

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY
Fall Business Meeting – October 2, 2016
San Francisco Airport Hilton Hotel
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Joan Goff, District Director, at 9:35 a.m.

Roll Call of Societies: Carole Schmitz, Secretary

23 of 26 societies were represented. Absent: Butte, Monterey Bay, and Stockton

Minutes of 2016 Spring Conference Meeting at Santa Rosa, Carole Schmitz, Secretary

Approved as posted on the NCNH District website.

Treasurer's Report: Lou Evans, Treasurer.

The treasurer's report distributed is current as of 9/28/16. An \$11,000 payment is due to Hilton. We had last minute donations towards the conference from Gail Trimble, Betty Mott, Lou Evans, Baldo Villegas and Sue and Ernie Magill. Report was approved as presented.

District Director's Report – Joan Goff, District Director:

Joan reported that she attended the Miniature/Miniflora National conference in Harrisburg, PA, in June. She reported that a tragedy occurred while at the board meeting: Sam Jones had a massive heart attack during the board meeting and passed away a few days later.

She also reported that it was approved to have a modern shrub court if local societies want. They could keep it as is with a best modern shrub, or have a court with queen, king and princess.

Joan wanted to thank everyone, particularly the Board, who helped put this conference together. Marin Rose Society did all of the registration details, with a special thank you to Gail Trimble. She was pleased with 121 registrations, and commented that any society doing this type of conference should consider getting a credit card for expenses.

Joan announced the following new positions on the Board: Charlotte Owendyk is our new Program chair, Thomas Bolden is our new Site Development Chair, and Richard Affleck is our new District Directory chair.

Consulting Rosarian Report – Jolene Adams CR Chair:

Jolene announced that Joe Truskot was awarded the Outstanding Consulting Rosarian award for 2016.

She also said that pages 5, 6, 7, and 8 from Chapter 10 of the Consulting Rosarian Manual are NEW and need to be replaced. Consulting Rosarians should download the new pages from the ARS website.

The District has 146 Consulting Rosarians. 5 more have gone Emeritus for a total of 49 Emeritus. 127 Consulting Rosarians completed the Rose In Review report for 2016.

Horticulture Judges Report – Bob Parker Chair:

We have 58 judges and 6 apprentice judges and all are current on points. They all submitted reports.

The seminar in April was very successful with 41 judges in attendance and several others auditing. Bob hopes to have another seminar next April.

Jeff Wycoff, National Judges Chair, notified Bob that the motion to allow electronic reaccreditation was passed by the ARS Board of Directors at their meeting in September. While it is clear that this electronic recertification is useful in special situations, it is no substitute for communal recertification sessions. Bob proposed that a form be prepared which will require the reason for the request be stated. This electronic recertification would be good for 1 year and could be renewed under special circumstances, but if inability to travel because of health concerns is the issue, he feels the District Chair should encourage the judge to consider Emeritus. They are now in the process of approving the actual elements of electronic recertification.

Arrangement Judges Report – Martin Kooi Chair:

We have 12 active judges and need to find more. Martin is planning an Arrangement Judges school – probably late spring. He wants to encourage societies to keep arrangements in their show schedules. Maybe even consider a small show for just arrangements in spring for instance.

Martin had two workshops during the summer and thanked Dolores Moffet and Charlotte Owendyk for having them at their place. He is planning another workshop in the Peninsula early spring.

Photography Judges Report – Betty Mott Chair:

A one hour photography seminar was presented at the Judges Seminar at Baldo Villegas' home in April. It included highlights of the new guidelines, tips for digital photography and new iPhone photography apps. There is no special school or certification for ARS judges to judge photography in an ARS show. It is important that a judge go through the process of taking a photograph of a rose, turning it into a print, mounting it properly and entering it in a show before judging photography.

The ARS Preliminary guidelines and rules for judging rose photography were used for the October 1, 2016, NCNH fall conference photography division of the rose show.

