCracken, and Marian Sales for all of their help at the State Grange office.

j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds – Bob Clouse reporting. There is a hive of bees in the GBO building where the neighbor drilled holes in the building. Bob called a beekeeper and was told that we can't salvage the hive without a lot of damage and repair to the building. Bob has plugged the holes, and the bees are not inside the building.

The neighbor is selling the property. The Board requested Bob write a notice to the new property owner advising that they cannot damage the wall if they put up a carport, etc., with a charge of \$500 to \$1,000 per hole to make repairs. Bob strongly recommends putting a fence on the property line.

Property Management from UCD called Bob advising it was 80 Degrees in the building. He called the HVAC company who was to maintain the air conditioners at 2101 and 2103 Stockton Blvd. Estimates came to the State Office and Christina will give those to Bob. There are four Freon leaks on Unit #3. If it has to be replaced it will take a crane to lift it off and put on a new one. There are three 23-year old units on top of that building. Bob asked for a bid for a brand new unit to replace #3. And budget to replace #1 and #2 in the future instead of band-aids on old equipment.

Christina advised that we have already spent \$12,000 on repairs to the AC units stemming from maintenance which was never done between 2013 and 2018. This was spread out on three units at 2101 Stockton Blvd, three units at the GBO Building and two units at 3830 U Street headquarters building.

Seismic Retro fit and Leases. Bob has met with the engineer of the project, but there is no progress on the building. Suggested a short-term lease to get something moving ahead on this on this. After reviewing the leases, it was found that one was signed in December 2012 by Bob McFarland. Bob and Lillian need to talk with Jeff Skinner to determine the status of that lease.

Because of the future plans with Aggie Square in the area, Martha suggested a real estate appraisal be completed for the Grange triangle property. We need to understand the actual value of what the Grange has and how it relates to all the things going on around it.

Bob Clouse volunteered to talk to a property manager and will check with some appraisers.

Inquiry from Christina about a small business who is looking for a place to rent. Bob and Christina will work on seeing if that is a viable possibility for a space in the GBO Building.

- k. Grange Property Report
  - i. Halls managed by State Grange - Voted to be sold
    - 1. Applegate Grange Hall
      - a. Century 21 Realty

Lillian Reporting. There is a Century 21 agent referred by Randy Turnquist who is working on selling the property. She inquired if the State Grange would carry a mortgage for a buyer. Lillian advised her of the same circumstance as Fair Valley Grange, a significant down payment and 6 to 8% interest on the note. The realtor thinks the property could sell as-is in the \$350,000 range.

- 2. Capay Grange
  - a. Need Realtor

- 3. Crescent Redwood Grange (Lillian)

\$20,000 bid to demolish Grange Hall – Very unsafe conditions. \$13,000 to demolish only. Martha to research the costs to salvage the wood and how to recoup the costs. The contractor boarded up the doors when he was there last to keep people from going in.

- 4. East Lake Grange (Erica)

Lillian to send letter to School District with copy to Erica and Jan.

- 5. El Camino Grange (Lillian)

This building is demolished and now vacant and level. It cannot be fenced off from the canal next to it. Need realtor to sell as-is.

- 6. Fair Valley Grange Hall

A very low offer was received on the building. Jan has an obligation to present it to the Board. The offer is rejected.

- 7. Tulalake Grange Hall (Will)
  - a. Need to contact Historical Society

No action taken at this point. Bob sent the information to Will with the name of the historical people. Recommend the Grange consider donating the building and contents to the Historical Society.

*It was moved by Martha to approach the Historical Society in Tulalake to see if they would be interested in purchasing the Old Tulalake Grange Hall for the sum of \$10.00 and they would pay the closing costs, with the proviso that the name Tulalake Grange Hall stays on the building wherever it is put. Seconded by Christina. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Webster, Shaw, Booth and Saxton. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

- ii. Halls – Under State Grange management
  - 1. Calaveras Grange Hall
  - 2. Clear Lake Grange / Big Valley Grange
  - 3. DeSabra Grange Hall
  - 4. Elk Creek Grange Hall
  - 5. Lockeford Grange Hall
  - 6. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)
  - 7. Scott Valley Grange (Siskiyou County)

8. Thermalito Grange Hall
9. Woodbridge Grange Hall
10. Yankee Hill Grange (Concow) – vacant property

The past-dues taxes are over \$7,000. The current year is paid. Property may be auctioned by the County for back taxes soon. Need to evaluate if the property is worth more than the back taxes by next meeting. Deferred action until then.

iii. Halls Pending return to good standing

1. Banner Grange Hall
2. Elbow Creek Grange
3. Elk Grove Grange Hall
4. Estrella Grange
5. Fort Bragg Grange Hall
6. Freshwater Grange Hall
7. Garcia Grange Hall
8. Greenhorn Grange Hall
9. Healdsburg Grange Hall
10. Honey Lake Valley Grange
11. Hornbrook Hall property – burned, no insurance
12. Lake Francis Grange Hall
13. Lucerene Valley Grange Hall
14. Maywood Grange (Tehama County) Will & Christina (taxes)

Will to contact Code Enforcement about the sewage trenching and the squatters living in the building.

15. Meadow Vista Grange Hall
16. Millville Grange
17. Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
18. Muscoy Grange
19. Pilot Hill Grange
20. Pleasant Valley Grange Hall
21. Rutherford Grange Hall
22. Sonoma Valley Grange Hall

iv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls – none received

x. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls – none known at this time.

I. Strategic Planning Team Reports

- ii. Fraternal
- iii. Business
- iv. Communications

Written report from Bill Booth. .

v. Legislative

Lillian reported the Grange Records Management System (Database) have more tools available to us and can get the word out on important issues to the Granges. Can use the membership database to contact specific congressional districts in the State.

## **6. Comment Request**

Katie Squire – Asked everyone on at this meeting, and encouraged everyone, to like the State Grange Facebook page, the CA State Grange Lecturer's page, Community Service and Youth Fair pages all under the State Grange banner. Need to increase the number of people using those mediums. Can also be passed on to Twitter.

Katie also encouraged everyone to watch the National Grange Talent night on Facebook. California will have two people on the Mother's Day talent show. The National Grange is also asking for any Granges to send their link to the National Grange Communications Director, Amanda Brozana-Rios.

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Report on Granges**

- i. American River Grange (Jan)
- ii. Elk Grove Grange (Lillian)
- iii. Madonna Grange – Status (Jan)

The contract with the County Fair does not give Madonna Grange access to be part of the Fair, so there may be issues there.

- iv. Redding Grange (Lillian)

### **b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – Lillian**

- i. Bennett Valley Hearing
- ii. Fort Bragg Grange
- iii. Redwood Valley Grange
- iv. Other Granges

No changes at this time. Depositions for Fort Bragg are scheduled for the end of May.

### **c. 2019 Journal of Proceedings - Draft**

No report

### **j. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress**

- 1. Robert Smith – Little Lake Grange working on this.

### **k. Training / Mentoring Session – Martha & Jan**

Martha is working on ideas for on-line mentoring using the Facebook Live and YouTube Channel. Need to keep it simple, most watched are 5 minutes in length. Can start to add things to the FB page as they are done. Need to find out what National Grange is planning to do and we can take on the other tasks.

Joseph Stefenoni, National Grange Membership Director, added that the National Grange has really demonstrated the power of technology. Good draft of mentoring curriculum and started a priority list of what needs to be done. Continuous work in progress and good first step in training/mentorship. Can be done in person or virtual.

l. Grange Foundation 2019 – Lillian Booth

Foundation meetings. Question as to when the Board is going to meet. Suggestion made to meet with the same time as the State Grange Board meetings. Can use the virtual platform. Have not heard from the IRS on the determination letter yet.

m. Grange Travel / Visits

Central Union Grange May 18, 2020. They have invited all State officers to attend.

n. State Grange Session Update - Martha

1. 2020 – Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County
2. National Grange Guest
3. Degree props update

Martha stated we may need to address how we do our State Session in the COVID19 environment. Using the size of Orangevale Grange hall, we may have to have the Officers and Committee chairs assemble and be seated in the room to conduct business. Voting Delegates could attend by GoToMeeting and power point projector and televise our Convention. Make up back up plan if we can't meet together. Maybe meet outside.

Convention meals and prices. Not done yet. Will have to be determined if we can meet or it will be a distance-convention. With National Convention in Pennsylvania, this could be very difficult for National Session.

Need to send out a promotional announcement that California State Grange is still planning on Convention the first week in October. Still subject o what is allowable at that time. Discussing alternatives – stay tuned.

Newsletter team – next deadline is approaching. Martha is writing something up to get to Lanny and Buzz to put in the Newsletter and email blast.

o. Western States Conference

1. Brian Weller – (Jan)

Sending Brian Weller to Western States, Jan will find out if there will be any conferences.

Regional Conferences were discussed. All others are looking to cancel. Idaho is talking contingencies in place for presenting programs for education and contests. Have the Hotel reserved, no schedule built yet.

**8. New Business**

a. Approve Secretary of State Name Changes

*It was moved by Christina to approve the Secretary of State name change from Guild to Grange documents for Thermalito Grange, Yankee Hill Grange, Woodbridge Grange, Clear Lake Grange, and DeSabra Grange. Seconded by Martha. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Webster, Shaw, Booth and Saxton. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

b. Compensation for State officers at State Convention

Postponed to next meeting, since we don't know what kind of convention we are having.

c. Headquarters Hotel – Group Rate – Convention (Martha)

Will talk about next time when we know more.

## **9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

c. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

d. Other

Guidance for local Granges to start opening up and their activities.

Discussion by the Board. Granges must follow the governor's guidelines and rules. Stay within the law for the State, County, and Community. Jan stated she has faith that Granges will know what is reasonable and what is not safe. Encourage everything a Grange can do in their community. Connect and resume activities as they can.

There is too much conflicting information about fatality rate, causes and after-effects. We need to keep the membership safe and be creative. It's what we are and what we do. Think of creative ways to connect with members. Have meetings. Moving forward as a team.

Start phone trees and check-in pals with other members. Our home-bound are at risk so keep track of them.

Katie asked everyone to consider this as an opportunity to use the younger generation to provide technology to their grandparents and help them participate in Grange.

Martha commented that there may be some financial distress for the Granges. Jan advised the Deputies are going to be checking in Grange-by-Grange. With fund-raising shut down, some Granges are ok, some are not. The State Grange wants to reach out a helping hand.

Marybeth Kelly – Rainbow Valley Grange commented. This was her first time attending a State Grange Board meeting. She told the team this was most well-run meeting and a pleasure to see how everyone interacts. Thanks for setting a good example.

Next meeting will be Sunday May 31, 2020. Time will be sent out to the membership.

Meeting adjourned.

Fraternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday, May 31, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

CLOSED SESSION      9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
OPEN SESSION        10:30 AM to Close of Business

The Closed session of the California State Grange Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 9:05 am on Sunday, May 31, 2020, for the purpose of legal update on the lawsuits. No actions were taken by the Board during this closed session. It was adjourned at 10:15 am.

The Open Session of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order on Sunday, May 31, 2020, at 10:30 am by Acting President, Jan Saxton, presiding

**1. Roll Call of officers**

Jan Saxton, Acting President; Christina Webster, Treasurer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee 1 year; Martha Stefenoni, Executive Committee 2 year; and Will Shaw, Executive Committee 3 year, are all present.

Visitors via GoToMeeting virtual platform are: Anne Asperger, Dwight Winegar, Jini Reynolds, Joe Stefenoni, Katie Squire, Kevin Bennett, Linda & Jerry Macklem, Matthew Beachy, Reg Corella, Steven Hood, Linda MacCraken. Judy Gittelsohn, Ellen Ferguson, and Marilla Peeler.

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

Lillian Booth, Secretary

a. Board Meeting 5/3/2020

Action items were read.

*It was moved by Martha to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Erica.*

*Vote taken: Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen, and Webster.*

*Nay: None. Motion carried. Minutes approved as read.*

**3. Financial Reports – Christina Webster**

All known property taxes have been paid. The HVAC at the 2101 Stockton Blvd building was repaired for \$5,000 instead of replaced for \$14,000. The State Grange is doing regular business on a monthly basis with no large payouts.

Jan asked about Granges paying dues. Over half of the Granges have paid their quarterly reports. Lillian will be sending out reminders this next week. Need to pay National Grange dues.

Jan reported that she, Lillian, and Christina had a phone conference regarding finances. During that conversation, Jan directed to move money from savings to checking to pay any back property taxes and legal bills.

The back janitorial reimbursement from UC DAVIS has been billed. No renters in the GBO building at this time. The last tenant moved out of State and left two very nice thank-you cards to the State Grange.

#### **4. Communications received**

None received for this meeting

#### **5. Director Reports**

##### **a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth**

1946 and 2014 Corporations with Groups 1160 and 6229 will need to be merged in the near future. Because there are two groups we will need to work with the legal team and the Internal Revenue Service to decide how best to accomplish this. Currently there is oversight over both groups and the name-change documents are pending with the IRS. Lillian will be asking Robert Smith to help with research on the tax-exempt status of all of the Granges.

##### **b. Communications Director – Bill Booth**

There are continuous weekly updates to the website with the National Grange publications, and functional updates.

Lillian suggested that the State Grange needs a Social Media person. Martha commented that we also need to draft and adopt guidelines for the State Grange Social Media which the Community and Pomona Granges would use. These guidelines would include how to set up the pages and how Granges choose who is authorized to administer those accounts.

Question was asked on the Members Only website and access. Bill reported that Jim Crawford is working on and developing for individual password access only.

Newsletter being published soon.

##### **c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire**

Katie Squire – Expo book is done. Submitted to Lillian on 5/3 for posting on the website. Registration Form is being set up as a fillable PDF. Katie is finalizing everything with Live on-line registration this week. The previous data has been transferred over, but limits had to be updated and some descriptions. Katie will do a beta test with some members to try it out to make sure it works.

##### **d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey**

Tacy unable to attend. Lillian reported the Grange was instrumental in getting the on-line auctions and shows going ahead for exhibitors whose fairs were canceled. Katie emphasized the exhibitors need to make sure all record books get submitted to the Expo this year for State Recognition.

##### **e. Youth Director – Vacant**

##### **f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni**

Need the Zoom account set up. Katie and Martha are posing on their Virus Victory Gardens on Lecturer and Community Service pages. That is working and will move ahead with Zoom conferences soon.

Martha has had two more inquiries on organizing Granges. Moving ahead by email until we can meet in person.

- g. Grange Deputy Reports
  - i. Bob Clouse – Lead Deputy
  - ii. Deputy meeting – District Assignments

Lawrence Jaffe	Reg Corella	Steven Hood
Dwight Winegar	Will Shaw	Mitch Clouse
Kevin Bennett		

Jan reported there has been two Grange Deputy meetings by video. Deputies are enjoying starting to work together as a team. Excited about reaching out to local Granges.

Steven Hood reported:

Steven Hood spoke with Bob Clouse yesterday and he is staying in communication with Bob about Applegate Grange and the Prince Hall Lodge. Deputies are looking forward to moving ahead, they are sharing information and having email discussions. Starting to work out well.

Jan:

The Deputies are starting to flip the old script. Granges were expected to contact us if they had a problem and now we are setting the expectation to reach out to them. All about making connections.

Kevin Bennett asked if copies of property taxes and insurance are submitted on the Quarterly Reports. Kevin said in some cases the Granges do not know if they have insurance or not.

Jan responded that we are in the beginning stages of the process of gathering the information. It should be something that should be documented to send us a certificate of insurance. Initial contact is to be friendly and how they are doing. As we move ahead, we will ask in order to help the Granges.

Coyote Grange was able to get liability insurance through a non-profit company. This is all a process. It is part of the Mission to help them and be supportive.

Reg Corella: Halls need to know they are individually responsible and do not fall under the insurance of the California State Grange. He believes that none of the Halls in San Bernardino County have liability insurance.

Christina and Steven reminded the Deputies get their receipts in to the State Grange for reimbursement.

- h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth
  - i. Revocation of Granges:

Moro Grange #27/Morro Bay Grange #729	Santa Ynez Valley Grange #644	
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Lillian commented that Moro Grange #27 and Morro Bay Grange #729 are the same Grange. During the 1980's there was a name change filed with State and National Granges.

Santa Ynez Valley Grange was provided a suspension to come back to good standing, based on phone calls with Jeff Skinner. They made no further progress, so the charter was revoked.

- ii. Granges returning to good standing
  - 1. Lompoc is almost complete
  - 2. Durham Grange has submitted documents

- iii. Membership Statistics

There are currently 4,676 Members. Quarterly reports due to National Grange. Lillian will get those done this week.

- i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Everything is going fine at the office. The MacCrackens and Macklems have been splitting weeks and keeping their distance. They have been getting the mail, scanning and waiting for any other directions of what to do. They were thanked by everyone on the call for all their efforts as volunteers to help the Grange.

- j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds – HVAC is repaired. Water leak – Jerry meeting with the landscaping company on Monday about the sprinklers. Part of the problem is the homeless population. The last leak is because they try to get water out of the system by leaning on the pipes and breaking it all the time.

Had bees coming out of the GBO Building. Met the new neighbors and will work with us on the 5ft of the property. Bees were re-hiving and had to do some more spraying. Will check again on Monday.

Thanks were given to everyone for handling all of the care of the property in Sacramento.

- k. Grange Property Report

- i. Halls managed by State Grange - Voted to be sold
  - 1. Applegate Grange Hall
    - a. Century 21 Realty

Lillian reported the realtor has some interest with a value of approximately \$350,000. If there is an interest in establishing a Grange, need to go that route. Steven Hood commented he believes the Grange can be saved with members. Would rather save the Grange and the Hall.

Discussion on a reasonable timeline to move forward. There is a chance to reorganize this Grange because of Steven living within 90 minutes away. Opportunity there could be better realized, considering all of the little ranchettes there. The area is expanding more on the east side and a growing community.

Martha spoke with Gary Rocha who has enough children and grandchildren to reorganize the Grange. Right now there is the inability to get together and meet. Discussion finalized with giving Gary 60 days to commit to organizing the Grange. He also needs to look at the Hall and determine if they want to take on the needs of the Hall. Suggest to give him 30 days to go look at the Hall. Gary saw it two years ago when he had his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday there – and he retiled the bathrooms after seeing how bad they are. Steven and Martha to let him know there are people interested in the property. Steven and Martha to continue to work on the project.

## 2. Capay Grange

### a. Century 21 Realty

Discussion whether to have a well test completed and the need to turn on power to do the test. It was suggested a buyer could bring a generator for power and not charge the whole property since the condition of the wiring is unknown.

*It was moved by Martha to move forward in selling the Capay Grange property as-is and where-is with no further tests. c. Seconded by Will. Vote taken. Aye: Vote taken: Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried. Lillian to notify the realtor.*

## 3. Crescent Redwood Grange (Lillian)

\$20,000 bid to demolish Grange Hall – \$13,000 to demolish. The Hall is in an unsafe condition.

Decision already made to demolish the hall. The question is on salvaging the wood or not.

Martha contacted the salvage company down there. They don't go that far north. Dwight to make calls in the next week and get back to Jan.

Reg asked if it could be taken apart and used at another location. Lillian advised per the contractor, it not structurally sound to use it at another location. Can only use the wood in cosmetic ways. Need to store the wood if it cannot be taken right away.

*It was moved by Will to demolish the Hall in the least expensive way unless Dwight can find a buyer for the wood in the next week. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken. Vote taken: Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

## 4. East Lake Grange (Erica)

### a. Realtor

Lillian will send letter this week to the KnocTi Superintendent of Schools to advise we would give them first right of refusal on the property.

## 5. El Camino Grange

### a. Need realtor for vacant property

## 6. Fair Valley Grange Hall

### a. Weed abatement notice received. – Reg Corella

Reg went down and spent the weekend to clear the weeds and junk off the property. When Reg was there he had several people stop by to make inquiries on the property.

Will made point that we pay for costs for mileage, lodging, for Deputy travel. Reg needs to submit receipts for his travel. Christina commented Reg has not submitted any receipts for any travel to date.

7. Tulelake Grange Hall (Will)

a. Need to contact Historical Society

Will Shaw made contact with Lorraine Fine in Tulelake. She is taking this to the County for a decision to acquire by the Historical Society. May have this decided at the next Board Meeting

ii. Halls – Under State Grange management

1. Calaveras Grange Hall
2. Clear Lake Grange / Big Valley Grange

Care-taker, Dennis Booth, has put the Grange sign back on the building. He is getting interest from the community.

3. DeSabra Grange Hall
4. Elk Creek Grange Hall
5. Lockeford Grange Hall
6. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)
7. Scott Valley Grange (Siskiyou County)
8. Thermalito Grange Hall

Back taxes are paid.

9. Woodbridge Grange Hall
10. Yankee Hill Grange (Concow) – vacant property

Back taxes are paid. The question is -- Is it worth keeping? Discussion.

*It was moved by Will to list the property for sale as-is. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Shaw, Kroesen, Saxton, Webster. Nay: Booth.*

Sister Booth was asked for her reasons for the No vote. – does not feel it is the time to sell that property since the community is just starting to rebuild. Lillian will secure a local realtor to list the property.

iii. Halls Pending return

1. Banner Grange Hall
2. Elbow Creek Grange

Reached out to Jan for a meeting. Planning to have a conversation with them soon.

3. Elk Grove Grange Hall
4. Estrella Grange

Renter is paying the utilities, keeping the weeds down. May want to buy it.

