

**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT**  
**Fall Business Meeting**  
**Redding, CA**  
**Sunday, October 5, 2008**  
**Hosted by Shasta and Humboldt Rose Societies**

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order by Jolene Adams, District Director, at 10:04 a.m. at the Red Lion Hotel.

**Welcome** - Sue Silva, President of the Humboldt Rose Society welcomed everyone to the Fall District Meeting.

**Roll Call of Societies** - Jolene introduced Bill Reynolds who was appointed by the Executive Board to fill the vacancy of District Secretary. Roll call was taken by Bill Reynolds, Secretary. Societies not represented were: Golden Sierra, Honolulu, Lodi-Woodbridge, Mendocino and Reno. Golden Gate, Lake County, Peninsula, San Francisco, Stockton and Woodland Library had only one delegate each.

**Approval of Minutes** - Rose Gilardi moved, and Lesa Lane seconded the motion that the minutes of the August Executive Board Meeting and the Spring Business Meeting be approved as written. The motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** - Kent Duncan presented the financial report as of July 31, 2008. He encouraged subscribers to submit their renewals for The Criterion as income was running below the budgeted amount. He also reported that the District Trophy Fund was in good shape.

**District Director's Report** - Jolene Adams presented a red rose lollipop to American Rose Society Executive Director, Jeff Ware, who was in attendance.

Local societies were encouraged to turn in membership rosters to the American Rose Society for new membership recruitment purposes. ARS will no longer sell their membership lists.

Jolene encouraged anyone traveling to the southern states to visit the ARS headquarters and gardens in Shreveport, Louisiana. She also indicated that there is a CD program available.

The World Rose Federation Convention and ARS Spring National Convention and Show will be held June 18-24, 2009. Both events will be jointly held in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Host is the

Vancouver Rose Society.

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The American Rose Society is positioned to be the leader in a new scientific research program (Easy-Tea Hybrid Tea Rose Research) to identify the easiest-to-grow, most environmentally responsive, hybrid tea roses. Local Consulting Rosarians are asked to make recommendations of varieties to be considered for inclusion in the research.

ARS is offering a four month free trial membership for new members of local rose societies.

Jolene reported that ARS is more organized and running smoother. New judging guideline changes are posted on the ARS website. Voting for the use of electronic balloting is going well. There is much response from the West Coast. If approved, changes will go into effect during summer of 2009.

Jolene announced that she is a candidate for the office of Vice President for the American Rose Society. She introduced Bob Martin who is also a Vice Presidential candidate. Bob spoke to those in attendance providing information on his background and why he wants to be elected to the position.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Dean Davis - Director of Education:** Dean deferred to each chairman to give their individual report.

**Elsina Dean - Consulting Rosarians:** CR program still strives for excellence. Thanked CR Co-ordinators for producing local point programs. There are currently 2 or 3 CR's who need 4 points by end of 2008 in order to remain CR's. CR's need to remember that they must maintain membership in ARS in order to remain a CR. Annual CR report forms are posted on the District website and are due by January 31.

**Judy Bonds - Horticultural Judges:** All horticultural judges are current for 2008. She will notify those judges needing points in 2009. The annual Judges Report Form is posted on the website and must be submitted by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009. A fully accredited judging school will be offered in 2009 and volunteers are needed to help make this happen. The following judges have been given Emeritus status: Adena Kalal, Kathy Leonardi, and Dena Wagner.

**Dolores Moffat - Arrangement Judges:** An arrangement judges school was held in Dublin which produced one new apprentice judge - Martin Kooi. Harry Dedini will qualify as an apprentice judge in November, 2009. Annual Arrangement Judges report is posted on District website and is due by January 31, 2009.

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**Carol Burek - Membership:** To date the total yield from the membership contest is 31. The Society with the highest number of new ARS members is Marin Rose Society with 15. Individual with highest number of recruits is Jolene Adams.

ARS is tracking the renewal rates by District to get an idea of which Districts are really encouraging ARS membership and if their members are renewing early and/or on time. NCNH District has one of the highest renewal rates (and one of the lowest late renewal rates).

Carol thanked her panel for putting on the membership program at the Spring Business meeting: Joan Goff, Marcia Nelson and Bill Reynolds.

#### **TEN MINUTE BREAK - MEETING CONTINUED AT 11:17 A.M.**

**Muriel Humenick - Prizes & Awards:** Muriel is the Triennial Election Chair for the District. She distributed envelopes containing pertinent information to those Society Presidents who were in attendance.

**Betty Mott - Speaker's Bureau:** Covered the topics of "Why Are Great Programs Important?" and "What Are The Benefits of Being a Program Speaker?" Presented her plan to add new speakers to the Bureau.

**Ted Burg - The Criterion:** Indicated that more articles are needed for this District publication.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Bylaws:** Alice Affleck presented recommended changes for District Bylaws. Rose Gilardi moved and Barbara Shula seconded the motion that proposed changes be accepted. The motion carried.

**Standing Rules:** Alice Affleck presented recommended changes for District Standing Rules. Barbara Shula moved and Virginia Hayes seconded the motion that proposed changes be accepted. The motion

carried.

**Local Society Bylaws:** Jolene Adams reminded local societies that they need to review their Bylaws, make updates and then submit a copy to her by March of 2009. She indicated that most Societies' Bylaws do not include an Article of Dissolution as recommended by ARS.

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**Show Schedules:** Jolene Adams is still waiting to review Show Schedules for the following societies: Lodi-Woodbridge, Sierra Foothills and Stockton.

**Silver Honor Medal:** Jolene Adams announced that each Local Society has one member on this committee who has been appointed by the Local Society President. This is a three year term. Appointees need to take this commitment more seriously as responses have been very poor. Presidents need to know who their representative is and remember that they should keep their rep actively involved in the process.

**Triennial Elections:** Jolene Adams asked if anyone was interested in running for the office of District Director. Alice Affleck indicated she would be interested.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Nominating Committee:** The following individuals volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee to select the new elected officers for the District: Carol Burek, Jennifer Galli, Virginia Hayes, Marie Hubbel, Elsin Dean and Lesa Lane.

**Future Meetings:** Linda Knowles, President of the Sacramento Rose Society issued an open invitation to all Local Societies to attend the District Spring Business Meeting in Sacramento on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. She indicated that the Sacramento Rose Society also wants to sponsor a new District Trophy in honor of Bill Humenick. The Executive Board for the District will address this request at their next meeting.

Jennifer Galli, President of San Mateo Rose Society issued an open invitation to all Local Societies to attend the Fall 2009 District Conference in Foster City on Oct. 2-4. The following rose societies are co-sponsoring this event: Golden Gate, San Francisco, and San Mateo.

**Annual Reports:** Jolene Adams announced that judges and CR's must fill out an annual report. Failure to do so for two consecutive years could result in loss of certification.

**District Raffle:** The District Raffle was conducted by Lesa Lane.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by District Director, Jolene Adams at 12:02 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bill Reynolds, NCNH Secretary