North Bay Rose Society included photography in its annual spring show for the first time this year. East Bay, Mt Diablo, and Monterey Bay have expressed interest in adding photography to their annual show.

Membership Chair - Unfilled

Programs & Speakers – Charlotte Owendyk Chair:

Charlotte is new to this position and asked for volunteers for speakers.

The Criterion – Linda and Ted Burg:

Linda reported that 171 Fall Criteria were sent to email subscribers, exchanges, and courtesy copies. A big thank you to Jolene Adams for sending them out.

90 Fall Criteria were sent out by US Mail. 25 of these subscribers will expire with the 2016 Winter issue.

Nominations and Awards – Betty Mott Chair:

The 2016 District Silver Honor Medal was awarded to Joe and Carol Burek of Mt Diablo Rose Society.

To achieve this award one earns one point for local society work; up to six points for District work; up to three points for work within the National ARS – totaling a possible ten points. Work within the District must outshine all other work. Betty worked with volunteers from all 26 societies and received ballots from 25 (96% compliance). She looks forward to working with this group for another two years when the process will begin again in January 2017.

Trophies & Awards – Dave Coop Chair:

There were 22 categories for the Horticulture Challenge Class at the October 1, 2016, rose show. We had entries in 11 categories, resulting in 50% participation. Hopefully we will have more entries next year. Dave reminded everyone that there are 5-6 classes that only require one rose.

Raffle – Sue & Ernie Magill:

Sue Magill reported they earned \$345 from Friday night's raffle.

Roses In Review – Cher Frechette Chair:

Cher reported that 126 NCNH reporters completed their Roses In Review by September 26 – resulting in 717 reviews. This is down from last year's 195 reporters and 848 reviews. Of all the districts, NCNH once again had the highest number of reporters and reviews.

The ratings have not yet been tabulated. The report should be available by the end of October.

District Directory – Richard Affleck Chair:

No report

Historian – Ann Marie Harris:

Ann Marie reported that thousands of NCNH publications, minutes, society newsletters, show results, schedules, images and other records have been discarded. Attendees at the fall meeting October 2, 2016, were asked to donate items they would otherwise discard to her, and to also loan items to her they wish to retain. These documents will be scanned to create a digital library of noteworthy items for our District. She also distributed thumb drives to individuals who have digital versions of these items, or have hard copies and are willing to assist with the scanning.

A plea was made for pre-1992, the 2003, and 2006 NCNH Directories as well as pre-1996 Criteria. Also for our District Roses In Review. Once a digital library is created, it might be offered as a future District fund raiser.

Newsletters dating as early as 1986 for some societies are also being scanned so she can eliminate them from her personal library. These hard copies and a DVD will be available to local societies for their archives at future District meetings.

Site Development – Thomas Bolden Chair:

Thomas asked for volunteers for Fall Conferences for 2017 – 2019.

He is looking at rose societies near each other to co-host conferences in an attempt to combine efforts and expenses.

He will be working with the newly formed committee of Sue Magill, Dave Coop, and Charlotte Owendyk who are doing a survey as to why societies do not feel they can sponsor a fall conference. This survey is due November 1.

Ideas for societies to raise funds included a discussion on pruning to raise money.

Web Mistress – Gail Trimble

No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Joan wants to follow up on the Round Table Discussion about membership that was held at the spring business meeting. Any ideas on this topic should be sent to her attention.

NEW BUSINESS:

A committee comprised of Sue Magill, Charlotte Owendyk, and Dave Coop have been given the task to compile results from a survey entitled "**Why Local Societies Are Not Hosting Fall Conferences.**" The deadline for societies to report is November 1.

UPCOMING DISTRICT EVENTS:

2017 Spring Business Meeting – March 11, 2017, sponsored by San Joaquin Rose Society in Fresno. Linda Burg reported it will be held at The Friends Community Church. Directions and hotel recommendations will be sent out to all societies.

2018 Spring Business Meeting – Date TBD – Shasta Rose Society, Redding.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Schmitz, Secretary