5. Fort Bragg Grange Hall
6. Freshwater Grange Hall
7. Garcia Grange Hall
8. Greenhorn Grange Hall
9. Healdsburg Grange Hall
10. Honey Lake Valley Grange
11. Hornbrook Hall property – burned, no insurance
12. Lake Francis Grange Hall

- 13. Lucerene Valley Grange Hall
- 14. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)
- Will referred this to Code Enforcement in Tehama County.
- 15. Meadow Vista Grange Hall
- 16. Millville Grange
- 17. Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
- 18. Muscoy Grange
- 19. Pilot Hill Grange
- 20. Pleasant Valley Grange Hall
- 21. Rutherford Grange Hall
- 22. Sonoma Valley Grange Hall

Report by Jini Reynolds on Kent and Iona's family. Their grandson, Blake, age 22, had sudden cardiac arrest and did not recover. Emily Westwood is asking for members to send graduation cards to little Iona separate from sympathy cards. Jini will be taking little Iona on her high school graduation parade next week and her birthday is July 10<sup>th</sup>. Emily may be moving to Nevada for a job. The family uses the same PO Box as Kent and Iona Westwood. Any cards sent to the State Office will be forwarded. Kent is in very good health. Is getting an angiogram in two weeks. Then he will get his license back. He has a ride to and from the Angiogram. He is frustrated with the process.

Lunch Recess at 1pm and reconvene at 1:30pm.

Jan reported that Kent called Jan during the recess. He is excited to get the angiogram done soon and hopefully back in the saddle the end of June or July.

- iv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls  
None received

- xi. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

- I. Strategic Planning Team Reports
  - i. Fraternal
  - ii. Business
  - iii. Communications
  - iv. Legislative –

Michael Evanson has been doing some work, nothing moving forward because of COVID19

## **6. Comment Request**

Jini Reynolds – Redwood Valley Grange. Two weeks from today will be Live streaming across the US using Facebook Live with a Concert fundraiser. This is being organized by Spencer Brewer, Alex DeGrassi, Kirk Harwood, and Wendy DeWitt. Mendocino County is working with them to have a Live Streaming funding section. Have all the equipment for the residents of the County to do fund raising. Doing this project as a community.

Puzzle exchange – people streamed in. Many said that they are very happy the Grange is there because when there is an emergency, the Grange helps the community.

Keep checking on the Grange Happenings on the FB site. Got some good deals on that FB site.

Martha commented that California had a great trivia team and placed 5<sup>th</sup> last week. Had a great time with the group.

## **7. Old Business**

### **a. Report on Granges**

Already discussed.

### **b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – Lillian**

Lillian advised that with the Court closings for civil cases, all cases are delayed and still pending. There is some movement in some counties but not much.

### **c. 2019 Journal of Proceedings - Draft in process**

### **d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress**

1. Robert Smith – Little Lake Grange is helping to work on this.

### **e. Training / Mentoring Session – Martha & Jan**

Joseph Stefenoni and Hannah have moved back to California. We asked for congratulations be sent to Hannah on her new job with Clover Dairy in Sonoma County. Joseph is still working with National Grange and will help with CA as needed

### **f. Grange Foundation 2019 – Steven Hood**

Steven, Bill and Lillian had a conversation with Jeff Skinner and Tracy Adamovich from Jeff's firm to set up policies and procedures.

Steven has also contacted Joan Smith with the National Grange Foundation to talk about how they process grants, etc.

Board meeting for banking resolutions and to set up banking processes is set for next Sunday at 3pm

Jan will contact their professional fundraiser to see if she is still in business and how we might get some help from her.

Judy Gittelsohn (Coyote Grange) asked about the goals and role of the Foundation. This is the charitable arm of the State Grange. There is a need for ideas to help local Granges and pass through for donations. Want to make sure we do everything correctly and legally. Want to get everything started the right way.

Having our own Foundation allows an expansion of the ability to help the Granges in the various communities.

g. Grange Travel / Visits

None.

h. State Grange Session Update - Martha

Martha reported she is dropping the idea of having a Group Hotel due to COVID19. Could be liability issue if there is a perceived guarantee by the State Grange.

National Grange will be a two-day session. Delegates and Essential Staff will be there. Hotel is in the outer rings of the Philadelphia area. Hotel doesn't know if it will be open or not yet.

California – the State is starting to open up. There is a public health officer in each county who has ability to narrow the scope of whatever the governor says we can do. We can have a small convention in reduced number of days. Focus should be on resolutions and election of officers. Need to consider various options of opening up to anyone who wishes to come or just having State Grange officers and voting delegates. Committee members can meet by on-line platform.

Annie Waters and Annie Crawford offered to go through all of the props and degrees. They will do the flowers, etc., for the Degrees and giving us a bill.

Have not set a registration fee or meals at this time. If we have to make a decision right now, Martha would suggest paring it down to a minimal convention to achieve what we have to by the bylaws.

Tomorrow at 3pm (PST) there is a Zoom/FB live conference to discuss National Grange Convention, led by Betsy Huber National Grange President. .

Discussion of going the route the National Grange is going so people can make plans. Suggest just have the officers and delegates from each Grange. Shorten the Convention to two days over the weekend.

Discussion on how to revise Convention to a two-day format. Technology, and how to put this together in the next five months. How do we do this to stay within our by-laws. Policy might need to be established on who is not in the room to be eligible for election, if not physically in the room.

Suggest to put in to a budget right now for IT people who are not officers or the Board who can just be the IT people to be up and running the technical side of the Convention.

It was decided to have a Special Board Meeting – June 14<sup>th</sup> to set parameters for Convention. Time will start at 9am PST for meeting (Martha and Joseph will be in PA). Lillian will put out the notice.

i. Western States Conference

All conferences have been canceled. On-line contests will be held. Katie advised our State Speech winners they can register to be part of the Speech contests.

## 8. New Business

a. National Grange Session  
Have already talked that through.

- b. Stockton Blvd Property and Business Improvement District
- i. Expanding to include State Grange property.
  - ii. Cost to participate - Assessment \$2,367.09

Discussion of petition to expand the Stockton Blvd. Property & Business Improvement District – what it is and how it works within the area. There would be a yearly assessment for the services of the Improvement District, based on the linear frontage on Stockton Blvd. The assessment is for beautification, security, and clean up of the frontage area from vandalism, etc. Extensive discussion

*It was moved by Will Shaw to not participate in the assessment district. Seconded by Erica. Extensive discussion. Divided opinions by the Board of Directors. Jerry Macklem advised that our property is fairly clean and tended by us right now. The cost of the assessment may be unnecessary. Vote taken. Aye: Shaw and Kroesen. Nay: Saxton, Webster, Stefenoni and Booth. Motion failed.*

*It was moved by Martha to support the petition to the city of Sacramento to renew the Stockton Blvd Property and Business Improvement District, including the expansion which covers the State Grange triangle properties. Seconded by Christina. Vote taken: Aye: Stefenoni, Webster, Saxton and Booth. Nay: None. Abstain: Shaw and Kroesen. Motion carried. Lillian to sign documents and send. Due by June 7<sup>th</sup>.*

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

- e. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings
- f. Other

June 14<sup>th</sup> is a special meeting for the purpose of Convention.

July 5<sup>th</sup> next Board of Directors meeting. Same bat time, same bat channel (as quoted by one of the members) ☺

Fraternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange.

## **CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

June 14, 2020 9am – Virtual Format

### **Special Meeting – Convention Planning**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order by Acting President/President, Jan Saxton, at 9:00 AM on June 14, 2020, using a virtual video platform. The Special Meeting was called for the purposes of planning the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange due to be held in October, 2020.

#### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Acting President/President Jan Saxton, Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Christina Webster; Executive Committee 3 year, Will Shaw; Executive Committee 2 year, Martha Stefenoni, were all present. Executive Committee 1 year, Erica Kroesen was unable to attend.

Also attending: Bill Booth, Joseph Stefenoni, Steven Hood, Expo Director Katie Squire, Keepers of the Stuff Linda MacCraken, Jerry Macklem and Linda Macklem.

#### **Rutherford Grange**

Before the Convention discussion began, Jan gave a report on meeting with Rutherford Grange this week. She traveled to the area with Deputy, Lawrence Jaffe and met with two representatives from the Rutherford Guild. There was a good discussion which underlined the confusion and misinformation many Granges were under before understanding the facts. The Rutherford GRANGE will now be taking steps to reorganize and return to good standing. The biggest assurance Jan gave them was that the State Grange does not want to take over their Hall. The community needs a Grange and all we ask them to be is a Grange. Follow-up visits will be made. Sister Lillian, Secretary, will reach out to help them complete the necessary steps to return to good standing.

#### **Convention Discussion.**

The discussion of how to accomplish having our Convention was facilitated by Christina Webster and Martha Stefenoni.

Martha advised the first decision to be made was to HOW to have a convention this year under the current guidelines of the State of California and Sacramento County where Orangevale Grange is.

Much discussion was had by those on the call.

Election of Officers - how can nominations be opened up to all members and not limited to just those in attendance.

Digital or in-person Convention. How can that be accomplished in either format. What happens if there is another wave of COVID-19.

Ideas were exchanged and considered.

Election of officers – Lillian suggested adding the interest in accepting the nomination for office to the Registration form so the information will be in-hand prior to the Session. Further suggestions included a place to list what offices the member is NOT interested in holding.

Christina discussed the option of having the voting delegates present at the meeting but still work towards a fully digital meeting if necessary. Jan discussed having the meeting completely digital.

*It was moved by Christina to have the voting delegates and officers in physical presence and a digital connection for everyone else; and to continue to work on how to make a completely digital platform work if necessary. Seconded by Lillian.*

Lengthy discussion of having an in-person meeting or completely digital meeting. Many views were expressed.

Because Martha could not be seen due to low bandwidth at her location, she requested a roll-call vote by the Secretary.

*Vote taken: Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Webster, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Discussion continued regarding having an in-person meeting.

### **Officer Elections**

This was discussed further. In-person voting can be done at the meeting. If going to digital, we will need to find a virtual election platform and security to vote in compliance with the balloting requirements. Since we are including this in the Registration form, a digital and written list of requirements for the duties of the offices for the State Grange need to be sent to the Granges and members.

Katie, Steven, and Martha are assigned to create the list of duties of State Grange officers, using the Grange Resource Binder as a base for the information to be sent to the members.

Election platforms and security were discussed. Bill Booth and Christina to continue to look for different platforms which will fulfill the balloting requirements for voting.

Martha suggested another meeting be held devoted specifically to the set up of a completely digital meeting format if necessary. She asked Lillian to add items regarding a solely virtual convention to an agenda for next meeting.

### **Resolutions.**

Deadlines were discussed for submission of resolutions for this year. This will have to be a hard deadline. Committees will work on the resolutions prior to convention through Zoom or GoToMeeting as necessary.

*It was moved by Lillian to set the deadline for Resolutions to amend the By-Laws to be received by July 25<sup>th</sup> and mailed to the Granges postmarked August 1<sup>st</sup>. All other resolutions will be submitted by September 1<sup>st</sup> and to the*

*Resolution Committees no later than September 10<sup>th</sup>. Seconded by Christina. Discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Webster, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Martha requested Lillian to send the Word template for Resolutions as an electronic form for Resolution submission. There is also a tool online where resolutions can be uploaded and submitted.

Discussion regarding resolutions being sent back to committees during this session.

*It was moved by Lillian to NOT allow resolutions be sent back to committee at this session and refer to an interim committee, and include it in the Session Rules on the first day of session. Seconded by Christina. Discussion. Vote taken: Aye: Saxton, Booth, Stefenoni, Webster, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

### **Registration:**

Registration forms will be accepted by mail, email and on-line. Registration by delegates will be accepted by electronic means. Adding a penalty for late registrations was discussed. This needs to be a hard deadline this year.

The Deadline will be September 15<sup>th</sup> for Delegate Registration and registration for the Convention by State Officers.

The notice to be sent out will also include a request for members to be Beta-Testers for resolutions processing with a small group. We need to see how to make the resolution process work. This will be added to the agenda for the next committee meeting.

### **Schedule and Meals**

Beginning proposal:

Friday October 2

6:00-9:00 PM Registration open from 6-9pm

Saturday October 3

8:00-9:30 AM Registration open

10:00 AM Open in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree

Business

Sunday October 4

Open in the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree

Memorial Service

Complete Business

Installation of Officers

Closing

Meals:

Saturday lunch - brown bag pre-made lunch.

Saturday dinner – Catered dinner in.

Sunday lunch – brown bag pre-made lunch

Configuration of the room has to include the election polls. Meals need to be low-impact on the session. Buffet service is not allowed so any catering has to be plated. Christina to check with caterer.

Suggestion for food trucks. This can be slower service as per participants who have attended conferences with food trucks. Christina to check out options. Need information for the next time we meet on this.

July 15<sup>th</sup> date selected to send out Registration Forms. Lillian will mock up form for the group to review.

Registration fee discussed:

Discussion of having no bags this year. Either use what is at the State office or have them bring their own bags from home. Lillian will get cost to have masks made for Convention. May be simple with just the Grange logo. Jan wants a smile mask 😊

Katie suggested a different theme "Re-emergence/ Re-configured".

### **Next meeting:**

July 5<sup>th</sup> – next Board Meeting to present costs and ideas for Convention for approval. Next meeting of the Convention planning meeting will be Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> – 9am. Link to be sent out

### **Assignments:**

Christina and Bill:

Voting systems and costs for digital. How they work, time limits, security, length of time to vote and length of time to get results. Other free systems for voting on resolutions.

Jan:

After discussion of how a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree member can be elected to office, but not installed if they do not have the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree. Jan to ask National President, Betsy Huber for a ruling to put on a standing 6<sup>th</sup> Degree in a small space without marching or the complete stage. This would be broadcast to those at home who wish to take the 6<sup>th</sup> Degree.

Katie and Lillian:

Webinar platform for Convention participation on login system. Options for all participants to see the same thing, but voting delegates would log in to a different platform.

Check on battery life for these platforms. Laptops don't last all day.

Tasks – no assignment:

Need to determine how to present the Memorial Service and Installation of Officers in a virtual platform. Next agenda.

No singing is recommended. Can project more of the virus because of the number of people singing and the volume. Need to have a soloist at a safe distance.

Discussion on quorums and how to have the Granges participate. Set for next agenda. Might want to have a Grange hall that has high-speed connections, to come to a Hall in their area and participate digitally. Just so we can have everyone who wants to participate able participate.

Comment to possibly survey the Granges for their connectivity and high-speed internet.

June 28th meeting will go to the opposite extreme for planning – total digital only. Need to address all of the issues to make that happen. Then we will take the in-person and virtual and see how we can make a blended if necessary.

**EXPO:**

Katie talked about the Talent Show – this will be held probably the week before on an internet transmission. The winner will be eligible to participate in the National Grange program in November.

Katie has already explored how to do the Expo registration and drop box the photos of the entry. Even the baked goods will be done by photos. Example: Cookies; photos of the whole plate and close up of a broken cookie for the judges to see the composition. Katie will start putting out the information. Possibly a division a day.

Because this is virtual, this is an opportunity for all Grange Youth, 4-H and FFA who have still displays they did not get to show at fairs to participated. Let them know the Grange has their back.

Meeting adjourned at 11am.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday July 5, 2020 - Virtual On Line Meeting

CLOSED SESSION      9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
OPEN SESSION        10:30 AM to Close of Business

**1. Roll Call of officers**

Jan Saxton, Acting President/Overseer; Christina Webster, Treasurer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; and Martha Stefenoni, Will Shaw and Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee Members.

Members present were:

Anne Asperger, Buzz Chernoff, Ellen Ferguson, Jini Reynolds, Katie Squire, Kent Westwood, Linda & Jerry Macklem, Linda MacCracken, and Bill Booth. Gary Abreim and Jini Reynolds joined the meeting later in the day.

**2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Lillian Booth, Secretary**

a. Board Meeting 5/31/2020

Minutes of the meeting of May 31, 2020 were sent to the Board for review. Action items were read during the meeting.

*It was moved by Christina to approve the minutes as read. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

b. Special Meeting 6/14/2020

Action items of the Special meeting of June 14, 2020 were read.

*It was moved by Martha to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Will. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**3. Financial Reports –**

Christina Webster

Christina reported on the current Actual to Budget – currently <\$28,000> to the negative. Have not received the back janitorial reimbursement from UCD. The unexpected expenses this year are for property taxes from Grange Halls returning, which have not been paid for five year.

Christina advised her next project to go through all the Grange properties currently held to review for property taxes. She will determine who is paid and if any are behind.

**4. Communications received**

Communication from Lauren Linkemyer resigning the office of Pomona from the California State Grange.

## **5. Director Reports**

### **a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth**

The corporations for the State Grange still need to be reviewed. As each Grange returns to good standing or is returned to the State Grange, the corporations (California and IRS) must be corrected. This is a process Jeff Skinner and Lillian are working on.

As new Granges are formed or reorganized, there is confusion on how to set up the corporations. Lillian recommended the State Grange Secretary prepare the paperwork and submit to the Grange for signatures and mailing in to the Secretary of State. This will provide consistency and lessen confusion. Lillian will work with Martha for organization and reorganization of Granges.

### **b. Communications Director – Bill Booth**

Bill advised he is continuing the website updates per the strategic plan discussions. A written report will be submitted to the Board with statistics. The most interesting statistic show the most-requested page is the Youth Fair Program.

### **c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire**

Katie has been fielding questions about Expo. Katie has a new document to go out with the map of the Districts so online registrants can add their District. Links will take the entrant to the Blue Ribbon, company we purchased the updated Fair program from. Katie is encouraging everyone to do their entries on line this year and upload photos at the time they register. Another option is to start the entries and push information at the very end. Katie will put out a Mad Mimi and reach out to the other Youth organizations who would have had entries in the fair and participate as Guest exhibitors.

### **d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey**

Lillian reported on her last talk with Tacy. Tacy is using Blackboard (on-line) resource to post training and documents for the Grange Youth Fair. She can also post testing on Quizlet to verify learning. The Grange was instrumental in creating and promoting the on-line auctions. Those actions are starting new groups. Tacy is getting calls all the time.

### **e. Youth Director – Vacant**

### **f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni**

Martha commented the Turlock Grange and Vaca Valley Grange came from the 4-H. It was the Grange Youth Fair Program that brought them to the Grange. More will be coming.

Lucerne Valley Grange – Martha was in the area recently. It is a nice building in a good community. Don't have people who can be in there to organize the Grange. Reggie has concerns about the foundation of that building.

Need to think about how to get new Grange financial support the first year and really develop some fund-raising events to keep going. It is a large task to take on a Hall that needs work and help. Need to work in a smaller group get some ideas to support this.

There are several Granges and State Granges holding webinars and Zoom Conferences. There is a monthly National Grange membership meeting. Can log in and hear good ideas being exchanged. We have the tools and need to use them to our best advantage.

If you have a group interested in re-organizing or organizing a Grange – would like to try having a Zoom meeting where we can look at explaining what the Grange is, what it takes to organize, the paperwork, and get their interest. Can send back the application – does have to come back to us with a live signature to the office. Hard to explain the Family membership without doing personal communication and let people ask questions. Lillian suggested Clear Lake Grange to start as a Beta Test with this process. Martha will talk with Dennis and see if that's an option.

Redwood Valley Grange – got new membership from their Puzzle Exchanges and game exchanges. Asked Jini Reynolds to write something up to send out to the general membership.

- g. Grange Deputy Reports
  - i. Steven Hood – Lead Deputy

Lawrence Jaffe	Reg Corella	Steven Hood
Dwight Winegar	Will Shaw	Mitch Clouse
Kevin Bennett		

#### **Steven Hood reporting:**

**Applegate Grange** – met with Gary Rocha who was the last President there before the Guild made problems there. Gary had keys to the main building, but not to the Lodge room.

Building in better shape inside than imagined. The floors need to be buffed and shined up. Issues with bees inside the walls. Gary is taking care of that. Knows the roof and the walls need some work. Gary is prepared to do the work. He was so excited about coming back in and getting it started again. Very enthusiastic.

Gary has enough to reorganize with family, but he is going to go out and talk with people in the community. As soon as we can get people interested together. We will have meeting with them again to get it organized.

**Estrella Grange** - Steven met with Kevin and Reggie Corella, District 8 Deputies. They went to Estrella Grange Hall and they all have very strong concerns about that building. Currently being used as a storage building by the man renting it. There is a plastic tank sitting on the shed with water, automotive parts and a motorcycle are stored in the building. Reggie cut back the big bush next to the building and found a plaque about the Grange, all covered with muck it was hard to read.

Rent is being paid to the El Paso de Robles Grange. Renter has expressed interest in purchasing the building.

*It was moved by Martha to have Lillian contact Randy Turnquist to get a realtor to move ahead on selling the property at Estrella Grange. Seconded by Will.*

*Vote taken. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**Will Shaw:**

**Scott Valley Grange** needs a few more repairs. Other groups have offered to participate at the Hall and then backed away. Not sure if we can reorganize it.

Cost \$350 to clear the property to reduce the hazard. Need to look at that as a future expense. It is not a positive image in the area to have a derelict building.

Question by Jan – to see if the Fire Dept. can use it. A great deal of valuable property in the building that may walk out of the building. Need someone who will take total responsibility for the building. Need some way to secure it.

**Redding and Millville Granges**

Lillian is working with John Tasello.

Maywood Grange – is a mess and Code Enforcement removed 6 of the 7 motorhomes. Tents empty. One person is still living there dumping sanitation on to the property.

