

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII DISTRICT  
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY  
Spring Business Meeting – March 11, 2017  
San Joaquin Rose Society Host – Fresno, California

The meeting was called to order by Joan Goff, District Director at 10:05 a.m.

**Roll Call of Societies: Carole Schmitz, Secretary**

20 of 25 societies were represented. Absent were: Humboldt, Redwood Empire, Reno, San Mateo County, and Stockton.

**Secretary's Report:** The Secretary's report from the Fall Business meeting was accepted as presented and posted on the website.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

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

Joan thanked the San Joaquin Rose Society for hosting our Spring Business Meeting!

She then asked for a couple of minutes of silent prayer for Joe Burek who just passed away. He will be sorely missed by all.

The 2017 District Directories were handed out to societies and board members. Joan thanked Richard Affleck for all of his work and attention to detail to get this completed, and also thanked Dave and Ruth Coop for the printing and collating of the directory. Many dollars were saved by having Dave's printing company do the printing!

Joan introduced the new Society Presidents and announced that the Golden Sierra Rose Society has now folded.

She said we still do not have a volunteer society to host the fall conference for 2017 and reiterated the need for some society or societies to volunteer. It can be a one day conference.

ARS news: The National Mini/Miniflora Conference will be held in Arcadia, California April 20-22, 2017. The ARS Fall Convention will be in Gettysburg, PA, in September. The World Federation Rose Society will celebrate 50 years in Copenhagen, Denmark, in 2018.

**Consulting Rosarian Report – Jolene Adams CR Chair:**

Three CR schools are planned for 2017. Honolulu July 22 and Sacramento August 26.

The Consulting Rosarian (CR) Program for NCNH is in good shape with 141 active CRs. 134 CRs sent in their Annual Report. 7 did not comply. Teaching questions were on the form.

Jolene reminded everyone that the CR coordinator from each society needs to send in a Request for Credit for a lecture AT LEAST before the first of the month in which the lecture will be held. She listed the following for which credit can be given: Pruning demo (not in the field); Propagation methods; fertilizers/amendments; soils; mulching; composting/worm bins; Insects (good or bad); diseases; Water/drought/irrigation; IPM/chem safety/pesticides; cultivation/planting methods; creating a rose bed; rose history (educational merit); roses/types/identification; structures/garden features; anatomy/botany/biology; Fragrance; Classification (per IRAR)

### **Horticulture Judges Report – Bob Parker Chair:**

We have 57 judges and 5 apprentice judges in our district and all but two are current on points and he expects both of them to retire from judging soon. He received annual reports from all but 5 judges.

Bob plans on a two point seminar late spring. He wants to have a part on photography again if he can coordinate the schedule with Betty. It will probably be after the spring shows. Because of several incidents during judging, he is considering ethics for the second topic in the seminar.

The National Horticulture Judging Committee and ARS Board recently changed the requirements to take the Horticulture Judges School and test to become a horticulture judge. The change reads: “must have been a member of ARS for at least twenty-four months, including the twelve months immediately preceding becoming an Apprentice Rose Judge.”

**Arrangement Judges Report – Martin Kooi Chair:** No report

### **Membership Chair – Scott Becker & Cindy Phipps:**

Scott and Cindy have divided the 25 societies alphabetically and will be polling them regarding how many ARS members each society has. They will be working with Jon Corkern, ARS Membership Director, on how to increase and retain ARS members.

NCNH has 750 ARS members, which comprises about 10% of all ARS membership nationwide.

### **Programs & Speakers – Charlotte Owendyk Chair:**

Charlotte said she will be sending out an email to all societies asking for recommendations/suggestions for speakers and programs.

### **The Criterion – Linda and Ted Burg:**

There was a lot of discussion regarding:

- Having electronic copy available to all society members and charging the societies;
- A combination of electronic copies and hard copies as is currently done;

No decision was reached.

### **Photography – Betty Mott Chair:**

Photography continues to grow in the District with all but a few societies offering this as part of their annual shows, and some of these have indicated they will be adding photography this year. Logistics of the display options seem to be an issue for some.

The preliminary ARS Guidelines and Rules for judging rose photography are posted on the ARS website and can be downloaded. NCNH used these guidelines for the October NCNH Conference and submitted a full report with comments and suggestions to the ARS photography committee with a good response back from them.

Part of Betty’s job is to identify potential photography judges and encourage them to judge and enter rose photography. Like judging horticulture or arrangements, you have to have experience exhibiting before you can fairly judge entries. This year 3 NCNH judges new to judging photography and who had entered rose photos were paired with experienced judges from PSWD at our October Conference.

### **Nominations and Awards – Betty Mott Chair:**

Joan Goff and Betty Mott awarded the 2016 Silver Honor Medals and Certificates to recipients – Joe Burek and Carol Burek – September 15 at UCSF hospital on Joe's birthday.

The selection process for the 2017 NCNH District Silver Honor Medal was initiated on January 7, 2017. First ballot voting was completed on March 1<sup>st</sup> which lead to a run-off ballot. Betty is pleased to announce that the committee has selected a 2017 recipient of the District Silver Honor Medal.

### **Trophies & Awards – Dave Coop Chair:**

Dave presented a proposal to change some of the awards. A hard copy was handed out to all attendees and Dave asked that everyone review the changes and email him comments.

**Raffle – Sue & Ernie Magill:** \$1,304 was collected from raffles at the Fall Conference 2016.

**Roses In Review – Cher Frechette Chair:** Cher sent out a list of roses to be reviewed in 2017 to all of the societies so they could do plan their 2017 rose purchases in advance.

**District Directory – Richard Affleck Chair:** No report

**Historian – Ann Marie Harris Chair:** No report

**Site Development: Thomas Bolden Chair:**

As of this report, there is no society that has agreed to host the Fall Conference for 2017. We are actively working on it.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Rehash of 2016 NCNH Conference in Burlingame – what we learned, what we know for sure, and what to pass on. – Joan Goff and Thomas Bolden. There was no report.
- Report from new committee (Dave Coop, Sue Magill, Charlotte Owendyk): Why local societies are not hosting fall conferences.
  - o Charlotte presented a summary of responses from societies that mainly focused on lack of resources and money, and the fact that most societies felt there was no guide for them to follow.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **CONVENTIONS AND BUSINESS MEETINGS:**

- **2018 Spring Business Meeting** – Saturday, March 10 – Shasta RS, Redding. Carole Schmitz asked for a show of hands to see how many people would like an educational program after the business meeting. Information will be provided at the Fall conference.

Meeting adjourned 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carole Schmitz, Secretary

