EMDORSED MICHAEL A. FARBSTEIN (SB#107030) MARGARET A. BURTON (SB#193386) 13 OCT 22 PM 3: In MAGGIE W. TRINH (SB# 279604) FARBSTEIN & BLACKMAN LEGAL PROCESS #6 A Professional Corporation 411 Borel Avenue, Suite 425 4 San Mateo, California 94402-3518 Telephone: (650) 554-6200 5 Facsimile: (650) 554-6240 6 Attorneys for Cross-Defendants MARTHA STEFENONI and SHIRLEY BAKER 7 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO 10 THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE CASE NO. 34-2012-00130439 11 ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY, a Washington, D.C., 12 nonprofit corporation, 13 CROSS-DEFENDANTS BAKER AND Plaintiff, STEFENONI'S RESPONSE TO THE 14 OBJECTION TO THE DECLARATION OF SHIRLEY BAKER FILED IN VS. 15 SUPPORT OF CROSS-DEFENDANTS THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE, MARTHA STEFENONI AND SHIRLEY a California nonprofit corporation, and BAKER'S SPECIAL MOTION TO 16 ROBERT McFARLAND, JOHN STRIKE LUVAAS, GERALD CHÉRNOFF and 17 DAMIAN PARR. 18 Defendants. 19 ROBERT McFARLAND, an individual, 20 Cross-Complainant, 21 VS. BY FAX THE NATIONAL GRANGE OF THE ORDER OF PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY, a Washington, D.C., DATE: OCTOBER 29, 2013 TIME: 2:00 P.M. nonprofit corporation, MARTHA STEFENONI, an individual, EDWARD L. **DEPT.: 53** LUTTRELL, an individual, SHIRLEY Complaint Filed: October 1, 2012 25 BAKER, an individual, and DOES 1-10, inclusive, Trial Date: Not yet set 26 Cross-Defendants. 27 1 RESPONSE TO THE OBJECTION TO THE DECLARATION 28

OF SHIRLEY BAKER FILED IN SUPPORT OF CROSS-DEFENDANTS MARTHA STEFENONI AND SHIRLEY

BAKER'S SPECIAL MOTION TO STRIKE

Complainant ROBERT McFARLAND as follows:

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Evidence Objected to:	Response to Objection:	Cor	rt's Ruling
¶11 at 4:16 - 23	This evidence does not lack foundation and is not hearsay.		SUSTAINED
During the October 2011 annual convention, there was considerable controversy and public	The conduct testified to is not a "statement" within the meaning of the hearsay rule.		OVERRULED
debate about the seating of alternate delegates, with disagreements heatedly voiced when a motion was made to seat the alternate	Furthermore, Cross-Defendant SHIRLEY BAKER was present at the October 2011 annual convention and personally		
delegates and to stop any further investigation of their delegate credentials.  Members stood and voiced	witnessed the conduct she testified to in her declaration that Cross- complainant ROBERT McFARLAND objects to. Her		
their concerns, and the debate became heated. One of the delegates	observations are not hearsay.  In addition, this evidence is	4: -	,
complained that McFarland was out of order, leading to further debate.	admissible under the business record exception to hearsay found in CA Evidence Code §1271 to		
	prove the occurrence or existence of an act condition or event recorded in the record. The acts		
	testified to by BAKER are discussed on pages 12-13 of the 2011 California State Grange		
	Journal of Proceedings that Cross- Complainant ROBERT McFARLAND made Exhibit M to		
•	his Opposition to Cross- Defendants Martha Stefenoni and Shirley Baker's Special Motion to		
	Strike. They were also discussed in the press release issued by the California Grange published on its		
	website, which is Exhibit 5 to Cross-Defendants Martha Stefenoni and Shirley Baker's Reply Brief in Support of their		
	Special Motion to Strike.	<u>.                                    </u>	

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DATED: October 22, 2013 

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# EXHIBIT M

# California State Grange

# Journal of Proceedings

One Hundred Thirty Ninth Annual Session Palmero, California

2011



### California State Grange 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Membership Convention Thursday, October 13, 2011

The officers of the 139th California State Grange were introduced and rapped up. The Officers marched to their respective chairs and Master Robert McFarland called the meeting to order at 9:00AM, in the 6th Degree. All members present were authorized to be in the meeting. The CSG Master lowered the meeting to the 4th Degree.

Roll call of officers showed all present with the exception of the following pro tem officers: Lady Assistant Steward Katie Squire, Flora Lola Adamczak, Pomona Darlene Wingfield. Ryan Schlagel was absent.

Master McFarland asked that the honored guests brought to the Master's Station. The Assistant Stewards escorted Past Master & former 1st Lady Leo & Kathy Bergeron, former 1st Lady Martha Stefenoni, and Past Master Bill Booth forward.

Mike Byers & BJ Fitzpatrick approached the Master's station, with Dale Baker to explain the G.R.E.A.T. Program (Grange Relief Emergency Action Team). They presented a check for \$200.00 for the program.