Steel building and going to have to clean up. Lillian will make a phone call and see if it can be cleaned up. Will says there are oil and chemical containers that must need to be removed. Can be expensive to have that done.

Buckeye Grange – Made contact to reorganize. Same five members. Building is fine, can be reorganized in the area.

North Fork Grange brought 3 Forest Service crews in to re-open the local park. Was a well-run event. Had 10 new people show interest in the Grange.

LUNCH BREAK – 30 minute lunch break called.

Gary Abreim and Wendy DeWitt joined the meeting.

h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

i. Revocation of Granges:

No Granges revoked this month

ii. Granges returning to good standing

Lompoc is almost complete. Rutherford Grange has received the list of items needed to be completed. Atascadero is complete.

iii. Membership Statistics

Steven asked for list of Granges who are suspended as of now. Lillian to send the list.

i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Still holding the fort. Linda, Jerry, Marian, Linda and Bob. Doing the mail and scanning files. Doing inventory on all things we can think of for Convention – past state officers pins, fans, etc. sending that to Christina and Lillian. They are there every Tuesday.

j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

i. Seismic retrofit pending.

ii. Maintenance

iii. GBO Building

iv. Property appraisal

Martha will be asking Bob Clouse if he knows of a real estate appraiser for the Building. Jerry Macklem said that he and Bob met with a second realtor to discuss renting out the GBO Building. They are compiling information and Bob will make a report when information comes back to them.

Discussion regarding an actual real estate appraisal of the buildings and property on the Grange triangle. With the Aggie Square going in, the State Grange property is close to that. There is no actual value known of the retail value of the Grange property. At the end of the discussion, Lillian to work with Bob and Jerry to find an appraiser in the area. Need to know what we own. Need to know what it will cost to have the appraisal done.

Seismic retro fit. Nothing moving ahead. Jan and Lillian to talk about a strategy to move ahead with them. Must figure out something to get the issue taken care of. Concerned about the liability. UC Davis Regents are the ones delaying by waiting for approval. This needs to be moved ahead.

Lillian and Jan to talk with Jeff Skinner about the difficulties. We need to copy Kent about any discussions and insisting to find a way to move ahead.

k. Grange Property Report

i. Halls managed by State Grange - Voted to be sold

1. Applegate Grange Hall

a. Century 21 Realty

Gave Gary Rocha 60 days to determine if they could do this or not, this would be the last of July. Martha will offer to do a Zoom get-acquainted. We will keep realtor in place until the end of July.

2. Capay Grange

a. Century 21 Realty agent marketing this.

3. Crescent Redwood Grange (Lillian)

a. \$20,000 bid to demolish Grange Hall – Unsafe condition.

Squatters in building / Referred to Code Enforcement in Del Norte County – no response from Code Enforcement yet.

4. East Lake Grange (Lillian)

Realtor – Lillian to contact the school.

5. El Camino Grange (Lillian)

Randy Turnquist working on getting a realtor

6. Fair Valley Grange Hall

Proposal to purchase the building for \$600,000. This is not an actual offer. Kent and Jan will work on an actual negotiated offer and then bring that to the Board. Response is needed by July 15th.

Steven talked with Reggie about this Hall. Steven would appreciate keeping Reggie in the loop to know what is going on there. Jan will contact the listing agent to see and have Reggie tell the neighbors there is an offer on the property.

7. Tulelake Grange Hall (Will)

- a. Historical Society Declined to accept the donation.

Need to have Randy Turnquist recommend an agent.

ii. Halls – Under State Grange management

1. Calaveras Grange Hall
2. Clear Lake Grange / Big Valley Grange
  - a. Ready to organize a new Grange
3. DeSabra Grange Hall
4. Elk Creek Grange Hall
5. Lockeford Grange Hall
6. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)
  - a. Code Enforcement involved
7. Scott Valley Grange (Siskiyou County)
8. Thermalito Grange Hall
9. Woodbridge Grange Hall
10. Yankee Hill Grange (Concow) – vacant property

iii. Halls Pending return

1. Banner Grange Hall
2. Elbow Creek Grange
3. Elk Grove Grange Hall
4. Estrella Grange
5. Fort Bragg Grange Hall
6. Freshwater Grange Hall
7. Garcia Grange Hall
8. Greenhorn Grange Hall

Property seems cleaned up and doors secured.

9. Healdsburg Grange Hall
10. Honey Lake Valley Grange
11. Hornbrook Hall property – burned, no insurance
12. Lake Francis Grange Hall
13. Lucerne Valley Grange Hall
14. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)
15. Meadow Vista Grange Hall

Meadow Vista Grange Hall was returned by the Guild on 6/30/2020. Mitch Clouse and Lillian went up to collect keys. Sandra Ford has said she will review the settlement papers and think about signing them. She did sign the property list which includes the corporations, and everything picked up from the building. Charter was returned by someone who had taken it. Mitch hung it on the wall of the building and took down the Guild sign from the building. He went back the next day to have the locks changed. We will be contacting the renter in the house on the property.

- 16. Millville Grange
- 17. Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
- 18. Muscoy Grange
- 19. Pilot Hill Grange
- 20. Pleasant Valley Grange Hall
- 21. Rutherford Grange Hall
- 22. Sonoma Valley Grange Hall

iv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls  
None received

xii. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

I. Strategic Planning Team Reports

- i. Fraternal
- ii. Business
- iii. Communications

Jan commented that she is very proud of Bill Booth who is following through on the goals set by the Strategic Planning Team.

iv. Legislative

**6. Comment Request**

None received.

Glenda McBride asked about getting loans for Granges and how to do that. Martha will work with Glenda on the information and how to process it.

**7. Old Business**

a. Report on Granges

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – Lillian

- i. Fort Bragg Grange - progress
- Meadow Vista Grange

Elbow Creek Grange – Jan and Steven have appointment on July 15<sup>th</sup> to meet with them.

c. 2019 Journal of Proceedings - Draft

Has gone out to Jan, Steven and Katie for proofreading.

d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

- 1. Robert Smith – Little Lake Grange working on this.

e. Training / Mentoring Session – Martha & Jan

Jan stated we will start moving training and mentoring ahead. She reported she had a good talk with Martha and Joseph about moving membership ahead in the communities.

f. California State Grange Foundation – Steven Hood, President

Steven announced the next Board meeting. All members are welcome to attend, just like the State Grange Board of Directors. Is anyone on the Board willing to help local

Granges who want to get their own 501(c)(3) started? Can talk about it further in the future.

g. Grange Travel / Visits

None

h. State Grange Session Update - Martha

Many options were discussed in the last two Convention Planning team meetings. Broadband abilities in the Orangevale Grange Hall. Election of Officers can be handled through our current subscription to Survey Monkey so no additional cost to the State Grange. It is secure and anonymous. Idea to have satellite Grange Halls for smaller groups to gather.

**8. New Business**

a. Selling and Marketing State Grange items = LoRee Lampke/Phoenix Ridge

Basic proposal to consider read to the Board. Discussion. Email to be forwarded to the Board to review further and discuss at the next meeting.

Mitch Clouse joined the meeting at this time. .

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

Katie: Zoom about Expo.

Katie asked when is the best time to have a membership Zoom meeting about Expo? May need to do an invite with possible times. Any Saturday afternoon would be considered. Can record the Zoom and post it to You Tube Channel later.

This would be an opportunity to help the general membership better understand the virtual Grange Expo 2020.

The vacancy of the California State Grange Pomona was discussed.

*It was moved by Martha to accept Lauren's resignation with regret and send her a letter of thanks. Seconded by Will. No discussion Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Stefenoni, Shaw, Webster, and Booth. Kroesen was off-line at this time. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Martha suggested that Annie Waters, Little Lake Grange #670, as an appointment. Jan will call Annie and talk with her.

Jini Reynolds reminds people to stay visible in the Community. Put up new signs. Must keep the Granges visible or we will lose people. Importance of connecting with Grange members who don't have internet and don't want to connect that way. Redwood Valley Grange has a new Committee – Hospitality Committee – goes around checking on people and sending letters. 50-year members are making quilt blocks and now working on a quilt of valor. Really important and people are lonely. Need to provide that from the Grange.

Redwood Valley Grange has a free library for the community. High participation. A new sign will go up as a polling place for convention.

July 20<sup>th</sup> virtual meeting of Central Union Grange. At 7pm. Last meeting had the Miss and Little Miss winners of the National Agriculture. Send your email to Katie to join in the meeting and Katie will send you the links.

Buzz comments - keep safe everyone!!!

Next meeting August 2, 2020. 9am for closed and 10:30 for open  
Convention meeting 7/12/2020 9am Foundation Meeting at 10am

Board meeting closed at 2:30 pm

Fraternally submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange.

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

July 16, 2020 - VIRTUAL ONLINE FORMAT

The Board of Directors of the California State Grange met on July 16, 2020 at 6:00pm to discuss the offer of the sale of the Fair Valley Grange Hall in Chino, California.

Present were: Jan Saxton, Acting President/Overseer; Christina Webster, Treasurer; Lilian Booth, Secretary; and Martha Stefenoni, Will Shaw and Erica Kroesen, Executive Committee Members. Also present was Kent Westwood, acting as real estate consultant for the Board.

Offer was tendered to purchase the Fair Valley Grange Hall with the California State Grange as the mortgagee. Kent worked with the realtor to negotiate a mutually agreed offer as follows:

- Purchase Price               \$600,000.00
- Condition of property: As is, where is.
- Interest rate               6%
- Down payment               \$120,000.00
- Escrow                       90 days
- Term 10 years.               Payments approximately \$5,300 per month.
- Buyers request balloon payoff in two years.
- Payment due on the 1st of the month. Late after 10 days with a 6% of payment penalty fee added to the balloon payment
- If the buyer defaults for two months, foreclosure proceedings will start
- Must give 90-days notice to buyer of due date of balloon payment

Discussion regarding how the State Grange would carry the note for the property. This Grange Hall is in the name of the California State Grange, has been over seven years since the charter was surrendered. The funds received are general funds.

*It was moved by Will Shaw to accept the offer with credit worthiness documents by the buyer. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Jan will sign the necessary papers for the realtor to agree to the offer.

Short general discussion about Convention and broadband connectivity. No actions taken.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

## Sunday August 2, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

CLOSED SESSION 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM  
OPEN SESSION 10:30 AM to Close of Business

Closed meeting at 9am

### 1. Roll Call of officers

President, Kent Westwood, Vice President Jan Saxton, Secretary Lillian Booth, Treasurer Christina Webster, Exec 1 year Erica Kroesen, and 2 yr Martha Stefenoni. 3yr Will Shaw (joined the meeting late).

Members present: Steven Hood, Katie Squire, Anne Asperger, Linda MacCracken; Bob Clouse, Jini Reynolds and Glenda McBride.

We welcomed Kent Westwood back from his extended medical leave. Kent is 100% and ready to get back to work. The members all thanked Jan for her service as the Acting President while Kent was ill. We appreciate all she did to advance the Grange.

### 2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Secretary

#### a. Board Meeting 7/5/2020

*It was moved by Martha to accept the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Christina. Aye: Stefenoni, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Westwood, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

#### b. Special Meeting 7/16/2020

*It was moved by Erica to accept minutes as read. Seconded by Martha. Seconded by Christina. Aye: Stefenoni, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Westwood, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

#### Special Meeting 7/24/2020

*It was moved by Martha to accept the minutes with corrections. Seconded by Christina. Aye: Stefenoni, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Westwood, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

### 3. Financial Reports – Treasurer

Christina – as of 7/31/2020 are still \$28,000 over budget, but considering legal fees are well over budget and the State Grange paid over \$25,000 in delinquent and current property taxes for Grange Halls, we are still are only \$28k over budget. Having remote meetings has resulted in savings of approximately \$12,000 in board member expenses saved. Doing well considering all of the unexpected bills left unpaid by the Guild..

*It was moved by Lillian to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Martha. Vote taken. Aye: Stefenoni, Saxton, Booth, Kroesen, Westwood, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

### 4. Communications received

None received.

### 5. Director Reports

#### a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth

1946 and 2014 Corporations need to be merged. Jeff Skinner is working within his firm to determine the easiest and best way to accomplish this. The State Grange will return to using the 1946 Corporation and the Group 1160 when all is finished. New bank accounts will have to be set up under that EIN and California Corporation number.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Website is continually updated. Publishing the National Grange Patrons Chain and View from the Hill in the News Section of the website. Pages with the most views are the Grange Youth Fair Program.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

New updated document on the web how to take photos, listing of the requirements for the photographs. Reminds members if inviting guest exhibitors, need to provide with the Grange number. All Granges are organized by numerical order on registration. Need to know the District and Expo is using the same Deputy Districts. Can send partial entries. 9/11/2020 Deadline.

There will be no physical display at the State Grange this year. The State Grange is more ambitious than most County Fairs, who are limiting classes. Get word to 4-H and FFA Chapters also. Encourage them to participate. Reach out to all of the home arts exhibitors. Tell them we have a place to display their work. When the displays are complete, everyone will be able to view the entries and winners as a slide show.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Blackboard and Quizlet developing programs for the Youth and Adults. Will be putting together a group in Palo Cedro/Anderson at Anderson Grange.

Per Steven Hood. Mary at Kern-Buena Vista Grange has a Youth Fair Program there. Needs Tacy to get in touch with her. Mary is a good resource in the area.

e. Youth Director – Vacant

f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni

Jini Reynolds reported she is recording classes Redwood Valley Grange. Next one is on Bubble wands. Granges need to get ideas and information out to inspire and lift up our members. Start sharing ideas on ways to fund raise without coming together in one building with large groups of people inside buildings.

Katie Squire – Central Union Grange did a gift card raffle to raise funds for scholarship. Katie was asked to write that up for a blast email and post on the website.

Youth Fair Program – the 4-H program is asking about Grange and some Counties are shutting down the Ag Extension offices for the 4-H support. Grange has the perfect opportunity to fill the void in the communities.

North Fork Grange – Doing a raffle. Using face shields to sell tickets. Already made half their money for their budget this year.

Granges need to submit how they are working to publish on Facebook, blast emails and public service announcements to open the lines of communication again. We are severely lacking in that area.

- g. Grange Deputy Reports  
i. Steven Hood – Lead Deputy

Lawrence Jaffe	Reg Corella	Steven Hood
Dwight Winegar	Will Shaw	Mitch Clouse
Kevin Bennett		

**Steven Hood**

Deputies have been contacting people in their area. Having a Deputy meeting this Thursday night and will have more updated info. Have been communicating with the local Granges. Steven is working with Martha on Applegate Grange Hall. Other Granges are hanging in there in the area.

No other reports.

- h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

Membership is 4,714 Members as of today. No further revocations of charters since the last meeting.

- i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Linda advised they are scanning, and scanning, and scanning. All is working well right now. Lillian expressed appreciation for the time and hours they are volunteering in the State Grange Office.

- j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –

Bob Clouse reporting. Bob recommends obtaining a leasing agent proposal for the GBO Building. It is sitting empty and should be easy to occupy with the right commercial firm.

Bees - Bob will notify the new neighbor not to attach anything to our building like the former owner did. That is how the bees got in there.

GBO Building – Bob advised the roof and gutters need to be inspected at the GBO Building. The outside light also needs to be fixed. This should be completed before the winter months.

HVAC – 2101/2103 Stockton Blvd. Building – in order to replace all six units on the roof of the building, it will cost approximately \$86,000 to replace them. Spent almost \$15,000 last year on repairs. Need to think about the capital improvements. If all are replaced at the same time, it is less expensive because it will take two weeks of work with one crane to take all of the units off and then replace them with new. These can wait for now. The other things need to be done first.

UCD has recycle standards and required us to put in a new recycle bin. UCD is paying for it even though it is barely used.

Now have additional COVID 19 return-to-work requests. UC Davis Regents are now requiring the AC to be checked and perform specific functions. The also want to open

windows and get fresh air. These were sent on to the HVAC contractor to have them look at it. Check it out just to make sure.

Seismic Retrofit – not receiving a response from UC Davis.

Discussion centered on pushing for a lease to be completed now before any more improvements in the building. Need to put at least 10% in to a fund monthly for these kinds of projects.

A full real estate appraisal of the State Grange property may cost \$3,000-\$5,000. Bob talked with the leasing realtor who gave a ball-park fair-market value estimate of \$15-million. There are currently no other properties on Stockton Boulevard as rentable as our GBO building.

Further discussions centered on getting the retrofit done including obtaining a loan on the property and moving ahead with completion. Suggest getting a loan on the property and moving ahead with the retrofit. Bob advised that the Emergency Room Doctors are using the bottom floor for offices because of the close proximity to UC Davis Med Center.

*It was moved by Jan to borrow against the Custodial Funds to pay for the seismic retrofit completion and pay interest on the loan to the custodial account. Seconded by Martha. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, Webster, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Bob has the contractor in Rocklin who already looked at our building before who said he can do the work. Bob will contact contractors locally and have answers by Convention.

Kent will let Beverly Hahner know about the seismic retrofit and lease.

*It was moved by Lillian to have Bob arrange for the roof inspection, cleaning and repairing gutters as necessary and replacing/repairing the lights for the GBO Building . Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, Webster, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

#### i. GBO Building

Jerry and Linda were contacted by a doctor at UCD heading an organization called Second Breath, a non-profit collecting reusable medical supplies and redistributing to low-income medical clinics. Asked if they could lease a small space at the GBO. They will clean their own space and rental would come out of the doctor's pocket right now. Jerry and Linda are suggesting \$100.00 per month. The doctors understand we are listing building for rental and the Convention may be there. Would need to re-key just for the GBO building.

*It was moved by Will to approve their rental on a temporary basis. Seconded by Jan. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, Webster, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried. Jerry and Linda will take care of contacting them.*

Bob had provided quotes from two leasing realtors for the GBO building. Bob requested motion to allow to him to contact KW Real Estate to sign a leasing contract. They charge a 6% commission and a monthly fee for taking care of our tenant. Requesting a 5-year lease agreement. Suggestion of some type of lift to get upstairs. Both realtors Bob spoke with came from the Stockton Blvd Association we joined.

*It was moved by Lillian to sign the contract with KW Real Estate for the management of the GBO Building. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, Webster, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

k. Grange Property Report

i. Halls managed by State Grange - Voted to be sold

1. Applegate Grange Hall

a. Update from Lodge (Lillian)

Lillian received call from the District Deputy Wallace from the Lodge. He confirmed no one is living in the hall and would check on the Lodge members. Per Steven did not look like someone was living there. Was not able to get in to the wing of the lodge. Steven and Martha are working with Gary Rocha to reorganize the Grange.

2. Capay Grange

a. Century 21 Realty

3. Crescent Redwood Grange (Lillian)

4. East Lake Grange (Lillian)

a. Need realtor. Lillian to contact school district.

5. El Camino Grange (Lillian)

a. Randy Turnquist working on getting realtor in area.

6. Fair Valley Grange Hall

a. Escrow is opened as of 7/21/2020

7. Tulalake Grange Hall

8. Estrella Grange Hall

Renter has contacted Lillian, may have interest in purchasing the Hall. Needs to reach out to them. Lillian will contact Randy Turnquist.

9. Concow/Yankee Hill Grange – vacant property

ii. Halls – Under State Grange management

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a. Ready to organize a new Grange

3. DeSabra Grange Hall

4. Elk Creek Grange Hall

5. Lockeford Grange Hall

6. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

We contacted Code Enforcement and it took them three times to get people out of and off the property. There are supplies dishes, pots, pans, stove, bingo system in the building. Lillian and Will to make time to get the Regalia, Journals, and other Grange items out of there.

7. Scott Valley Grange (Siskiyou County)

Weed abatement done. Invoice will be sent in for payment.

8. Thermalito Grange Hall
9. Woodbridge Grange Hall

Glenda McBride caretaking the Woodbridge Grange. Had an oil spill this week 10' diameter spot. HazMat already had someone out there. Unknown who did it. Need to determine who owns the property where the spill is, the County, Railroad, or Grange. Glenda making phone calls to the Sheriff's Office about trespass and vehicles park there. Signs could not be enforced for no-parking in the front of the building.

Fire permit fee for \$225.00 bill received from the area. Number on the bill is different than the permit on the Grange. Glenda will look in to that and see what is going on there.

Bill for \$46.00 for the post office box. Keep it open or drop it and forward the mail on to the State Office. PG&E is still on for Woodbridge – doesn't know who is paying the bill. She has contacted musicians in the area to see if they want to organize the Grange there. No responses yet. Glenda is going to the community to see how to reorganize the Grange. Members gave contact information for people who might be able. Having someone talking care of replacing the valves for the irrigation.

10. Meadow Vista Grange Hall
11. Muscoy Grange

Just returned by San Bernardino County Court. Jeff will be mailing keys to the State Grange Office and to Reg Corella directly.

iii. Halls Pending return

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Steven is going to Lompoc area tomorrow, will go by the Grange Hall to get photos. If he has time, he may contact Judy while he's down there.

Jan – Rutherford Grange has not moved ahead on getting their information back to us. Jan will contact them and see what we need to do to help.

Sonoma Valley Grange Hall – they changed their corporation to a 501(c)(3) illegally. The Secretary of State's office advised Jeff, these changes should never have been allowed. We have had open conversations, but not committed yet to coming back.

Dwight met with Bayside Grange and the couple heavily involved in Guild is no longer involved at Bayside. Kathey Moley, Maurice Viand and Dwight are planning to have conversation with the Bayside members to talk to them about returning to good standing.

Elbow Creek Grange – Jeff to follow-up.

iv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls  
None received

xiii. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls  
None known at this time.

- I. Strategic Planning Team Reports
  - i. Fraternal
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No reports from any teams. Kent said that we will need to reboot the strategic planning process. It was on hold and now need to get it going again. Will set up a Zoom conference after Convention to pull people together again.

Legislative action – Michael Evenson pushed out some letters on various Grange advocacy. There have been a number of responses from those Grangers.

## **6. Comment Request**

None received.

## **7. Old Business**

a. Report on Granges  
Nothing specific to report at this time.

b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – Lillian  
Discovery process continues. And a deposition has been requested for September on Millville Grange and Mt. Vernon Grange. A new attorney for the Guild has been appointed by the insurance company and is not going to accept Lillian's Fort Bragg deposition as the basis for all cases, which was the agreement with the former attorney.

c. 2019 Journal of Proceedings - Draft  
Proofreaders – Changes have been noted from both Katie and Steven. Goal to have this finished by next weekend – if the legal cases don't interfere.

i. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress  
1. Robert Smith – Little Lake Grange working on this.  
Robert has been working on the unclaimed property search and he has found several the State Grange needs to claim on behalf of closed Granges. Lillian is planning to ask

him to help with the California and IRS corporation status. This is a time-consuming research project.

j. Training / Mentoring Session – Martha & Jan  
Nothing at this time.

k. California State Grange Foundation – Steven Hood, President  
Foundation is coming along nicely. Getting all of the legal things taken care of. Attorney from Jeff Skinner's office is helpful about getting email reminders to the Board of what needs to be done. Getting PayPal donations set up. Getting Amazon Smiles set up – can have ½% donated to the State Grange through Amazon. Thanks to Bill Booth for getting all of the legal things done.

l. Grange Travel / Visits  
Central Union Grange – Zoom Meeting open invite. Lillian attended their last meeting. Lillian invited to Laytonville on Zoom meeting. Weds at 5:30 pm at Zoom.

m. State Grange Session Update – Martha Stefenoni  
Martha reporting. Have lists of meeting places for the hub Granges. The health departments in each County have their own requirements for social distancing. The State Grange is going to cap attendance at any of the meetings to 12 people total. We won't know anything for sure until the day we plan to start.

Four different scenarios can be used in the planning. (1) How we've always done it – in person (2) Not have quorum (3) satellite hubs (4) Sit in a parking lot. Unknown how this is going to work for now. Bend and sway in response to current guidelines.

Lillian and Bill located a conference audio/visual system. Cost is approximately \$3500-\$4000. This system can be used for many meetings to come and expands our abilities to reach Granges in remote areas.

Masks –

Look at the information we got from Phoenix Ridge with the three different styles and three different costs. These would have the Grange logo screen printed on them. One of the styles is the AllMade shirt material which is made from recycled material – the same as the shirts we had last year.

Jini suggested a pattern for a cup cozy, place mat, and mask. She suggested asking the Grangers to make them and make it fun.

Registration fee – should include the costs to mail things out ahead of time. Schedule everything for before the first of October. Then they have everything with them.

Will Shaw had to leave the meeting at this time.

Discussion continued on registration fee.

*It was moved by Erica to have registration fee of \$40.00 per person for registration fee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jan.*

*It was moved by Lillian to amend to add "\* please contact the State Grange office if your Grange is not able to fund delegates this year." Seconded by Jan. Vote taken on amendment. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Nay: None. Amendment carried.*

*Motion as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion as amended carried.*

*It was moved by Jan to purchase 200 of the AllMade Masks in Rebel Blue with Gold Grange logo from Phoenix Ridge. Seconded by Erica. Discussion Aye: Kroesen, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Nay: None. Booth abstained. Motion carried.*

*It was moved by Martha that 50% of the cost of the masks be taken from the Membership Development fund. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

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Martha contacted Annie Waters about decorating the room. They may put up some type of decorations behind the Graces. Martha will invite Annie to settle on a day to come up to the office to see what is there now.

n. Phoenix Ridge Distribution concept – from last meeting.

*It was moved by Martha to approve the concept of using Phoenix Ridge as a distribution center and request a formal proposal from Phoenix Ridge. Seconded by Erica. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Webster, Kroesen, Saxton, Westwood, and Stefenoni. Nay: None. Booth abstains. Motion carried.*

## **8. New Business**

### **a. Insurance questions**

Grange Halls are having a problem with getting their premiums paid. Brokers are asking the insurance companies to reduce premiums anywhere possible.

*It was moved by Martha to earmark up to \$25,000 of the Membership Development fund to help Grange Halls meet their emergency financial obligations. Seconded by Jan.*

Discussion. Need some parameters of their bills and a financial statement of their assets; and a plan to get them paying back their own obligations. Need that before a notice is sent out to the Grange Halls.

*Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Kent appointed a committee of Kent, Jan and Martha to formulate the guidelines.

Special Meeting set at the close of the Foundation Board meeting in two weeks to vote on guidelines.

b. Grange Family Heritage Conference 2021

Katie would like to plan a virtual Grange Family Heritage Conference in February. President's Holiday weekend. Some type of Grange event on President's Holiday Weekend.

*It was moved by Erica to have Katie to develop a Grange event during the President's day weekend. Name to be determined. Seconded by Christina. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**9. Other business for the Good of the Order.**

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

b. Other

It was announced that Hessel Grange Member, Analise Scholten, won the Western Regional Public Speaking contest. She is eligible to participate in the National Grange Public Speaking event in November.

Next meeting: September 13, 2020

October 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is set as mandated by the By-Laws.

Meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange.

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
Special Board Meeting. 2020-08-16 – Virtual Meeting

**Roll Call:**

President, Kent Westwood, Vice President Jan Saxton, Secretary Lillian Booth, Exec 1 year Erica Kroesen, and 2 yr Martha Stefenoni. 3yr Will Shaw. Christina Webster absent.

Kent discussed the current issue with the US Post Master and keeping the Post Offices and mail services open. This is Grange History and we need to repeat it because it appears to be in peril.

Item for Discussion is the Special Funding for Granges in need:

Need to determine a procedure for Granges to request and receive emergency funding during the pandemic shut-down.

Suggestion to open a fund-raising campaign for struggling Granges needing assistance. Other Granges and individuals can assist.

*It was moved by Martha to ask the Foundation to include COVID financial assistance in their emergency relief definition; send out a blast email for Granges and individuals to contribute. Individuals would be tax deductible. For individual this would be tax deductible. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

For the Granges:

Granges will need to provide their most recent Checking and Savings Account Statements; and complete an application for them to fill out. This will need to include a plan to help replenish the funds or plans for future fund-raising to stay solvent. They may also want help from the State Grange and/or State Grange Deputies in their area. Need a commitment from each Grange participating Grange to eventually put money back in the HELP fund for future needs.

*It was moved by Martha to split the \$25,000 of Membership Restricted funds to (1) \$10,000 to the Foundation and \$15,000 to Grange Hall Emergency Loan fund through the State Grange. Seconded by Erica. Discussion.*

Kent advised that any kind of note has to have a time limit on it or cannot collect. Grants discussed from the Foundation. Start as a one-time grant due to time limits and decide what type of fund-raising they can do. If it goes past the \$500 a Grange can receive on the Foundation Grant, the Grange will need to request a loan from the State Grange.

*Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Loan parameters:

1% for the COVID 19 – emergency relief. Specified for this fund only.

*It was moved by Martha to establish a Grange Hall loan fund with a 1% interest for Granges and a promissory note will be signed, term limit to be on a case by case basis. Seconded by: Erica. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Kroesen, Booth, Westwood, Stefenoni, Saxton, and Webster. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Kent announced Joseph Stefenoni is writing an article about the Grange and the Post Office to be published and we will send it out in a blast email.

Meeting adjourned 12:12 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

Sunday, September 13, 2020 - Virtual Meeting

CLOSED SESSION      9:00 AM to 10AM  
Testing Session      10AM to 12PM  
Open Session      12:30 PM to Close of business

Meeting called to order at 12:48 pm.

**1. Roll Call of officers**

President, Kent Westwood; Vice-President, Jan Saxton; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Christina Webster; EC1 Erica Kroesen; EC2 Martha Stefenoni; EC3 Will Shaw.

Guests: Bill Booth, KayLynn Booth, Katie Squire Expo Director/State Lecturer; Steven Hood, Lead Deputy, Linda MacCracken, KOTS; Glenda McBride.

**2. Reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting. – Secretary**

a. Board meeting 8/3/2020

*It was moved by Jan to approve minutes as presented. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

**3. Financial Reports – Treasurer**

Christina advised we have once again billed UC Davis for the Janitorial Services as per their lease. They will be paying the full invoice. Still working through the list of Granges for property tax bills for any delinquencies. She found the current taxes may be paid, but there are still delinquencies which were not paid.

**4. Communications received**

Fire protection ballot for the Crescent City area. Assessment of \$74.00 per parcel. To provide local fire service.

*It was moved Motion by Lillian to vote in the affirmative to pay the assessment of \$74 per parcel in the Crescent City area where there is a Grange Hall. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken: Aye: Westwood, Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Jan will complete the ballot and mail it back.

**5. Director Reports**

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Lillian Booth

Update on Secretary of State processes. It appears that all requests from any Grange is now going through an attorney in the Secretary of State's office. Just had three changes returned for corrections from the same attorney in the office.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

No report at this time.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

There was an issue with the On-line Expo Registration last weekend which was repaired this week. And then another problem occurred. Katie is changing due dates to 11:59pm on 9/15/2020 entries can still be made.

Talent Show – Two entries so far from Aromas and Sebastopol Granges. Register on the simple form and send it to Katie immediately.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Is enroute to San Diego to meet with a group wanting to start a new Grange in the City of Alpine, California. This is a diverse group of families looking for a Fair Program and an organization the whole family can participate in.

e. Youth Director – Vacant

f. Community Service / Membership – Martha Stefenoni

With the fires, there is opportunity for interacting in the communities.

A gentleman in Sheridan, CA, wants to start a Grange. Tacy, Lillian and Martha met with Charles Armistead to discuss forming a Grange. He called us later that night to say he has more than enough families interested in starting a new Grange in the area. Martha planning to drop off the paperwork on her way home today. That would make 9 new Granges for us in California.

g. Grange Deputy Reports

i. Steven Hood – Lead Deputy

Lawrence Jaffe	Reg Corella	Steven Hood
Dwight Winegar	Will Shaw	Mitch Clouse
Kevin Bennett		

Steven reported he had an on-line deputy meeting with just Steven, Lillian, Kent, and Reg Corella. Went through the list of Granges in a Suspended status. Had good conversation with Barbara McGrosso about Ramona Grange. Steven will continue to contact leadership there.

Steven working with Ceres Grange who only has five members and wants to close. Steven will talk with Caroline Hill from Empire Grange to see if they want to continue. If so, he will work on the consolidation of the two Granges. The other option is to consolidate both Granges with Turlock Grange.

Lawrence Jaffe and Jini Reynolds are going to work on Cloverdale Grange. Nothing heard back yet.

h. Grange Membership Report – Lillian Booth

No report at this meeting. Will email to the Board.

i. Keeper of the Stuff Report – Linda MacCracken

Linda reporting. Got the Conference room set up for Convention. GBO is partially set up. Mail and scanning are doing fine. Lillian advised that "fine" is an understatement. Every time Jeff Skinner or other attorney needs some information, the KOTS crew

makes it happen very quickly. The lawsuits could not move as quickly without their help finding, scanning and sending information.

- j. Property Management Update – Sacramento Buildings Grounds –
  - i. Seismic retrofit report of meeting with UC Davis.

Bob Clouse, Kent Westwood and Lillian Booth, held a conference call with the UC Davis buildings Administrative team. UCD wants to do the seismic retrofit and do more improvements in consideration of a long-term lease.

A new lease has not been signed yet. Kent advised that we will get the back rent once it is signed.

Janitorial is to be reimbursed in full. Steven suggested giving them a time limit to get started. We still need to continue with the retrofit and limit our liability.

*It was moved by Erica to give UCD 6 months to do the seismic retrofit and if not started by April 1, 2021, then the California State Grange will commence the work and they will be billed for the seismic retrofit. Seconded by Jan. Extensive discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Lillian to send letter to UC Davis after coordinating it with Kent.

- ii. Maintenance
  - 1. 2101/2103 Stockton Blvd Cooling System – Bob Clouse
- iii. GBO Building
  - 1. Property Maintenance – Roof/ Rain gutters/ Light – Bob Clouse

Alex (Handyman) came in and repaired the light sensors. And he will clean the rain gutters when it isn't so hot. Will get the HVAC fixed at the GBO building before the Convention.

- k. Grange Property Report
  - i. Halls managed by State Grange - Voted to be sold
    - 1. Applegate Grange Hall

No contact from Gary Rocha. Steven and Martha to follow-up.

- 2. Capay Grange

Century 21 Realty will list. After discussion by the Board, directions were given to Randy Turnquist to list the property for \$85,000.

- 3. Crescent Redwood Grange (Lillian)

Squatters in building / Referred to Code Enforcement in Del Norte County. Lillian contacted Code Enforcement. Made a verbal complaint. They advised the Del Norte Sheriff's Office would have to remove the trespassers. Lillian will contact Del Norte Sheriff to request assistance. Building Department advised we could secure a demolition permit even with trespassers in the building. That is in process.

- 4. East Lake Grange (Lillian)

Need realtor. Lillian to contact school district. Erica requested to put this back on her list for action. Erica has East Lake Grange Charter and Little Lake Grange Charter because of the fire evacuations Notices. Erica was given the name and phone number

of a lady who is looking for her father's Grange awards that may be stored in the Hall. Erica will contact her.

5. El Camino Grange (Lillian)

Randy Turnquist working on getting realtor in area. Lillian to advise Randy to get a realtor since no response or contact received from the one who was referred.

6. Fair Valley Grange Hall

Escrow is closed!!!! Lillian to contact escrow company for direct deposit information.

7. Tulelake Grange Hall – Need realtor.

Will suggested we see if a Grange in Southern Oregon wants to move it to their State.

8. Estrella Grange Hall

Moving ahead on selling that property. Randy Turnquist is contacting the renter to see if they are interested. He will handle that listing himself.

9. Concow/Yankee Hill Grange – vacant property

Property lot is clean and vacant. Lillian to contact realtor in the area to sell the lot.

ii. Halls – Under State Grange management

This list will be referred to Tacy, Steven and Martha – to work on organizing Granges in these areas.

1. Calaveras Grange Hall

Martha has not had a chance to reach out to contact Guy about closing the building to stop the window breakage.

2. Clear Lake Grange / Big Valley Grange

Dennis Booth is ready to organize a new Grange. Need to reach out and set a Zoom meeting.

3. DeSabra Grange Hall

4. Elk Creek Grange Hall

5. Lockeford Grange Hall

6. Maywood Grange (Tehama County)

Will suggested we call Guy Nunez to check the roof. There may be some potential groups wanting to organize a Grange in the Tehama County area.

7. Scott Valley Grange (Siskiyou County)-

Will to contact a local realtor to get the hall sold.

8. Thermalito Grange Hall

9. Woodbridge Grange Hall

Glena McBride reported she has a list of people from the County who will give a bid to clean up the oil spill. It is on our property and we are responsible to clean it up. Fire assessment of \$225 is due. If a letter is sent stating the building is vacant, will defer. Post Office box of \$46 was paid by Glenda to keep it open for 6 months. Has a gardener to cut the grass and keep the sprinkler system viable. County is working on the No Parking in front of the building.

Town of 3,000 people and needs ideas on how to reorganize.

10. Meadow Vista Grange Hall

11. Muscoy Grange

Reg has the keys and one set is at the State Grange office.

- iii. Halls Pending return
  - 1. Banner Grange Hall
  - 2. Elbow Creek Grange
  - 3. Elk Grove Grange Hall
  - 4. Fort Bragg Grange Hall –

The Court case has been won in favor of Fort Bragg Grange. We are waiting for the judgment to be entered to get the property.

- 5. Freshwater Grange Hall
- 6. Garcia Grange Hall
- 7. Greenhorn Grange Hall
- 8. Healdsburg Grange Hall - Ballet school is returning the Hall.
- 9. Honey Lake Valley Grange
- 10. Hornbrook Hall property – burned, no insurance –

Hall previously burned. Need to change the deed to the State Grange.

- 11. Lake Francis Grange Hall
- 12. Lucerne Valley Grange Hall
- 13. Maywood Grange

The Hall is under the custody of the State Grange is cleaned up and the lot has been cleaned by Guy Nunez Contracting. Total price was \$3,500.

- 14. Millville Grange
- 15. Mt. Vernon Grange Hall
- 16. Pilot Hill Grange
- 17. Pleasant Valley Grange Hall
- 18. Rutherford Grange Hall
- 19. Sonoma Valley Grange Hall

- iv. Granges indicating interest in loans to repair halls
  - None received

- xiv. Property Taxes Pending for Grange Halls

Christina updated. Have approx. \$12,000 in outstanding tax liabilities. Some old ones and current ones open.

*It was moved by Jan to pay the back taxes on properties. Seconded by Erica. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

- I. Strategic Planning Team Reports
  - i. Fraternal
  - ii. Business
  - iii. Communications
  - iv. Legislative

Suggested a Zoom conference after Convention for the Strategic Planning Team. Invite participants at the Convention. Kent will add this to his list for the Convention

## **6. Comment Request**

None Received

## 7. Old Business

### a. Report on Granges

### b. Recent Legal Decisions – general review – Lillian

#### i. Fort Bragg Grange – progress

Case has been decided on Motion for Summary Judgment. The Judge was very clear in her decision. Jeff Skinner has forwarded a copy to all of the attorneys in all of the cases currently in process.

#### ii. Muscoy Grange – judgement to State Grange.

Default judgment was given to the State Grange. Bills are coming to the State Grange office for utilities, etc. Keys have been sent to Sacramento and one set to Reg Corella, Deputy in that area.

### c. 2019 Journal of Proceedings -

It's done!!!! And posted on the website. A blast email will be sent out with a connection to the website to view it. It is a public document.

### d. California Unclaimed property - Lillian Booth – In progress

#### 1. Robert Smith – Little Lake Grange working on this.

He has found about \$10,000 in unclaimed Grange property. Lillian and Robert to work on how to claim this.

### e. Training / Mentoring Session – Martha & Jan

No report.

### f. California State Grange Foundation – Steven Hood, President

Have Amazon Smiles and PayPal link is done and on the website. Working on VENMO. Website is moving ahead. Steven put together a letter to send out to look it over. As soon as he does, Lillian will send a blast email out.

### g. Grange Travel / Visits

Been nowhere. Doing nothing.

### h. State Grange Session Update - Martha

#### 1. 2020 – Virtual venue.

Virtual format tested today. Discussion on reimbursement for installation of the high speed internet. North Fork Grange \$87 install and \$49 first month. Discussion of an amount.

*It was moved by Will to offer \$200 to each location. Seconded by Jan. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Saxton, Booth, Webster, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: Kroesen. Motion carried.*

Lillian requested to discuss removing the registration fee. Discussion

*It was moved by Jan to remove the \$40 registration fee for this year's convention. Seconded by Lillian. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: Kroesen. Motion carried.*

### i. Phoenix Ridge Distribution concept – from last meeting.

Will have a proposal after Convention.

## 9. New Business

c. Humboldt Grange – funds request from sale of Rohner Grange Hall. When Humboldt Grange and Rohner Grange consolidated and the Rohner Grange hall was sold, the Humboldt Grange was entitled to \$5,000 for their treasury. They chose to defer that and are now requesting those funds.

*It was moved by Jan to send Humboldt Grange the \$5,000 from the sale of Rohner Grange Hall sale. Seconded by Lillian. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

d. Resolutions to set salaries for President and Secretary for 2020-2022 and then set date for special meeting to vote. Christina will have preliminary budget and recommendations later this week.

## 10. Other business for the Good of the Order.

c. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings  
October 2, 2020 – 6:00pm at Oba.  
October 4, 2020 – at close of Session

d. Other

e. Convention report –

Question to discuss regarding lodging compensation to any State Officers who have to come to this Sacramento.

*It was moved by Martha to pay a stipend of \$200 for those officers who will be attending in Sacramento. Seconded by Jan. Discussion. Vote taken. Aye: Westwood, Saxton, Booth, Webster, Kroesen, Stefenoni and Shaw. Nay: None. Motion carried.*

Katie Squire advised that she has been visiting Granges. Katie she recently visited Laytonville Grange. Lillian came to Central Union Grange and Laytonville Grange. Zoom connects us together.

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary  
California State Grange

## 145th ANNUAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

### 2020-001 “GUT-AND-REPLACE AND GUT-AND-AMEND” LEGISLATION

**Submitted by Central Union Grange No. 559**  
**Approved at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange**

WHEREAS: There is a practice of processing legislation in Sacramento and other state capitals referred to as “Gut-and Replace” or “Gut-and Amend” which according to the California Legislative Counsel, is defined as “when amendments to a bill remove the current contents in their entirety and replace them with different provisions.”, and;

WHEREAS: This practice, includes replacing the bill’s contents with a title and subject which are unrelated (not germane) to the original contents of the bill, often in the closing days of a legislative session, and

WHEREAS: Often the original bill has passed out of committee and these practices deprive the public of any meaningful voice in the legislative process and deprives legislators adequate notice and time to thoroughly review the consequences of proposed legislation before deciding the fate of such legislation, and

WHEREAS: In 2016 the voters of California passed Proposition 54 which was intended to address issues of “Gut-and-Replace” and provide additional transparency in the legislative process, however through Senate and Assembly rules it now falls to the Presiding Officer to determine if the amendments are germane, Therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: The National Grange will lobby to supports legislative action to stop the practices of “Gut-and-Replace” and “Gut-and-Amend”, and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange urges the National Grange to lobby to end the practices of “Gut-and-Replace” and “Gut-and-Amend” throughout the nation.