Partial credential report results: there are 13 Pomona Granges with 21 delegates, and 49 subordinate Granges with 81 delegates.

Darlene Wingfield moved to accept the Standing Rules as presented. There was a second by Bob Alvarez.

Joseph Stefenoni moved to amend the motion to say the closing date and time for "Delegate Registration" shall be at 12:00PM, Friday October 14, 2011. Any late registrants shall have a majority approval of the Delegate Body. The motion was seconded. The amendment was defeated 41-46. The original motion passed.

Cheri Bunker moved to adopt the Schedule as presented. There was a second by Bob Alvarez. A friendly amendment was offered by Kathy Bergeron to have a Final Credential report. Friday morning and an amended report later if needed. The motion as amended passed.

Joseph Stefenoni moved to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee meetings. A second was made by Tom Sawyer. The motion passed and the minutes were approved.

Cheri Bunker moved to adopt the proposed 2012 Budget as presented. A second was made by Dale Baker. The motion passed.

Master McFarland gave a briefing on resolution processing. And the day began.

Cheri Bunker gave the final report of the California State Grange Water Committee. There were no resolutions for the committee. She thanked the committee for their service on the committee.

Patty Allen reported on the resolutions for the Health, Education & Welfare Committee.

#### 11-007 Health Care for All.

Committee reported unfavorable as it was already policy. The delegates approved the committee's report and the resolution was rejected.

#### 11-008 Mental Health Treatment on an Involuntary Basis.

Committee reported unfavorable as it was already policy. The delegates approved the committee's report and the resolution was rejected.

#### 11-019 DUI Three Strikes Law

Committee reported unfavorable. The delegates approved the committee's report and the resolution was rejected.

#### 11-021 Ban on BPA Sales Receipts.

Resolved that the California State and the National support efforts to eliminate thermal paper receipts that contain BPA from use in the United States. The committee found favorable as amended. The delegates adopted the committee's recommendations.

#### 11-025 School Time

The committee's recommendations was unfavorable and the delegates adopted the recommendations and rejected the resolution.

Cass Mutters, Chairman of the Ag committee stepped up to do his resolutions.

11-020, 11-029, 11-038 Bee Colony Collapse Disorder. Combined all three into one resolution. Returned to committee.

Green Valley Theater Company gave a presentation of the progress of the Performing Arts Center being established in the GBO Building on the Grange Triangle in Sacramento.

Recess for lunch.

Reconvened from Lunch. The Worthy Master introduced Damian Parr, PhD and his panel to talk about the Proposal of a CSG Ag School. A hand out was distributed. Discussion.

A motion by Dale Baker to have a study done by the Ag School Committee and leave the funding to the CSG EC when that program comes in and can be looked at after fully developed. Seconded by Joseph Stefenoni. Discussion.

A motion by Katie Squire to amend the motion to put in a dollar limit "of not more than \$100,000" seconded by Marian. Discussion. Motion lost.

Original motion on the floor. Previous question called by Walter Schnitzius. Seconded by many. Motion carried. Original motion was voted on and carried. Thanks was extended to the Ag School Committee by the Worthy Master.

A motion by Walter Schnitzius to have at least three members of the Grange be on the Board of Directors for the Ag School listed on the back of the handout. Seconded by numerous. Discussion. Motion Carried.

Hank Strock volunteered and challenged everyone to donate and he would kick in the first \$10 check right now. A round of applause broke out.

Mike Greene, Legislative Director, was introduced by Master McFarland. His report is in the delegate packets. One addition is the outcome of SB 676, went to the Governor's desk and was vetoed. A motion by Joseph Stefenoni to accept the Director's report and printed in the Journal. A second was made by Darlene Wingfield. Motion was carried.

Marion Nichols, the Communities Chair introduced the resolutions for her committee.

11-011 The Grange at All Levels Support Voluntary Price Controls. The committee found unfavorable, delegates adopted the recommendations and the motion was rejected.

11-012 Prevent Closure of Rural Post Offices. This is already policy and the committee's report was unfavorable. The delegates adopted and the resolution was rejected.

Marian gave final report, thanked the staff at the CSG office and committee members, Takashi Yogi, Byron Green, Trudie Martin, Lucette Moramarco, and Bill Allen. Darlene Wingfield moved to approve and publish the final report. There was a 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion was carried.

A motion by Rich Saxe, that all Grangers will credentials who have applied for delegate status to the 139th Convention be accepted by delegate body as such. Seconded by Cheri Bunker. Discussion. Rich called for the previous question, Charley seconded, Motion carried.

The original motion on the floor. Motion carried.

Recess was called at 3:41 PM.

Reconvened at 4:02 PM.

The Worthy Lecturer called for a song "It's a Good Thing to Be a Granger".

### PROOF OF SERVICE

The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry v.

The California State Grange, et al. and related Cross-Actions

Sacramento Superior Court Case No. 34-2012-00130439

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