2020-003R REMOVAL OF CULTIVATION CAP FOR CANNABIS  
COOPERATIVES

**Little Lake Grange No. 670**

**Approved at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange**

- WHEREAS: Small farmers have historically had to struggle to survive; and
- WHEREAS: Currently the limit for cultivation, as enforced by the California Department of Food & Agriculture, for cannabis cooperatives is four (4) acres; and
- WHEREAS: The California Department of Food and Agriculture caps individual farms to be ten (10) acres of cultivation; and
- WHEREAS: Small farms must be able to unite to survive in the current market; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: The California State Grange supports legislation that will raise the Cultivation Cap for Cannabis Cooperatives of four (4) acres to ten (10) acres.

2020-005 OFFICER TITLES NAME CHANGE  
**Submitted by Sebastopol Grange No. 306**  
**Approved at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange**

WHEREAS: The Grange has used for 153 years the officer titles Master and Overseer, which are titles used during the days of slavery that stigmatizes and impacts people of color in a harmful way and does not properly represent the organization in these contemporary times and sends a message of exclusion rather than inclusion to these communities.

WHEREAS: Some Grangers might view these titles as a symbol of historic pride, many others see it as a painful reminder of the history of hate, bigotry and devaluation of humanity that it can represent. Regardless of perspective these titles have the power to inflame feelings of racial division.

WHEREAS: The U.S Army initiated, Project Inclusion, to improve diversity, equity and inclusion across the force and build cohesion.

WHEREAS: Some joint U.S. military commands are already rolling out policies of their own. U.S. Forces Japan recently barred displays of the Confederate flag.

WHEREAS: NASCAR removed the Confederate flag as a symbol of hate that they say cannot represent their brand.

WHEREAS: The Washington Redskins, a National Football League team, and other sports teams are changing their names and logos because of its hateful origins and connotations.

WHEREAS: Princeton University and other schools are changing the names of their administrative, academic and residential buildings to reflect that Woodrow Wilson's commitment to racial segregation no longer deserved historic honors.

WHEREAS: Throughout the country governmental, business, educational and military institutions are moving forward on multiple fronts to remove monuments, symbols, logos and artwork that honor the confederacy and people who upheld slavery and segregation; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the titles of Master and Overseer used in paragraph 7.1.1, 7.3.2, 7.3.3 and throughout the bylaws and elsewhere in the Digest of Laws including websites be replaced with President and Vice President; and be it further

RESOLVED: Upon approval this resolution shall be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

2020-006    AMEND CALIFORNIA EGG SAFETY AND QUALITY  
MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

**Submitted by Orangevale Grange No. 354**

**Approved at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange**

- WHEREAS: Historically, the public has made distinction between commercial products and home produce, and
- WHEREAS: The California Department of Agriculture established the Egg Safety and Quality Management (ESQM) program to provide California consumers with safe eggs from all sources, and
- WHEREAS: Raising ducks, chickens, quail and other species of fowl provides learning opportunities for youth and adults and in recent years backyard flocks of fowl are being allowed in many urban areas, and
- WHEREAS: Poultry hobbyists, suburban and urban farmers, 4-H, FFA, and Grange Youth raising laying fowl of any species regardless of flock size are required under the ESQM to register as an Egg Handler and Producer, even if the eggs are being donated to food banks, given to nonfamily members, or being sold to cover the cost of feed, and
- WHEREAS: Registration, as of the August 2019 form, as an Egg Handler and Producer for all individuals and businesses handling eggs, regardless of species and size of business, begins with a 2-page form and \$75 fee and registration must be renewed prior to January 1st each year for an additional \$50 fee or an additional \$25 penalty will be assessed, and
- WHEREAS: There are no exceptions from ESQM program available, making the paperwork and registration fee onerous for youth, small flock hobbyists, and suburban and urban farmers, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: The California State Grange advocate for the California Department of Agriculture to revise Food and Agriculture Code Section 27541 - Egg Safety Quality Management guidelines to include an exemption from registration and fees for individuals engaged in the casual production and exchange of eggs not as a primary source of income with flocks of less than 100 birds.

2020-007    AMEND BYLAWS TO ADD EMERGENCY BOARD  
MEETINGS

WHEREAS: There are times when the Board of Directors of the California State Grange must meet for an emergency without 10 days notice to the membership; and

WHEREAS: The by-laws do not currently provide for an emergency meeting; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange bylaws Section 6.3.2 heading be changed to "Special and Emergency Meetings"; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Section 6.3.2 b) be added to read:

- b)        Emergency Meetings – An Emergency meeting of the Board may be called at any time by three Directors only when action is required by the Board that cannot be delayed until the next regular or special meeting. The only business that can be transacted at such meeting shall be specified in the notice of that emergency meeting. Such notice shall specify the time, date, and method of meeting.

And be it further

RESOLVED: That section 6.3.3 - Notice subsection a) be amended to include new section (2):

- a) Notice of meetings:
  - (1) Regular and Special meeting notices shall be sent to the general membership ten (10) calendar days before each meeting, by electronic means which includes electronic mail, and the website currently in use.
  - (2) *Emergency meeting notices shall be sent to the general membership at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting by electronic means.*

2020-008    5.3.5 OF CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE BY-LAWS

WHEREAS:    The definition of a quorum in the current California State Grange By-Laws is ambiguous. Therefore, be it;

RESOLVED:    That article 5.3.5 of the California State Grange By-Laws be amended as follows:

5.3.5 Quorum; Voting – At any meeting of the Delegates, the presence of delegates from at least one-third of the constituent Granges in good standing shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Unless the Articles, the Nonprofit Law, or these By-Laws require a greater proportion, the act of a majority of the Delegates present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the Delegates. If a quorum is not present, the Delegates present may, by majority vote of those present, adjourn the meeting until a quorum is present, when any business may be transacted that may have been transacted at the meeting as originally called.

## 2020-009 BY-LAW AMENDMENTS – 1946 CORPORATION

- WHEREAS: The California State Grange has operated pursuant to the National Grange's Digest of Laws and the California State Grange's Constitution and By-Laws as amended over time since it was created in 1873; and
- WHEREAS: The California State Grange created the non-profit corporation called "California State Grange" in 1946 (the "1946 Corporation") to conduct its business, and the Constitution and By-Laws of the California State Grange were and are the Constitution and By-Laws of the 1946 Corporation; and
- WHEREAS: Following the revocation of the California State Grange's Charter on April 5, 2013, the California Guild and certain of its leaders wrongfully claimed control over the California State Grange's property and the 1946 Corporation; and
- WHEREAS: After its Charter was restored in July 2014, the California State Grange continued to sue and be sued as and conduct certain aspects of its business using the 1946 Corporation, but held bank accounts and conducted certain other aspects of its business using a new corporation called "The Grange of the State of California's Order of Patrons of Husbandry, Chartered" created in 2014;
- WHEREAS: The California State Grange created the corporation now called "CSG" in 2016 for the sole purpose of holding the name "California State Grange" and that corporation has never done anything else;
- WHEREAS: the California State Grange remained the same entity after the restoration of its Charter in 2014 that it was before the revocation of its Charter in 2013;
- WHEREAS: The courts have entered final judgment that the California Guild and its officers and members were not authorized to control the 1946 Corporation at any point after April 5, 2013, and the purported actions that they took on behalf of the 1946 Corporation were null and void, and that only the California State Grange is entitled to control the 1946 Corporation;
- WHEREAS: Certain Guild entities continue to claim incorrectly that the California State Grange is a different entity after the restoration of its Charter in 2014 than it was before the revocation of its Charter in 2013, and have pointed to provisions in the California State Grange's By-Laws to support this counterfactual argument;
- WHEREAS: A review of the By-Laws of the California State Grange and reveals that the language of certain sections now needs should be clarified or corrected to make clear that the California State Grange is and always has been the same entity that it was before April 5, 2013; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall adopt the proposed amendments to the By-Laws of this Grange, as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Section</u>	<u>Original</u>	<u>Proposed Amendment</u>
<b>1</b>	1.1.1	This organization shall be known as The Grange of the State of California's Order of Patrons of Husbandry, Chartered, but for all purposes, it shall be designated and	This organization shall be known as the California State Grange (this "Grange" or the "State Grange").

		commonly referred to as the Chartered California Grange (this “Grange” or the “State Grange”).	
<b>2</b>	1.2.1	1.2.1 This Grange has been organized to operate exclusively for the purposes as set forth in the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry’s (the “National Grange”) Declaration of Purposes and in this Grange’s Articles of Incorporation (the “Articles”).	1.2.1 This Grange is organized to operate exclusively for the purposes set forth in the Declaration of Purposes in the Digest of Laws (the “Digest” or “Digest of Laws” of the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry (the “National Grange”) and in this Grange’s Constitution and Articles of Incorporation filed in 1946 (the “Articles”).
<b>3</b>	1.3.1	In all its acts, this Grange shall be subject to and governed by these By-Laws, its Articles of Incorporation, the Digest of Laws of the National Grange (the “Digest”), and applicable state and federal law. In the event of any conflict of laws or interpretations, the Digest shall be the authoritative body of laws governing the conduct of this Grange.	In all its acts, this Grange shall be subject to and governed by its Constitution, these By-Laws, the Articles, the Digest of Laws and applicable state and federal law. In the event of any conflict of laws or interpretations, the Digest shall be the authoritative body of laws governing the conduct of this Grange. In the event of any conflict of laws or interpretations between the California State Grange’s Constitution and these By-Laws, the Constitution shall be the authoritative body of laws governing the conduct of this Grange.
<b>4</b>	1.4.1	At no time shall this Grange engage in or carry on any activities that are unlawful under the laws of the United States, the State of California, or any other jurisdiction where any of its activities may be conducted. The Corporation shall not engage in or carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an exempt organization described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or as hereinafter amended, or prohibited by California’s Nonprofit Corporation Law (the “Nonprofit Law”).	At no time shall this Grange engage in or carry on any activities that are unlawful under the laws of the United States, the State of California, or any other jurisdiction where any of its activities may be conducted. This Grange shall not engage in or carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an exempt organization described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or as hereinafter amended, or prohibited by California’s Nonprofit Corporation Law (the “Nonprofit Law”).
<b>5</b>	<b>NEW Section</b> 1.6.1	None	In accordance with the Digest of Laws, this Grange is authorized to form, operate, and/or dissolve corporations as needed to conduct its business. These By-Laws shall also serve as the by-laws of any such corporation operated by this Grange unless otherwise provided in the articles of incorporation of such corporation.
<b>6</b>	2.1.2	This Grange shall consult with, and receive approval from, the National Grange before	<b>DELETE</b>

		making any changes in this Grange's incorporation status.	
<b>7</b>	2.1.3 (Renumber to 2.1.2)	In the event there are any past, present or future organizations acting as unauthorized State or Subordinate/Community Grange in the State of California, this Grange shall have the duty to cooperate in all reasonable respects with the National Grange in challenging the formation or operation of such unauthorized Granges; provided, such cooperation shall be conditional upon the National Grange indemnifying and holding harmless this Grange, and reimbursing it or any of its members for any costs, expenses and/or liabilities incurred by this Grange unless otherwise agreed to or if those expenses are routinely incurred in this Grange's ordinary course of business. This duty to cooperate may include participating in litigation or affirmatively assisting Subordinate/Community Granges in reorganizing themselves, and managing personal or real property. All acts shall be done in conformance with the By-Laws of this Grange and the Digest and applicable state and federal law.	In the event there are any past, present or future organizations acting as an unauthorized State Grange or unauthorized Subordinate/Community Granges in the State of California, this Grange shall have the duty to cooperate in all reasonable respects with the National Grange in challenging the formation or operation of such unauthorized Granges; provided, such cooperation shall be conditional upon the National Grange indemnifying and holding harmless this Grange, and reimbursing it or any of its members for any costs, expenses and/or liabilities incurred by this Grange unless otherwise agreed to or if those expenses are routinely incurred in this Grange's ordinary course of business. This duty to cooperate may include participating in litigation or affirmatively assisting Subordinate/Community Granges in reorganizing themselves, and managing personal or real property. All acts shall be done in conformance with the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grange, the Digest of the National Grange, and applicable state and federal law.
<b>8</b>	3.3.4	Any member of a Grange whose Charter is suspended may appeal the decision of the State Master to the Master of the National Grange in the manner provided in the By-Laws of the National Grange. A revocation of a Charter shall be automatically appealed to the Master of the National Grange in the manner provided in the By-Laws of the National Grange.	Any member of a Grange whose Charter is suspended or revoked may appeal the decision of the State President to the President of the National Grange in the manner provided in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange. The President of the National Grange shall be notified promptly of all Charter revocations and shall have the right to overturn the revocation if the National President finds that the revocation was not authorized under the Digest.
<b>9</b>	4.1.1	The principal office of this Grange shall be located at the address of the Master of the State Grange or other location within twenty-five (25) miles of Sacramento, California, or at such place as this Grange's Board of Directors (the "Board") may from time to time designate.	The principal office of this Grange shall be located at 3830 U Street, Sacramento, CA 95817, or at such other place as this Grange's Board of Directors (the "Board") may from time to time designate.
<b>10</b>	4.2.1	This Grange shall have and continuously maintain in California a resident agent, whose resident agent address may, but need	This Grange shall have and continuously maintain in California a resident agent for service of process on any corporation(s)

		not, be identical to the Corporation's principal office address. The person designated as the registered agent may be changed from time to time by the Board.	operated by the California State Grange. The resident agent's address may, but need not, be identical to this Grange's principal office address. The person or entity designated as the registered agent may be changed from time to time by the Board.
<b>11</b>	4.3.1 (also change header from "Corporate Seal" to "Seal")	Corporate Seal – The Board shall provide a suitable seal, bearing the name of this Grange and the year of its organization, which shall be in the charge of the Secretary. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of this Grange, and shall have the authority to affix the same to any instrument requiring it and to attest the seal by his or her signature. The Board may authorize officers other than the Secretary to affix the seal of this Grange and to attest the affixing by his or her signature. If this Grange is required to place its corporate seal to a document, it is sufficient to meet the requirement of any law, rule or regulation relating to a corporate seal to place the word "Seal" adjacent to the signature of the person authorized to sign the document on behalf of this Grange	Seal – The Board shall provide a suitable seal, bearing the name "California State Grange" and the year of its organization (1873), which shall be in the charge of the Secretary. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of this Grange, and shall have the authority to affix the same to any instrument requiring it and to attest the seal by his or her signature. The Board may authorize officers other than the Secretary to affix the seal of this Grange and to attest the affixing by his or her signature. If this Grange is required to place its seal to a document, it is sufficient to meet the requirement of any law, rule, or regulation relating to a seal to place the word "Seal" adjacent to the signature of the person authorized to sign the document on behalf of this Grange.
<b>12</b>	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.	Annual Meetings – This Grange 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 this Grange's existence or the existence of any corporation(s) it operates, or affect any otherwise valid acts of this Grange.
<b>13</b>	5.3.4	The Secretary or such person's designee shall give notice of meetings to each Grange. Notice of meetings shall be delivered by electronic mail, or by regular mail, to the last known address as shown on the records of the Corporation. Such notice may be waived in writing, either before or after the meeting. Attendance at the meeting shall also constitute a waiver of notice,	The Secretary or such person's designee shall give notice of meetings to each Grange. Notice of meetings shall be delivered by electronic mail, or by regular mail, to the last known address as shown on the records of this Grange. Such notice may be waived in writing, either before or after the meeting. Attendance at the meeting shall also constitute a waiver of

		except where a Delegate states that he or she is attending for the purpose of objecting to the conduct of business on the ground that the meeting was not lawfully called or convened. Any meeting may adjourn from time to time to reconvene at the same or some other place, and no notice need be given of any such adjourned meeting other than by general announcement.	notice, except where a Delegate states that he or she is attending for the purpose of objecting to the conduct of business on the ground that the meeting was not lawfully called or convened. Any meeting may adjourn from time to time to reconvene at the same or some other place, and no notice need be given of any such adjourned meeting other than by general announcement.
<b>14</b>	6.1.1	The business and affairs of this Grange shall be managed under the direction of its Board of Directors (Board), which may exercise all powers of this Grange and perform all lawful acts and things not prohibited by law, the Articles, these By-Laws, or the Digest.	The business and affairs of this Grange shall be managed under the direction of its Board of Directors (collectively, the “Board” and individually, a “Director”), which may exercise all powers of this Grange and perform all lawful acts and things not prohibited by the laws of our State and Nation, the Constitution, Articles, and By-Laws of this Grange, or the Digest of Laws.
<b>15</b>	6.1.2	It shall be the duty of the Board to exercise general supervision of the affairs of this Grange during the recess of this Grange in accordance with the laws of our State and Nation, the Articles and By-Laws of this Grange, and the administrative policies and procedures established by this Grange. The Board shall supervise the disbursement of the funds of this Grange in accordance with the budget guidelines adopted during the previous annual meeting; shall have the authority to allocate funds necessary to maintain a viable program and a budget within the income of this Grange; and shall examine and approve all bills before the Treasurer can pay the same. It shall also examine the books, accounts and reports of the Secretary and Treasurer prior to the installation of officers. The Board shall report its acts in detail to this Grange on the first day of its annual meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable.	It shall be the duty of the Board to exercise general supervision of the affairs of this Grange during the recess of this Grange in accordance with the laws of our State and Nation, the Constitution, Articles, and By-Laws of this Grange, the Digest of Laws, and the administrative policies and procedures established by this Grange. The Board shall supervise the disbursement of the funds of this Grange in accordance with the budget guidelines adopted during the previous annual meeting; shall have the authority to allocate funds necessary to maintain a viable program and a budget within the income of this Grange; and shall examine and approve all bills before the Treasurer can pay the same. It shall also examine the books, accounts and reports of the Secretary and Treasurer prior to the installation of officers. The Board shall report its acts in detail to this Grange on the first day of its annual meeting or as soon thereafter as practicable.
<b>16</b>	6.1.3	Additional Duties. If a constituent Grange shall become inactive, or have its charter revoked, and does not properly wind up its financial and corporate obligations, the Board of Directors of the California State Grange shall assume the role of corporate officers and be charged with the duty to:  (a) Discharge any and all of its financial obligations;	Additional Duties. If a Constituent Grange shall have its Charter revoked or otherwise become Inactive and does not properly wind up its financial and corporate obligations, the Board of Directors of the California State Grange shall assume the role of corporate officers of the Constituent Grange and be charged with the duty to:

		<p>(b) Dispose of the personal property;</p> <p>(c) Dispose of all real property;</p> <p>(d) Wind up and close out the Grange corporation.</p> <p>The exercise of these additional duties shall be within the bounds of the by-laws of the California State Grange and the National Grange.</p>	<p>(a) Discharge any and all of its financial obligations;</p> <p>(b) Transfer all personal property to the California State Grange pursuant to the Digest and these By-Laws;</p> <p>(c) Transfer all real property to the California State Grange pursuant to the Digest and these By-Laws;</p> <p>(d) Manage the Constituent Grange corporation, including by making all filings required by governmental agencies or winding up and closing out the corporation; and</p> <p>(e) Taking any such additional actions as the Board may determine to be necessary, subject to the Digest of Laws and these By-Laws.</p>
<b>17</b>	6.2.2	The manner for electing members, and setting the terms of office, and creating provisions for removal, resignation and the filling of vacancies shall be established in accordance with the general provisions of the By-Laws of this Grange, the Digest and applicable provisions of California law.	The manner for electing Directors, and setting the terms of office, and creating provisions for removal, resignation and the filling of vacancies shall be established in accordance with the general provisions of the By-Laws of this Grange, the Digest, and applicable provisions of California law.
<b>18</b>	6.3.3 (first paragraph)	The Secretary or such person's designee shall give written notice of each meeting to each director on the Board. The notice shall specify the meeting's date, place, and time, but need not state the business to be transacted or the purpose of the meeting. Written notice of meetings of the Board shall be delivered to the director personally, by electronic mail, or by regular mail to the director's address as shown on the records of the Corporation. Such notice may be waived in writing by a director, either before or after the meeting of the Board. Attendance at a meeting of the Board shall also constitute a waiver of notice, except where a director states that he or she is attending for the purpose of objecting to the conduct of business on the ground that the meeting was not lawfully called or convened. Any meeting of the Board may adjourn from time to time to reconvene at the same or some other place, and no notice need be given of any such adjourned meeting other than by general announcement.	The Secretary or such person's designee shall give written notice of each meeting to each director on the Board. The notice shall specify the meeting's date, place, and time, but need not state the business to be transacted or the purpose of the meeting. Written notice of meetings of the Board shall be delivered to the director personally, by electronic mail, or by regular mail to the director's address as shown on the records of this Grange. Such notice may be waived in writing by a director, either before or after the meeting of the Board. Attendance at a meeting of the Board shall also constitute a waiver of notice, except where a director states that he or she is attending for the purpose of objecting to the conduct of business on the ground that the meeting was not lawfully called or convened. Any meeting of the Board may adjourn from time to time to reconvene at the same or some other place, and no notice need be given of any such adjourned meeting other than by general announcement.

<b>19</b>	6.4.1(g)	Expend corporate funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected; or	Expend Grange funds to support a nominee for director after there are more people nominated for director than can be elected; or
<b>20</b>	6.5.1	California Corporation Code requires every Corporation shall have a Board of Directors. For the purpose of conformity to the Digest, the term “Board of Directors” and the “Executive Committee” shall be synonymous.	The California Corporations Code requires that every corporation shall have a board of directors. The Board of Directors of this Grange automatically shall become directors of any corporation(s) operated by this Grange upon their installation into office in this Grange.
<b>21</b>	7.2.5	No nominating speeches shall be allowed. In the election of officers, any member may present the name of another member as a candidate for any office. A motion to have a nominating committee is never in order. A motion to close nominations is never in order, and members may vote for any member for office regardless of whether the name has been nominated.	No nominating speeches shall be allowed. In the election of officers, any member may present the name of another member as a candidate for any office. A motion to have a nominating committee is never in order. A motion to close nominations is never in order, and Delegates may vote for any member for office regardless of whether the name has been nominated.
<b>22</b>	7.3.1	It shall be the duty of the officers of this Grange to ensure that the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grange are observed and obeyed, and generally to perform all duties pertaining to their elected office, as contained in the Constitution, By-Laws and Manual of the Degrees of the Order.	It shall be the duty of the officers of this Grange to ensure that the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grange are observed and obeyed, and generally to perform all duties pertaining to their elected office set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grange, the Digest of Laws, and the Manual of the Degrees of the Order.
<b>23</b>	7.6.1(b)	Failure or refusal to obey the By-Laws of this Grange, or the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.	Failure or refusal to obey the Constitution and By-Laws of this Grange or the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.
<b>24</b>	7.7.2	The Board may fill vacancies in any office where the Board determines that the office should be filled before the next regular meeting of this Grange. The officer shall serve until the next regular meeting of this Grange.	The Board may fill vacancies in any office where the Board determines that the office should be filled before the next regular meeting of this Grange. Any officer appointed by the Board shall serve until the next regular meeting of this Grange.
<b>25</b>	8.4.1	The Board may from time to time create any advisory or special committees it deems may be necessary to advise the Board in the administration of the affairs of the Corporation. By resolution of the Board, the purpose of each special or advisory committee shall be clearly stated, and the committee shall be discharged when that purpose is served.	The Board may from time to time create any advisory or special committees it deems may be necessary to advise the Board in the administration of the affairs of this Grange. By resolution of the Board, the purpose of each special or advisory committee shall be clearly stated, and the committee shall be discharged when that purpose is served.

<b>26</b>	8.5.2	Each committee of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The designation of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not alone relieve any director of his or her duties under law to the Corporation.	Each committee of the Board shall serve at the pleasure of the Board. The designation of any such committee and the delegation thereto of authority shall not alone relieve any director of his or her duties under law to this Grange.
<b>27</b>	8.5.3	Minutes shall be kept of each committee meeting. Copies of the minutes of each meeting shall be supplied to the Secretary of this Grange promptly after such meeting and filed with the corporate records.	Minutes shall be kept of each committee meeting. Copies of the minutes of each meeting shall be supplied to the Secretary of this Grange promptly after such meeting and filed with this Grange's records.
<b>28</b>	9.1.1(d)	Associate membership application fee is ten dollars (\$10.00) of which five dollars (\$5.00) is payable to this Grange.	Associate membership: ten dollars (\$10.00) of which five dollars (\$5.00) is payable to this Grange.
<b>29</b>	11.2.1(b)	The Board shall adopt procedures to ensure all compensation paid by the Corporation, whether by salary or contract, is fair and reasonable.	The Board shall adopt procedures to ensure all compensation paid by this Grange, whether by salary or contract, is fair and reasonable.
<b>30</b>	11.3.1 (first paragraph)	To the fullest extent permitted by law, this Grange shall indemnify a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee, or other agent of this Grange, including persons formerly occupying any such positions, against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the proceeding, so long as the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of this Grange and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. "Proceeding" means any threatened, pending or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative; and "expenses" includes without limitation attorneys' fees and any expenses of establishing a right to indemnification. On written request to the board by any person seeking indemnification, the board shall promptly decide whether the applicable standard of conduct has been met and, if so, the board shall authorize indemnification. If the board cannot authorize indemnification, because the number of directors who are parties to the proceeding with respect to which indemnification is sought prevents the	To the fullest extent permitted by law, this Grange shall indemnify a person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee, or other agent of this Grange, including persons formerly occupying any such positions, against expenses, judgments, fines, settlements, and other amounts actually and reasonably incurred in connection with the proceeding, so long as the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in the best interests of this Grange and, in the case of a criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his or her conduct was unlawful. "Proceeding" means any threatened, pending or completed action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative; and "expenses" includes without limitation attorneys' fees and any expenses of establishing a right to indemnification. On written request to the Board by any person seeking indemnification, the Board shall promptly decide whether the applicable standard of conduct has been met and, if so, the Board shall authorize indemnification. If the Board cannot authorize indemnification because the number of directors who are parties to the

		<p>formation of a quorum of directors who are not parties to that proceeding, the board shall promptly call a meeting of members. At that meeting, the members shall determine in the matter described in Section 5238(e) of the California Corporations Code whether the applicable standard of conduct has been met and, if so, the members present at the meeting in person or by proxy shall authorize indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law and except as otherwise determined by the board in a specific instance, expenses incurred by a person seeking indemnification under these By-Laws in defending any proceeding covered hereby shall be advanced by the corporation before final disposition of the proceeding, on receipt by the corporation of an undertaking by or on behalf of that person that the advance will be repaid unless it is ultimately found that the person is entitled to be indemnified by the corporation for those expenses.</p>	<p>proceeding with respect to which indemnification is sought prevents the formation of a quorum of directors who are not parties to that proceeding, the Board shall promptly call a meeting of members. At that meeting, the members shall determine whether the applicable standard of conduct has been met and, if so, the members present at the meeting in person or by proxy shall authorize indemnification. To the fullest extent permitted by law and except as otherwise determined by the Board in a specific instance, expenses incurred by a person seeking indemnification under these By-Laws in defending any proceeding covered hereby shall be advanced by this Grange before final disposition of the proceeding, on receipt by this Grange of an undertaking by or on behalf of that person that the advance will be repaid unless it is ultimately found that the person is entitled to be indemnified by this Grange for those expenses.</p>
<b>31</b>	12.1.1(d)	<p>The Board and the Master shall be responsible that job descriptions, duties, work conditions, and employment policies shall conform to existing laws, rules, and regulations regarding employees, shall be detailed in an employee handbook, which shall be made available to each employee.</p>	<p>The Board and the President shall be responsible for ensuring that job descriptions, duties, work conditions, and employment policies shall conform to existing laws, rules, and regulations regarding employees, and shall be detailed in an employee handbook that shall be made available to each employee.</p>
<b>32</b>	15.4.1	<p>This Grange shall keep correct and complete books and minutes including, but not limited to: records of its accounts and transactions; proceedings of the Board; proceedings of any executive or other committee when exercising any powers of the Board. The original or a certified copy of the Articles, By-Laws, and committee orders shall be kept at the principal office of this Grange. All books and records of this Grange may be inspected for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.</p>	<p>This Grange shall keep correct and complete books and minutes including, but not limited to: records of its accounts and transactions; proceedings of the Board; proceedings of any executive or other committee when exercising any powers of the Board. The original or a certified copy of the Articles, Constitution, By-Laws, and committee orders shall be kept at the principal office of this Grange. All books and records of this Grange may be inspected for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.</p>
<b>33</b>	19.2.1	<p>Upon the termination, disbanding, dissolution or final liquidation of this Grange in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of this Grange shall be retained by the Order for use in accordance with the general purposes of the Order, and activities permitted to be carried on by an exempt</p>	<p>Upon the termination, disbanding, dissolution or final liquidation of this Grange in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for payment) of all liabilities of this Grange shall be transferred to the National Grange pursuant to the procedure set forth in Section 4.12.2 of the Digest of Laws. In</p>

		organization described in Section 501(c) (5) of the Code. In no event shall any of such assets or property be distributed to any officer or private individual.	no event shall any of this Grange's assets or property be distributed to any officer, private individual, or non-Grange entity.
<b>34</b>	20.1.1	The Board may adopt by resolution, the administrative policies and procedures for conducting the affairs of the Order, by a two-thirds vote.	The Board may adopt by resolution, by two-thirds vote the administrative policies and procedures for conducting the affairs of this Grange.
<b>35</b>	21.1.2	Conflict With Digest or Deficiencies - If any amendment to these By-Laws is adopted, which may conflict with the National Grange Digest, or if any subject on which these By-Laws are silent or deficient or which may be perceived as conflicting with the National Grange Digest, they shall be resolved in accordance with the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.	Conflict With National Grange Digest or California State Grange Constitution or Deficiencies - If any amendment to these By-Laws is adopted which may conflict with the National Grange Digest of Laws or California State Grange Constitution, or if any subject on which these By-Laws are silent or deficient or which may be perceived as conflicting with the Digest or the California State Grange Constitution, any such conflict shall be resolved in favor of the Digest and the California State Grange Constitution. In the event of any actual or perceived conflict between the Digest and the Constitution as to the application of these By-Laws, the Digest shall control.

## 2020-010 REPEAL USPS PRE-FUNDING OF RETIREMENT

- WHEREAS: The establishing of the US Postal Service predates the formation of the United States Government and Constitution, and
- WHEREAS: The US Postal Service is an essential activity vital to the interests of all citizens and especially those living in rural areas, and
- WHEREAS: In 2006, Congress passed a law to require the USPS to prefund 75 years' worth of retiree health benefits in the span of ten years—a cost of approximately \$110 billion, and
- WHEREAS: Although the money is intended to be set aside for future Post Office retirees, the funds are instead being diverted to help pay down the national debt.
- WHEREAS: No other private enterprise or federal agency is required to prefund retiree health benefits on a comparable timetable. And
- WHEREAS: The mandate is responsible for all of USPS's financial losses since 2013; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange support legislation in the US Congress to repeal the 2006 law requiring pre-funding of retirement, such as H.R. 2382, the USPS Fairness Act, and support all legislation designed to support the functioning of the US Postal Service. And be it further
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange bring this Resolution to the National Grange for adoption

## 2020-016    PRESCRIBED BURN ASSOCIATIONS

WHEREAS:    A wide range of organizations including the Sierra Club, California Cattlemen's Association, and even Mother Jones Magazine have endorsed the use of Prescribed Burn Associations as a useful tool for land management, good stewardship, and to lower the incidence of out of control wildfires, and

WHEREAS:    The use of voluntary Prescribed Burn Associations allow private landowners the opportunity to lower liability risk, decrease associated costs for prescribed burns by having neighbors helping neighbors, increase knowledge and experience with prescribed burns through training and shared work, and have been successfully used in areas of the southern United States outside of "fire season", and

WHEREAS:    The California State Grange currently has no policy regarding these ventures, therefore be it

RESOLVED:    The California State Grange encourages the establishment of Prescribed Burn Associations in areas of California where they can be used most effectively to manage public and private land resources, provide good stewardship of local natural resources, and lower the incidence of devastating wildfires, and be it further

RESOLVED:    The California State Grange urges the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), the California Air Resources Board (CARB), and other appropriate Federal, State and County officials and agencies to work in cooperation with Prescribed Burn Associations in California to meet the needs of their local communities.

## 2020-017 BANKING POLICY

WHEREAS: At the 2019 Convention this resolution was referred to the Strategic Planning Team, and

WHEREAS: The Strategic Planning Team has not reported acting on this resolution, and

WHEREAS: National banks such as Wells Fargo, Chase Manhattan, Citibank and Bank of America have repeatedly been found guilty of consumer abuse, and

WHEREAS: National banks invest heavily in corporate projects that have no connection with the community they serve, and

WHEREAS: Most regional banks and all credit unions invest a large portion of their funds locally, and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange has a policy supporting legislation to create a California State Bank that supports regional California public banks; and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange has a policy to "strongly encourage and work with all subordinate Granges to urge members and communities to deposit our money in local credit unions and banks that invest a large proportion of their funds locally", and

WHEREAS: There are no restrictions for nonprofit organizations such as the Grange to deposit money in regional banks and credit unions, and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange should set an example for the community Granges, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange should deposit all monies in local credit unions and/or regional banks that invest a large proportion of their funds locally.

## 2020-019 OWNERSHIP OF AMERICAN MEDIA COMPANIES

WHEREAS: Section 310(b)(4) of the Communications Act of 1934 currently allows up to 25% foreign ownership of American media companies, and;

WHEREAS: Cumulus Media petitioned the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to allow up to 100% aggregate direct and/or indirect foreign investment (voting and equity) in order for Cumulus Media to exit bankruptcy protections, and;

WHEREAS: On May 29, 2020 the FCC granted a petition the Cumulus Media petition<sup>1</sup>. Therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: The National Grange reaffirms its support for the 1934 Federal Communications Act, and be it further;

RESOLVED: The National Grange favors allowing up to 49% foreign ownership of a U.S. communications company as a method to exit or avoid bankruptcy for a short term (less than or equal to seven years) period, and be it further;

RESOLVED: That the National Grange believes that no one foreign entity should own more than a 25% stake in a U.S. communications company in the long-term, and be it further;

RESOLVED: That upon adoption, the National Grange will lobby the FCC to reverse their decision on the Cumulus Media petition adopted on May 29, 2020, and be it further;

RESOLVED: Upon adoption of this resolution by the California State Grange, it will be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

2020-020    UPDATE LANGUAGE OF THE NATIONAL GRANGE  
DIGEST OF LAWS

RESOLVED: That where the word "sex" occurs in sections 4.3.5 (A), 4.3.5 (B), 4.4.1 (D), 5.1.4, and 5.1.9 of the National Grange Digest of Laws, that it be changed to "gender". And be it further;

RESOLVED: Upon approval this resolution shall be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

## 2020-021 UPDATE COMMUNITY GRANGE MANUAL

WHEREAS: In the Community Granges, the Degree work is not used as often today as it has been in previous years, and;

WHEREAS: For Community Granges, there is a need for clearer procedures of how to conduct meetings rather than degree work and lesser used ceremonies. Therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: That the National Grange revise the Subordinate/Community Grange Manual into two books. And be it further;

RESOLVED: The first being a Community Grange Manual of Meeting Procedure which would include the Plan of Community Grange, Opening the Grange, Order of Business, Closing the Grange, Community Grange Alternative Opening and Closing, New Member Welcoming Ceremony, Official Grange Obligation Ceremony, Grange committee instructions and basic parliamentary procedure for Grange meetings. And be it further;

RESOLVED: The second book being a Community Grange Manual of Ceremonies, which should include the First, Second, Third and Fourth Degrees, Draping the Charter, Balloting for Candidates, Installation of Officers, Alternative Installation of Officers, Grange Burial Service, Receiving Distinguished Guests and all appropriate instructions to accompany said ceremonies. And be it finally;

RESOLVED: That these books be published in house by the National Grange, printed only upon order. And be it further;

RESOLVED: Upon approval this resolution shall be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

## 2020-022R STANDARDIZING EIR COUNTY REGULATIONS

WHEREAS: Cannabis should be recognized as an agriculture commodity, and

WHEREAS: As part of the California Drug and Food Administration (CDFA), CalCannabis Division, all cannabis farms are required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Compliance of which frequently falls on the responsibility of the small farmer, and

WHEREAS: From county to county, within the State of California, the regulations differ in level of required CEQA requirements, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange lobby CalCannabis and other agencies to create a consistent standard for all Counties to perform an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for cannabis cultivation which conforms to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for cannabis cultivation. And be it further,

RESOLVED: The State of California Drug and Food Administration (CDFA) should have counties perform countywide EIRs for cannabis cultivation rather than putting the full burden on each individual farmer.

## 2020-023 SOLAR POWERED TRACTORS & FARM EQUIPMENT

WHEREAS: Grange policy encourages legislation to reverse global warming, and the use and development of alternate fuels and resources, and

WHEREAS: Petroleum fueled tractors and other farm implements contribute to global warming by adding carbon dioxide into the environment, and

WHEREAS: Burning one seven-pound gallon of gasoline burns 14 pounds of oxygen and emit 22 pounds of dioxide to the atmosphere, and

WHEREAS: Solar powered electric tractors and farm implements produce substantially less atmospheric emissions, and

WHEREAS: The development of solar powered electric tractors and farm equipment is in the early stages of development, and

WHEREAS: Government incentive programs for the purchase of fossil fueled tractors and farm equipment are currently unavailable for solar powered electric tractors and farm equipment, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange actively encourage and promote legislation for the development, use and promotion of solar powered electrical tractors and farm equipment; be it further

RESOLVED: That if adopted by the California State Grange, this resolution is sent to National Grange for further consideration.

## 2020-024 SMALL FARMER RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: Small farm operations have dwindled over the last 50 years, and

WHEREAS: In 1950 there were 20 million farmers, in 2019 the statistics show 2,023,400 farmers, and since 2018 another 5,800 farms have ceased operations; and

WHEREAS: Small Farmers fail when bureaucracy and regulations are burdensome. One reason Farmers are giving up is because they are spending an inordinate amount of time filling out required paperwork, leaving less time to actively farm, or they spend time farming and don't get paperwork completed, and

WHEREAS: Corporate farming has increased the requirements for paperwork to be filled out, while small farmers don't have the financial means to hire additional employees to complete required paperwork, and

WHEREAS: The USDA considers a small farm \$350,000 or less income per year; a more realistic annual income of a small farmer is \$150,000 gross a year, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange actively lobby State officials to create a regulatory category for small farms with less than \$150,000 gross income per year, with such category having reduced regulation and cost burdens; and be it further

RESOLVED: That upon adoption by the California State Grange, this resolution be taken to the National Grange for its adoption to lobby Federal officials to create a similar small farms category at the federal level.

2020-025    SUPPORT THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION

- WHEREAS:    The World Health Organization (WHO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations responsible for international public health, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, with six semi-autonomous regional offices and 150 field offices worldwide.    WHO was established in 1948 to further international cooperation for improved public health conditions; and
- WHEREAS:    The WHO was given a broad mandate under its constitution to promote the attainment of "the highest possible level of health" by all peoples; and
- WHEREAS:    The WHO defines health positively as "a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity;" therefore be it
- RESOLVED:    The California State Grange endorse and support the World Health Organization (WHO) and its roles and responsibilities in support of physical, mental and social well being or personal health on a global level; and be it further
- RESOLVED:    That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall submit this resolution to the National Grange for adoption.
- RESOLVED:    That upon adoption, the National Grange Legislative Director would petition congress to restore the historical relationship of the United States to the World Health Organization (WHO)

2020-026    SUPPORT THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL  
AND PREVENTION (CDC) RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE  
CONTROL AND PREVENTION OF COVID-19

WHEREAS:    COVID-19 cases have spiked around the world and within the United States in 2020; and

WHEREAS:    The CDC recommends the wearing of masks and maintaining social distancing when possible; and

WHEREAS:    The United States has seen large gatherings which oppose CDC guidelines, including participating in Covid-19 parties, many of which have resulted in further outbreaks; therefore be it

RESOLVED:    The California State Grange, for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, supports the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations of wearing masks when in public, encourages social distancing when possible, and discourages members from participating in large gatherings which go against CDC recommendations; and be it further

RESOLVED:    That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall submit this resolution to the National Grange for adoption.

2020-027     SUPPORT AGGRESSIVE TESTING AND CONTACT  
TRACING DURING PANDEMICS

- WHEREAS:     When a communicable disease outbreak begins, the ideal response is for public health officials to begin testing for it early for identification of cases, quick treatment for those infected, and immediate isolation of infected individuals to prevent spread. Early testing also helps to identify those who came into contact so they too can be quickly treated.     Aggressive testing and contact tracing are crucial in the bigger public health picture on mitigation efforts, helping investigators characterize the prevalence, spread, and contagiousness of the disease; and
- WHEREAS:     In comparison to China and South Korea in the current COVID-19 situation, testing in the United States appears to have been insufficient for optimal early containment. This led to a rise in critically ill individuals that overwhelmed public health systems and critical care systems, therefore be it
- RESOLVED:     The California State Grange promotes prompt and comprehensive testing and contact tracing to minimize the spread and manage the disease during any pandemic; and be it further
- RESOLVED:     That upon adoption by the California State Grange, the California State Grange shall submit this resolution to the National Grange for adoption.

2020-028      CREATE PROCEDURAL HANDBOOK FOR GRANGE  
JUDICIAL PROCESS

WHEREAS:      Recognizing that members of the Grange are subject to human feelings and that disputes do arise, it is earnestly hoped that the spirit of fraternity will cause each member contemplating filing a complaint to use every effort to resolve differences before exercising the rights set forth in the Trial Code. and;

WHEREAS:      The good works that the Grange traditionally should not be impeded by frivolous complaints to settle a personal affront. Let each member be large enough in spirit and integrity to obviate the use of the Trial Code, and;

WHEREAS:      When it becomes necessary for a member to avail themselves of the process as outlined in Chapter 12 of the National Grange Digest of Laws, there are no guidelines for how charges should be written, filed or the process administered. Therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: That the National Grange prepare and make available when necessary a procedural handbook for Grange trials that includes a form of charges, a timeline of events and a summary of necessary actions by the Complainant, Respondent and officer administering the process. And be it further;

RESOLVED: That this handbook be distributed to only members upon request and available on the National Grange website. And be it further;

RESOLVED: Upon approval this resolution shall be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

2020-029R UTILIZATION OF HEMP AND CANNABIS WASTE  
FOR USE AS ANIMAL FEED

- WHEREAS: Under current regulation, the waste products of Cannabis (leafy greens/stalks/stems) are required to be destroyed either by transportation to a waste facility, or composted onsite, and
- WHEREAS: Hemp and cannabis waste contains protein and additional value-based nutrients that could be consumed by livestock (cattle/sheep/goats/pigs/etc.) rather than being destroyed, and
- WHEREAS: Currently these products can be sold for human food consumption; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: That the California State Grange lobby the California Drug and Food Administration (CDFA) CalCannabis Division to allow for the use of Hemp and Cannabis waste in feed for animals.

2020-030 IDENTIFY HEMP AND CANNABIS AS  
AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES

- WHEREAS: Currently hemp and cannabis are considered products rather than commodities; and
- WHEREAS: In Agriculture Crop Reports, hemp and cannabis are not currently represented on the commodity list, even though legal sales of cannabis are recently above 3 billion dollars in California; and
- WHEREAS: Hemp and Cannabis are plants that are grown similarly to corn and wheat, the plants are not currently recognized as agriculture crops on commodity reports along with others, therefore be it
- RESOLVED: The California State Grange support hemp and cannabis being treated as an agricultural commodity.

## 2020-032R CANNABIS TAXATION

- WHEREAS: California is the leading United States of America state for cash farm receipts, accounting for over 13 percent of the nation's total agricultural value, over \$10 billion in agricultural receipts and
- WHEREAS: California has legalized recreation and medicinal cultivation and sale of Cannabis and
- WHEREAS: California is the largest producer of cannabis in the United States, with a total market estimated at a size equal or greater than the total agricultural market of California as a whole, and with a current legal market of about \$3 Billion but
- WHEREAS: The market estimate was thought to be \$5 billion, and failed to meet that figure and
- WHEREAS: The current tax and regulatory structure addressing the legal cannabis market in California damages and constrains the ability of legal operators to earn profit, remain compliant, and win market share from the broader market and
- WHEREAS: The cultivation tax, being assessed by weight and not by sale price, is both onerous and damaging to the broader development of the market, because the tax will vary significantly as a percentage as the price of the product fluctuates, and
- WHEREAS: The excise tax does damage to the legal market's ability to grow and succeed and drives participants out of business and potentially pushing operators who want to be legal back into the illicit market; therefore be it
- RESOLVED: The California State Grange supports legislation to promote the development of a fair and equitable cannabis industry focused on small farmers before imposing further tax burdens on cultivators and distributors.

2020-033    AMEND SECTION 4.10.7 (B) OF THE NATIONAL  
GRANGE DIGEST OF LAWS

WHEREAS:    In the unfortunate event that an officer must be suspended from their office for violations of Grange law, the President who invokes the suspension is also responsible for filing the complaint identifying the reason(s) for the suspension, and;

WHEREAS:    The same President is also vested with the responsibility of appointing an Arbitration Panel and potential trial court to adjudicate said complaint, and;

WHEREAS:    This creates a conflict of interest as the President currently both appoints those who investigate the complaint and serves as the Complainant. Therefore, be it;

RESOLVED:    That section 4.10.7 (B) of the National Grange Digest of Laws be amended as follows:

(B) Suspension Procedure -

(1) Officers, except Presidents, of the various Granges of the divisions of the Order may be suspended by the President and Executive Committee of their membership Grange, Presidents of Subordinate and Pomona Granges by the President of the State Grange having jurisdiction; the President of a State Grange by the President of the National Grange, and the President of the National Grange by the Assembly of Demeter.

(2) A complaint identifying the reason(s) for suspension shall be filed in accordance with the Rules and Regulations For Trials and the suspended President or officer shall be tried pursuant thereto.

*(3) When the President invokes the suspension of an officer, they shall file the complaint with the Vice President of that Grange. The Vice President shall then be responsible for administering the procedure as outlined in the Rules and Regulations For Trials.*

*(4) If the suspension from office is against the Vice President, then the complaint shall be filed and administered by the President at the next highest jurisdiction of the Grange.*  
and be it further;

RESOLVED:    That the remaining sections of 4.10.7 (B) of the National Grange Digest of Laws be renumbered appropriately. And be it further

RESOLVED:    Upon approval this resolution shall be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

2020-035 AMEND INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMUNITY  
GRANGE ALTERNATIVE OPENING

WHEREAS: Many Community Granges, for various reasons do not set their meeting space according to the "Plan for Community Granges", and;

WHEREAS: The Alternative Opening and Closing can easily be used in a roundtable format. Therefore, be it;

RESOLVED: That the following language be added as an instruction under the "Subordinate/Community Alternative Opening and Closing" heading in the Subordinate/Community Grange Manual, before the Master's/President's opening line:

*"[The Community Grange Alternative Opening and Closing may be used in a round-table format.]"*

and be it further;

RESOLVED: Upon approval this resolution shall be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

2020-036      AMEND 4.8.2(G) OF NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST OF  
LAWS

WHEREAS:      Dues are the lifeblood of the organization supporting programs and services for all members, and;

WHEREAS:      In order to continue developing programs and services as well as maintain a presence in Washington, DC, the annual membership fee collected by the National Grange needs to reflect the cost of doing business. Therefore, be it;

RESOLVED:      That section 4.8.2(G) of the National Grange Digest of Laws be amended as follows:

(G) National Grange - Part of the membership dues paid by Subordinate Granges and Associate Members to State Granges shall be paid quarterly as dues to the National Grange. Dues payable to the National Grange shall be as follows:

(1) For each individual and Affiliate Subordinate Grange **member**  
~~\$3.50~~ **\$3.75** quarterly (~~\$7.00~~ \$7.50 for each family membership)  
beginning on January 1, 2021.

(2) For each Associate Grange member - ~~\$3.50~~ **\$3.75** quarterly.

and be it further;

RESOLVED: Upon approval this resolution shall be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

2020-037    AMEND 4.6.6 OF NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST OF  
LAWS

- WHEREAS    The family membership category is a positive benefit for the organization, and;
- WHEREAS    The definition of a family unit in the National Grange Digest of Laws is partially ambiguous. Therefore, be it;
- RESOLVED    That section 4.6.6 of the National Grange Digest of Laws be amended as follows:

4.6.6 Subordinate Granges – Family Membership – A family ~~whose members are fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months or more)~~ with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed as candidates and elected to membership in a Subordinate ***Community*** Grange as follows:

(A) The process of election to membership and becoming a full member for all members of the family shall be the same as for an individual ***or individual Junior member of the Community Grange.***

(B) A family shall ~~consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.~~ ***be defined as two or more individuals, adults and children residing in the same household.***

***(C) Children are defined as children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children, ages 5 to 23, inclusive.***

***(D) Legal dependents over the age of 23 shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.***

***(E) Individual Junior members are not eligible to vote or hold office in the Community Granges.***

***(F) If an individual no longer qualifies as a Family member, they shall become an individual member, with no interruption of membership.***

and be it further;

RESOLVED: Upon approval this resolution shall be forwarded to the National Grange for consideration.

2020-038 RESOLUTION SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE PRESIDENT 2020-2022

RESOLVED: The office of President of the California State Grange will receive a monthly base salary of \$4,200, and \$210 reimbursement for expenses of a home office.

Note: This is a 5% cost of living increase from 2018-2020.

2020-039 RESOLUTION SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE SECRETARY 2020-2022

RESOLVED: The office of Secretary of the California State Grange will receive a monthly base salary \$2,100, and \$210 for reimbursement of home-office expenses, and be it further

RESOLVED: The current extra duties for management of the legal cases will be \$1,575 per month, and this salary will end when the extra duties are no longer necessary.

Note: This is a 5% cost of living increase from 2018-2020

2020-040    RESOLUTION SETTING COMPENSATION FOR THE  
CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE TREASURER 2020-2022

RESOLVED:    The office of State Grange Treasurer, who is actively engaged in the financial duties of the California State Grange, will receive a monthly base salary of \$630.

Note: This is a 5% cost of living increase from 2018-2020

## **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 ensuring 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.

## Officer and Director Reports

### **Lecturer – Katie Squire**

Greetings Officers and Members, well we are definitely living in interesting times to say the least. It would be interesting to read the minutes of Grange meeting from 1918 and 1919 to see how they handled a pandemic.

My year as your California State Grange Lecturer and Grange Expo Director started off well with the planning and implementation of the Grange Family Heritage Conference over President's Day weekend in February 2020. We had members and non-members ranging from 8 to 80 and from across the state present at the headquarters of the California State Grange. Workshops about resolution writing, bread baking, gardening at the Grange, making soft goat cheese, felting, an Art Night project and several others were presented over the course of three days and two nights. We had a great time meeting, working, and learning together and the non-member participants were encouraged to join a local Grange. During the State Grange Public Speaking contest Analise Shelton and Erica Krosen were recognized as the First place winner in their respective age groups and invited to represent California at the Western States Regional Conference in August.

That winter I also had the honor of helping to welcome Coalinga Grange #779 back into the Grange along with Overseer Jan Saxton and Lead Deputy Steven Hood. Hearing the opening and closing ceremonies in both English and Spanish was a wonderful experience.

In March I attended the State Grange Executive Committee meeting via Zoom and requested that we purchase the upgraded Blue Ribbon Fair software, an upgrade to our 1997 computer, and a dedicated printer for the use of the Grange Expo. This sets us up to continue well into the 21st Century being able to showcase the work of our members.

And then the world seemed to fall in.

During the months of March and April I watched and participated in nearly every Cultivating Connections Facebook Live event from the National Grange. At the California State Grange Lecturer Facebook I shared posts from the National Grange, National Lecturer, Community Service Chairman and other sources. This has continued throughout the balance of the Grange year and my plan is to have new posts add at least weekly.

As the year progressed and the California State Grange moved toward a shortened and possibly virtual meeting in October I set about confirming that the software would support receiving photographs of entries. The entry website went live in June and with a few hiccups along the we received registration and entries for the 2020 Virtual California Grange Expo.

At the end of September we also were able to host the California State Granges' Got Talent Show as a Facebook Live event and the video has been posted to the California State Grange YouTube channel.

The old adage is "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade." I hope you will continue to join me as we make wonderful lemonade and share the joy of the Grange with your friends and family.

Fraternally,  
Katie Squire, Lecturer  
California State Grange

## **Communications Director – Bill Booth**

**Communication** (from Latin *communicare*, meaning "to share") is the act of conveying information, concepts and directions from one person or a group to another person or group by the use of mutually understood language, symbols, and signs.

Communication with the public is essential to how well we as an organization we will attract people to join with us. Currently communicating information is done by;

1. Person to personal contacts.
2. Use of a website.
3. Use of social media, such as Facebook.
4. Use of print media, i.e. newspaper.
5. Use of direct mail etc.

Our message needs to be directed to various demographic groups who have been proven to be receptive to our message. We can look at who is joining and divide them into demographic groups. For example, young married couples with school age children who are looking for a family-oriented organization whose values reflect our history of over 150 years. Without question, our values are time tested and we need to be true to our principles.

Communication within our organization is also critical to keeping the people who join as members. We need to constantly evaluate our message and how it is received by these new members. While our ritual, the first four degrees, are sometimes view as antiquated and out of touch with our modern world we need to remember that the vast majority of our members have little or no connection to agriculture, therefore the lessons of our Degrees, if presented correctly, as lessons is enlightening a whole new generation.

So, what can you do as a member? The answer may seem simple, but applying these principles are essential to the future of the Grange. We as individuals must accept that we have a roll is communicating what the Grange is, what it does and how they can be a part of the Grange. We each must learn to tell the Grange story, to be able to answer questions about the Grange or to explain where answers can be found. Most of all we need to communicate our love for the Grange.

My challenge to you is communicate your love of the Grange to those who are looking for what we have. Go forth and spread our message!

Fraternally Submitted

William R Booth  
Communications Director  
California State Grange

## California State Grange Deputy State Master Reports

### **Lead Deputy – Steven Hood**

Worthy President and Brothers and Sisters of the California State Grange,

It has been an honor to have served as Deputy for Region 6 for the past year. It was an even bigger honor to have been asked to step into the Lead Deputy position. Taking over the position from Bob Clouse is a big pair of shoes to fill!

It has been very challenging for our Granges here in California this year. We finally got to a point where we thought we could get a force of Deputies out in the field and COVID-19 arrived and knocked that plan out of our reach. Still, on the phone and computer, I have done my best to help out.

It was very exciting in November to work with two new Granges. I helped Marth Stefenoni with the organization of Turlock Grange #29. They are an exciting group of new Grangers, with a wide range of ages, including several Junior 1+ members. Over the next few months I worked with them in getting their bylaws set up, electing and installing their full slate of officers, and helping them learn how to run a Grange meeting.

I reorganized Coalinga Grange #779 in November. This new Grange was formed from members of a church that had been taking care of the Grange Hall for several year since the old Coalinga Grange folded. They are our first bilingual Grange, as the church is a Spanish-speaking church. The new members were obligated into membership using the Welcoming Ceremony in Spanish. In February, it was exciting for me, Jan Saxton, our acting State Master at the time, and members from Central Union Grange #559, to help them hold their first meeting, using the Spanish translation of the Opening and Closing Ceremonies provided by the National Grange, in a beautiful mix of Spanish and English. We also presented them with their Charter at this meeting.

In March, the shutdown hit. I did my best to do what I could to help out the Granger and Granges in Region 6. We have interest in reorganizing Applegate Grange in the Merced/Atwater Grange. There are other Granges in my region that I am working with that are struggling with low membership and participation. I am hoping once we are allowed to meet again in person, I can work with these Granges to revitalize them.

Our Deputies continued their work as best as they could. Interactions changed from in-person to phone and email exchanges. Deputies checked in with local Granges and we did our best to assist where we could. We will continue to work this way as best we can until we can really get back out to work in person with our Granges.

As Lead Deputy, I held on-line Deputy meetings monthly. We worked on continuing to build connections with our local Granges. We have found many Granges barely holding on and are working on helping them build back up, consolidate with a nearby Grange when needed, and, unfortunately, are having to close down some Granges that just don't have much hope to continue. I hope that when the COVID-19 situation

clears up and we can get back out in the field, we can get into these communities and get Granges going again.

Fraternally,

Steven L. Hood  
Lead Deputy and Region 6 Deputy  
California State Grange

## RECOGNITION

### Grange Anniversaries

Award	Grange	Charter Date
110	Orangevale Grange No. 354	7/1/1910
100	Prunedale Grange No. 388	10/1/1920
95	Morgan Hill Grange No. 408	4/1/1925
95	Windsor Grange No. 410	7/1/1925
95	Coyote Grange No. 412	7/1/1925
90	Marshall Grange No. 451	11/21/1930
90	Escalon Grange No. 447	5/6/1930
90	Ono Grange No. 445	4/1/1930
85	Mad River Grange No. 590	4/18/1935
80	Rainbow Valley Grange No. 689	2/29/1940
80	Stonyford Grange No. 686	2/21/1940
70	Whitesboro Grange No. 766	6/10/1950
70	North Fork Grange No. 763	3/27/1950
65	Welcome Grange No. 791	7/21/1955
60	Central Union Grange No. 559	2/24/1960
60	Loma Rica Grange No. 802	6/11/1960
60	Aptos Grange No. 800	4/6/1960

## Continuous Membership Awards

Awards	NAME	GRANGE
80 Years	Spoon, Shirley	Anderson Grange No. 418 Merced Colony Grange No. 527
75 Years	Bachant, Virginia	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
75 Years	Dellera, Betty	Marshall Grange No. 451
75 Years	Wylie, Le Roy	Golden Empire Grange No. 806
70 Years	Mc Elwain, Janice	Mt. Hamilton Grange No. 469
70 Years	Meyer, Donald	Mt. Hamilton Grange No. 469
70 Years	Meyer, Sarah	Western Yolo Grange No. 423
70 Years	Nichols, Marian	Costa Mesa Grange No. 612
70 Years	Reinhart, Rolfe	Whitesboro Grange No. 766
70 Years	Schlafer, Judith	Danville Grange No. 85
70 Years	Sievers, Orval	Jacinto Grange No. 431
70 Years	Torres, Mabel	Ripon Grange No. 511
70 Years	Williams, Stanley	Prunedale Grange No. 388
65 Years	Geiger, Barbara	Prunedale Grange No. 388
65 Years	George, Marjorie	Big Sur Grange No. 742
65 Years	Hartman, Martha	Humboldt Grange No. 501
65 Years	Klingel, Kenneth	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
65 Years	Lucas, Frances	
	Ramelli, Elizabeth	
65 Years	"Betty"	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
65 Years	Rianda, Lillian	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
60 Years	Brown, Marjorie	Orangevale Grange No. 354
60 Years	Carroll, Betty	Grover City Grange No. 746
60 Years	Clouse, Bob	Orangevale Grange No. 354
60 Years	Drawver, Donald	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
60 Years	Fredrickson, Duane	Humboldt Grange No. 501
60 Years	Fredrickson, June	Humboldt Grange No. 501
60 Years	Goldsworthy, Patricia	Mt. Hamilton Grange No. 469
60 Years	Rensted, Robert	Ceres Grange No. 520
	Rensted-Walker,	
60 Years	Nancy	Ceres Grange No. 520
60 Years	Roberts, Virginia	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
		Clovis Sanger Fowler Grange No. 842
60 Years	Schleadewitz, Fran	Marshall Grange No. 451
60 Years	Smith, Katherin	Western Yolo Grange No. 423
60 Years	Tompkins, Don	Gazelle Grange No. 380
55 Years	Casterline, Raymond	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
55 Years	Hastey, Georgia	Central Union Grange No. 559
55 Years	Larson, Leroy	Cupertino Grange No. 739
55 Years	Sedain, Barbara	Palermo Grange No. 493
55 Years	Wetmore, Irene	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Azevedo, Cecelia	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Azevedo, Wilbur	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
50 Years	Bannon, Larry	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
50 Years	Bannon, Linda	

50 Years	Behler, Jeanne	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
50 Years	Behler, Sid	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
		American River Grange No. 172
50 Years	Capen, Grace	Stonyford Grange No. 686
50 Years	Cook, Barbara	Prunedale Grange No. 388
50 Years	Ellsworth, Kathleen	Escalon Grange No. 447
50 Years	Hudson, Nancy	Rainbow Valley Grange No. 689
50 Years	Kellogg, Seth	Escalon Grange No. 447
50 Years	La Rosa, Carol	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Lambro, Arthur	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Lambro, Therese	Ripon Grange No. 511
50 Years	Luis, Darlene	Los Alamos Valley Grange No. 647
50 Years	Luis, Stanley	Ceres Grange No. 520
50 Years	Rensted, Joylin	Anderson Grange No. 418
50 Years	Rodney, Harold	Rosedale Grange No. 565
50 Years	Sherry, Diana	Anderson Grange No. 418
50 Years	Tunin, Annabelle	Cupertino Grange No. 739
50 Years	Williams, Michael	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
45 Years	Austin, Cathryn	Windsor Grange No. 410
45 Years	Betschart, Robert	Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
45 Years	Burke, Nedra	San Bernardo Grange No. 506
45 Years	Capps, Edie	Gazelle Grange No. 380
45 Years	Craddock, Benjamin	Aptos Grange No. 800
45 Years	Hohman, Susan	Windsor Grange No. 410
45 Years	Knecht, Robert	Ripon Grange No. 511
45 Years	Luis, Martin	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
45 Years	Martin, Janice	Anderson Grange No. 418
45 Years	Mc Kee, Lee	Anderson Grange No. 418
45 Years	Mc Kee, Matt	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
45 Years	Norris, Kathy	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
45 Years	Rice, Arthur	Windsor Grange No. 410
45 Years	Rocha, Phyllis	Hangtown Grange No. 464
45 Years	Schoener, Joanne	Prunedale Grange No. 388
45 Years	Stormes, Shirley	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
45 Years	Warner, Sherylenn	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
45 Years	Warner, William	Rosedale Grange No. 565
45 Years	Wingfield, Herb	Rosedale Grange No. 565
45 Years	Wingfield, Sandra	Anderson Grange No. 418
40 Years	Amen, Grant	Western Yolo Grange No. 423
40 Years	Chadwick, Roy	Ripon Grange No. 511
40 Years	Gonsalves, Debra	Rio Linda Grange No. 403
40 Years	Hanks, Paul	Rio Linda Grange No. 403
40 Years	Hanks, Susan	
	Jensen (Rebich),	
40 Years	Dorothy	Windsor Grange No. 410
40 Years	Karlin, Agnes	Little Lake Grange No. 670
40 Years	Larick, Monte	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
40 Years	Larick, Sandra	Buena Vista Grange No. 564

40 Years	Luis, Daniel	Ripon Grange No. 511
40 Years	Marshall, Dori	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
		Los Alamos Valley Grange No. 647
40 Years	Martin, Thomas	Western Yolo Grange No. 423
40 Years	Nichols, Lynda	Western Yolo Grange No. 423
40 Years	Nichols, Mark	Alpine Grange No. 665
40 Years	Ritchie, Doris	Ione Grange No. 681
40 Years	Roots, Mike	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
40 Years	Spade-Whitener, Mary	Little Lake Grange No. 670
40 Years	Strock, Verlan	Humboldt Grange No. 501
35 Years	Argo, Frances	Windsor Grange No. 410
35 Years	Betschart, Sandra	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
35 Years	Burch, Jerrold	Gazelle Grange No. 380
35 Years	Cardoza, Frank	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
35 Years	Carlson, Patsy	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
35 Years	Carlson, Robert	Cupertino Grange No. 739
35 Years	Deeney, Barbara	Cupertino Grange No. 739
35 Years	Deeney, Richard	Bachelor Valley Grange No. 667
35 Years	Dutcher, Shirley	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
35 Years	Dziadula, Dorothy	Gazelle Grange No. 380
35 Years	Eiler, Jeannette	Gazelle Grange No. 380
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	Jenkins-Starkey,	Big Sur Grange No. 742
35 Years	Soaring	Ripon Grange No. 511
35 Years	Luis, Clarice	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
35 Years	Morse, Frederick	Cupertino Grange No. 739
35 Years	Prescott, Laurie	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
35 Years	Rose, Shirley	Mattole Grange No. 569
35 Years	Taylor, Ellen	Fort Bragg Grange No. 672
30 Years	Bailey, Jeannie	Bennett Valley Grange No. 16
30 Years	Banks, Midylene	Windsor Grange No. 410
30 Years	Branscom, Lin	Rainbow Valley Grange No. 689
30 Years	Branson, Ronnie	Rio Linda Grange No. 403
30 Years	Brown, Amy	Ripon Grange No. 511
30 Years	Cantrell, Stephanie	Anderson Valley Grange No. 669
30 Years	Clark, Christine	Little Lake Grange No. 670
30 Years	Dreaney, Nancy	Stonyford Grange No. 686
30 Years	Fleury, Vivian	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
30 Years	Gaudard, Rolf	Mountain Springs Grange No. 754
30 Years	Greiner, Loren	Sebastopol Grange No. 306
30 Years	Hanna, Keith	Anderson Grange No. 418
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30 Years	Keller, Carolyn	Escalon Grange No. 447
30 Years	Keller, Lee	Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
30 Years	Lewis, David	

30 Years	Lial, Treena	Ripon Grange No. 511
30 Years	Logan, Marjorie	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
30 Years	Longo, Timothy	Gold Trail Grange No. 452
30 Years	Longo, Vickie	Gold Trail Grange No. 452
30 Years	Mattos, Norma	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
30 Years	Mattos, Vernon	Bear Creek Grange No. 530
30 Years	Oilar, Dean	Anderson Grange No. 418
30 Years	Parker, Leslie	Orangevale Grange No. 354
30 Years	Poulos, Joan	Bodega Bay Grange No. 777
30 Years	Proft, Jeffrey	Cupertino Grange No. 739
30 Years	Richert, Irma	Westside Grange No. 473
30 Years	Rodger, Constance	Anderson Grange No. 418
30 Years	Roots, Kristi	Ione Grange No. 681
30 Years	Scoggins, Avery	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
30 Years	Scoggins, Janice	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
30 Years	Seever, Peggy	Ione Grange No. 681
30 Years	Starr, George	Loma Rica Grange No. 802
30 Years	Thissell, Gaylerd	Anderson Grange No. 418
30 Years	Watson, Di Ann	Little Lake Grange No. 670
25 Years	Anderson, Mark	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	Arnese, Theresa	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	Bloxham, Gary	Buena Vista Grange No. 564
25 Years	Cosby, William	Dows Prairie Grange No. 505
25 Years	Francis, Joan	Cupertino Grange No. 739
25 Years	Gonzales, Beth	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
25 Years	Grandi, Joseph	Sierra Valley Grange No. 466
25 Years	Guzman, Ray	Palermo Grange No. 493
25 Years	Guzman, Sylvia	Palermo Grange No. 493
25 Years	Herring, Kevin	Prunedale Grange No. 388
25 Years	Horst, Claudia	Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
25 Years	Keating, Lawrence	Costa Mesa Grange No. 612
25 Years	Leetch, Patrick	Marina Grange No. 518
25 Years	Miller, Guy	Anderson Grange No. 418
25 Years	Modena, Frances	Cupertino Grange No. 739
25 Years	Nunes, Bob	Ripon Grange No. 511
25 Years	Parra, Kathryn	Independent Grange No. 470
25 Years	Paukert, Sheryle	Welcome Grange No. 791
25 Years	Pedrini-Pierson, Carrie	Palermo Grange No. 493
25 Years	Pierson, Charles	Palermo Grange No. 493
25 Years	Roiland, Mark	Ripon Grange No. 511
25 Years	Schmidt, David	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	Shipman, Tim	Ione Grange No. 681
25 Years	Thomas, Amanda	Wyandotte Grange No. 495
25 Years	Wineman, Darrell	Ione Grange No. 681

## 2020 GRANGE EXPO AWARDS

Virtual Competition

# California Grange Expo - 2020

A virtual exhibition

**Encompassing the exhibits  
from the annual exhibition of  
the California State Grange**

*Offering a sincere thank you to all  
our entrants and exhibitors.*

### What is that Ribbon?

How to know what place the  
entry received.

*All awards given at the discretion  
of the judges.*



First Place



Second Place



Best of Show



Fourth Place



Honorable  
Mention

# Arts & Crafts

Divisions 10 - 33

## Fine Arts - Division 10

Section A1 Junior (age 5-9) Class 2 - Drawing



Bianca Currey - Dixon #19



Chloe Currey - Dixon #19

## Fine Arts - Division 10

Section A1 Junior (ages 5 - 9) Class 3 - "Art Night"



Bianca Currey - Dixon #19



Chloe Currey - Dixon #19

## Fine Arts - Division 10

Section A1 -Junior (ages 5 - 9) Class 4 - Art, any other



Bianca Currey - Dixon #19

## Fine Arts - Division 10

Section C Senior Class 1 - Painting



Leroy Squire - Central Union #559

Section C Senior Class 3 - "Art Night"



Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Fine Arts - Division 10

Section C Senior Class 4 - Other



Katie Squire - Central Union #559



Nancy Jameson - Redwood Valley #382

## Banners & Posters - Division 15

Section A1 Junior (ages 9 & Under) Class 3 - Poster, any other



*Educational display at fair*

Bianca Currey - Dixon #19

## Christmas Ornaments - Division 30

Section C Senior Class 2 - Natural Materials



*Cinnamon Applesauce ornaments*

Laural Colberg - Sierra Valley #466

## General Crafts - Division 33

### Section A Junior Class 6 - Any other craft item



*A homemade Mars Colony design*

Ryker Osburn - Sierra Valley #466

## General Crafts - Division 33

### Section C Senior Class 4 - Hand Beaded Jewelry



Suzanne Davis - Ono #445



Judy Byers - Dow's Prairie # 505

## General Crafts - Division 33

### Section C Senior Class 6 - Any other craft item



*Wine Cork Ornaments*

Judy Byers - Dow's Prairie # 505

# Creative Writing

Division 40

## Creative Writing - Division 40

### Section C Senior Class 3 - Expository or Informational



*Newspaper  
article  
about local  
Grange  
history  
...Grange  
Fairs*

Laural Colberg - Sierra  
Valley Grange #466



*Essay - A  
Structural  
Evaluation of the  
Degrees of the  
Order of Patrons of  
Husbandry*

Joseph Stefenoni -  
Bennett Valley #16

# Floriculture

Division 50 - 56

## Arrangements & Centerpieces - Division 50

Section C Senior Class 4 - Any other kind



*Miniature arrangement  
3"x3"x3" maximum*

Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Potted Plants - Division 56

Section A Junior Class 2 - Flowering Plants



*Potted Plant - Flowering  
Cactus*

Bianca Currey - Dixon #19

# Home Arts

Division 150 - 270

## Baking - Division 150 Quick Bread

Section B YOUTH Class 1 - Loaf



*Banana Bread*



Aurora Osburn - Sierra Valley #466

## Baking - Division 150 Quick Bread

Section C Adult Class 1 - Loaf



*Pumpkin Bread*



Ann Larson - Central Union #559

## Baking - Division 151 Yeast Bread

Section C Adult Class 1 - Loaf - any kind



*Sourdough Whole wheat*



Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Baking - Division 151 Yeast Bread

Section C Adult Class 1 - Loaf - any kind



*Buttermilk Split Top Loaf*



Leroy Squire - Central Union #559

## Baking - Division 152 Cookie

Section C Adult Class 1 - Bar



*Pumpkin Bar Cookies*



Ann Larson - Central Union #559

## Baking - Division 152 Cookie

Section C Adult Class 2 - Drop



*Pumpkin Cookies*

Ann Larson - Central Union #559



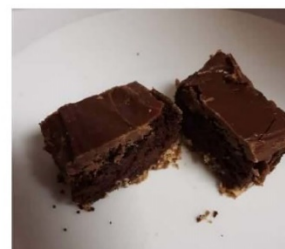
## Baking - Division 152 Cookie

Section C Adult Class 5 - Brownie



*Tri-level Chocolate Brownies*

Katie Squire - Central Union #559



## Baking - Division 153 Cake

Section C Adult Class 1 - Wacky Cake - Any kind



*Pumpkin Wacky Cake*

Ann Larson - Central Union #559



## Confections - Division 160 Candy

Section C Adult Class 2 - Soft - any kind



*Macadamia Nut  
Pralines*



Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Food Preservation - Division 184 Pickled Foods

Section C Adult Class 1 - Cucumber



*Bread & Butter  
Pickles*

Julie Rhodes - Dow's Prairie #505

## Food Preservation - Division 184 Pickled Foods

Section C Adult Class 6 - Fermented Foods



*Fermented  
Horseradish*

Laurel Colberg - Sierra Valley #466

## Food Preservation - Division 184 Pickled Foods

### Section C Adult Class 7 - Any other kind



*Zucchini  
Pickles*

Julie Rhodes - Dow's Prairie #505



*Candied  
Jalapenos*

Laural Colberg - Sierra Valley #466

## Food Preservation - Division 185 Jam

### Section C Adult Class 3 - Mixed Fruit



*Elderberry  
&  
Blueberry*

Katie Squire - Central Union #559



*Apricot*

Ann Larson - Central Union #559



*Kiwi  
Pineapple*

Laural Colberg - Sierra Valley #466

## Food Preservation - Division 185 Jam

### Section C Adult Class 4 - Any other kind



*Mango*

Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Food Preservation - Division 186 Jelly

### Section C Adult Class 4 - Mixed Fruit



*Pomegranate &  
White Grape*

Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Food Preservation - Division 188 Canned & Bottled Liquids

Section C Adult Class 1 - Juice or Beverage



*SW US  
"Traditional"  
Mead*



Leroy Squire - Central Union #559

## Food Preservation - Division 188 Canned & Bottled Liquids

Section C Adult Class 4 - Any other, describe



*Bulk Aging Honey  
Mead*

Leroy Squire - Central Union #559

## Food Preservation - Division 190 Dried Foods

Section C Adult Class 1 - Fruit

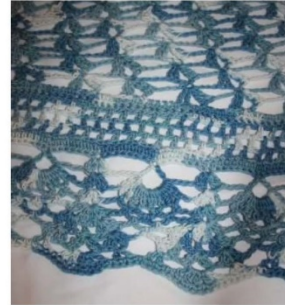


*Persimmon Slices*

Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Needle Arts - Handwork Division 210

### Section C Adult Class 3 - Clothing Item



*Crochet thread shawl*

Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Needle Arts - Handwork Division 210

### Section C Adult Class 4 - Any Other



*Harvest Doll*

Kozan Richardson -  
Dow's Prairie #505

## Needle Arts - Handwork Division 210

### Section C Adult Class 8 - Cap, Hat, Scarf



*Navajo Churro Sheep  
handspun wool hat*

Nancy Jameson -  
Redwood Valley #382

## Needle Arts - Handwork Division 210

### Section C Adult Class 9 - Sweater



*Navajo Churro Sheep  
handspun wool sweater*

Nancy Jameson -  
Redwood Valley #382



*Detail*

## Needle Arts - Handwork Division 210

### Section C Adult Class 10 - any other



*Knitted rectangular shawl*

Katie Squire -Central Union #559

*Detail*

### *Hat, Gloves, Scarf set*

Kozan Richardson -  
Dow's Prairie #505



*Pumpkin*

Sue Taylor -Central Union #559

## Needle Arts - Handwork Division 210

### Section C Adult Class 16 - any other specify



*Crochet Flower Bath  
Scrubby*

Katie Squire -  
Central Union #559

## Weaving, Misc. & Mixed Techniques Division 230

Section C Adult Class 2 - Machine Embroidery



*Machine Embroidered Shopping Bag*

Judy Byers -  
Dow's Prairie #505



*Detail*

## Sewing - Clothing Division 240

Section B Youth Class 6 - Skirt



*European Flair! Basic Skirt*

Aurora Osburn -  
Sierra Valley #466



*Detail*

## Sewing - Household Creations Division 250

Section C Senior Class 3 - Any other item, specify



*Christmas stocking*

Lulu Zeits -  
Sierra Valley #466

# Agriculture

Division 310 - 319

## Field Crops & Garden Seed Division 310

Section C Senior Class 1 - Bulk Seed, any variety



*Drought tolerant  
ornamental grass*

Katie Squire -  
Central Union #559

## Field Crops & Garden Seed Division 310

Section C Senior Class 2 - Grain Sheaves



*Sheaf of Spring Wheat*

Katie Squire -  
Central Union #559

**Vegetables Division 312**

Section C Senior Class 3 - Tomatoes



*Sunchocola Cherry  
Tomatoes*

Katie Squire -  
Central Union #559

**Vegetables Division 312**

Section C Senior Class 5 - Pumpkin



*Pumpkin*

Katie Squire -  
Central Union #559

## Eggs Division 319

Section C Senior Class 1 - Eggs, specify species/variety



### Heritage Chicken Eggs

Dianna Culver- Loma Rica #802

## Eggs Division 319

Section C Senior Class 1 - Eggs, specify species/variety



### *Cayuga Duck Eggs – Essay*

Yvette Adams - Loma Rica #802

# COVID Creations

Division 365

## COVID Creations - Division 365 COVID Creations

### Section C Adult Class 1 - Make a Mask



*Face Mask  
with Filter  
Pocket*

Judy Byers - Dow's Prairie #505



*Quilted  
Plague Dr.  
Mask*

Laural Colberg - Sierra Valley #466

## COVID CREATIONS - Division 365

### Section C Senior Class 7 - This is How to...



*How to Make Willow Wand Plant Cages*

Laural Colberg - Sierra Valley #466

# Photography

Division 370

## Photography - Division 370

Section A2 Junior Class 1 - Landscape



*New Day*  
Bianca Currey- Dixon #019

Section A2 Junior Class 2 - Portrait



*Chloe*  
Bianca Currey - Dixon #19

## Photography - Division 370

Section A2 Junior Class 4 - Animals



*Not Happy to See You*  
Bianca Currey- Dixon #019

Section A2 Junior Class 6 - Family



*Grange Storytime*  
Bianca Currey - Dixon #19

## Photography - Division 370

### Section B Youth Class 1 - Landscape



*B&W Bridge*  
Trinity Roach- Dixon #019

### Section B Youth Class 5 - Agriculture



*Sunflower Fields*  
Trinity Roach - Dixon #19

## Photography - Division 370

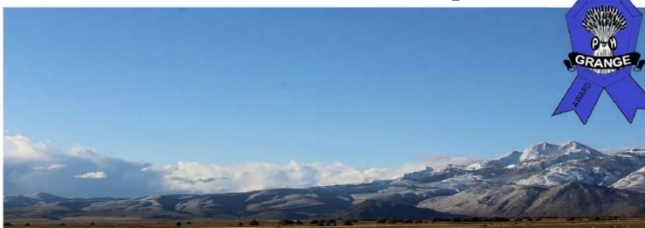
### Section B Youth Class 9 - Computer Manipulated



*Dahlia*  
Trinity Roach- Dixon #019

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 1 - Landscape



*Desert Landscape*  
Leroy Squire - Central Union #559



*Lighthouse*  
Tacy Currey - Dixon #19

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 1 - Landscape



*Iceberg Wilderness*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559



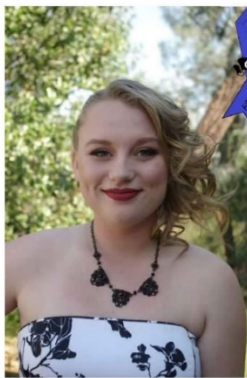
*Inside Ft. Pickens*  
Suzanne Davis - Ono #445



*Clark's Fork*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 2 - Portrait



*Prom Pretty*  
Suzanne Davis - Ono #445



*Seaside Joy*  
Tacy Currey - Dixon #19

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 3 - Macro



*Lodgepole Pine*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559



*Rosey View*  
Suzanne Davis - Ono #445



*Cream Cups*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 4 - Animals



*Mrylle Ready for Church*  
Diana Culver - Loma Rica #802

*Loki*  
Emily Randolph - Rio Linda #403



## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 4 - Animals



*New Mexico Chilly Geese*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559



*Ginger the Goat*  
Yvette Adams - Loma Rica #802

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 5 - Agriculture



*Barn Duty with Flair*  
Tacy Currey - Dixon #19



*Pumpkin Family*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 6 - Family



*Barn Booking*  
Tacy Currey - Dixon #19



*Father and Sons*  
Suzanne Davis - Ono #445

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 7 - Still Life



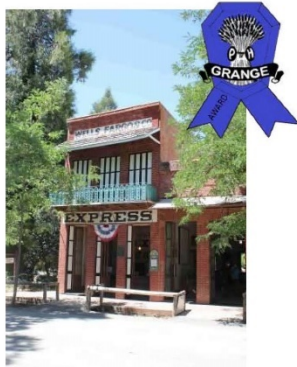
*Yes, Still Life*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559



*Sea Shell*  
Suzanne Davis - Ono #445

## Photography - Division 370

### Section C Adult Class 8 - Travel



*Wells Fargo, Columbia SHP*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559

### Section C Adult Class 9 - Computer Manipulated



*Love is Ripe*  
Suzanne Davis - Ono #445

# Technology

Division 390 - 430

## Ag Mechanics & Industrial Tech. - Division 390

Section A Junior Class 1 - Large Project

*Patio Bench*  
Bianca Currey - Dixon #019



## Computer Design - Division 400

Section C Adult Class 1 - Artwork, any type



*Leia Squire*  
Katie Squire - Central Union #559

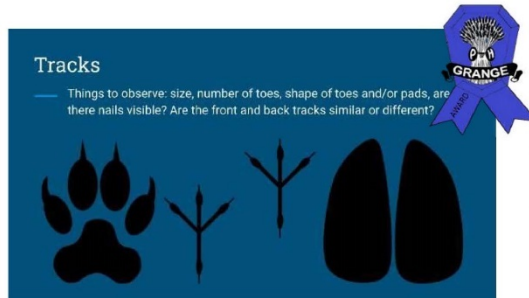
*Grange Pre-Hunt Dance*  
Suzanne Davis - Ono #445

Section C Adult Class 4 -Grange Poster



## Computer Design - Division 410 - 420

410 Section D Open Class 2 – Presentation



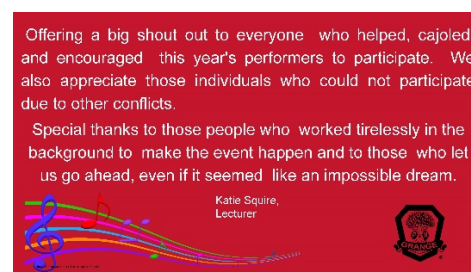
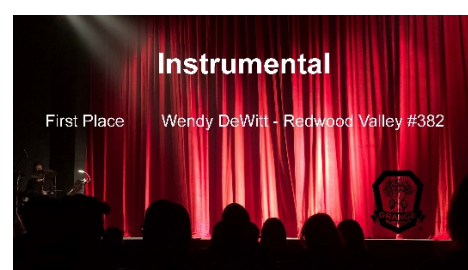
*Animal Identification*  
Katie Squire – Central Union #559

420 Section D Adult Class 1 –Web Page



*Sierra Valley Grange Web Page*  
Laural Colberg – Sierra Valley #466

## Grange Got Talent!!!



# STATE MASTER'S RULINGS



## California State Grange

3830 U Street  
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October 6, 2020

Bill Booth, Past CA State Grange Master/President  
3055 Rae Creek Dr  
Chico, CA 95973

RE: Request for Master's Ruling on implementation of Grange Law Resolution 2020-005  
Officer Titles Name Change, as passed at the 145th State Grange Convention.

Dear Brother Booth,

This is an answer to your request for a ruling, concerning implementing Resolution 2020—005, OFFICER TITLES NAME CHANGE as passed by the Delegates at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the California State Grange Sacramento, California, held in October of 2020.

Your concern references the determination of the Grange Law Committee that the resolution only applied to the National Grange Digest of Laws and not the California State Grange By-Laws. Your request for a ruling is based upon the Sections cited in the RESOLVED of the resolution which appear in the California State Grange By-Laws, but not in the National Grange Digest of Laws.

Upon review, I agree with your assessment and am directing the following:

Resolution 2020-005, OFFICER TITLES NAME CHANGE, passed by an affirmative vote of the Delegates at the 145<sup>th</sup> Annual Session will be implemented and applied to the California State Grange By-Laws, October 4, 2020 Edition. The Resolution will be sent to the National Grange for consideration at the 2020 Session in compliance with the second RESOLVED of the Resolution. The State Grange Secretary will be advised to publish the California State Grange By-Laws as per this ruling.

Thank you for bringing this matter for consideration.

Fraternally,

Kent Westwood, President  
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### Grange Motto

*In essentials, Unity;  
In non-essentials,  
Liberty;  
In all things, Charity*