

Garden Club of Colusa County

Bylaws

Article I — Name and Affiliation

The name of this organization is Garden Club of Colusa County, hereinafter, GCCC. The GCCC shall be an affiliated member of the California Garden Clubs, Inc.

Article II — Objectives

The objectives of GCCC are:

- a. To create, promote and further interest in horticulture, gardening, floral and landscape design, plant and bird life, and appreciation of the natural beauties of the State of California.
- b. To encourage civic beautification and roadside development.
- c. To assist in projects for the conservation of our natural resources.

Article III — Membership

Membership shall be as individuals or as members of the same household. Voting rights will be accorded to the dues paying members. Dues will be payable with submission of a membership form; to maintain membership dues must be renewed by the October meeting each year thereafter.

Article IV — Officers.

Section 1. The officers of the GCCC shall be President, Vice-President for Membership, Vice-President for Programs, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section 2. The terms of office for each position will be one year. No officer may be elected to the same office for more than two consecutive terms.

Section 3. Duties of officers

- a) The President shall preside at all meetings of the GCCC and shall call meetings of the Executive Board, as necessary. The President is an ex officio member of all Standing Committees. The President or a designee shall represent the GCCC at State and District meetings of CGCI.
- b) The Vice-President for Membership will be responsible for keeping a list of currently paid up members, providing membership forms at all meetings, and promoting membership in the GCCC.
- c) The Vice-President for Programs shall preside at meetings when the President is unable to attend, shall make sure there is a program for each meeting, and will be responsible for preparing an annual report of our activities to be submitted to CGCI.
- d) The Treasurer will receive all dues paid and provide a list of all current paid members to the Vice-President for Membership. The Treasurer will keep a record of all other expenses and income of the GCCC, providing a financial report at each meeting. The Treasurer will remit annual dues to California Garden Clubs, Inc. and to the Buttes District of CGCI, and submit the Annual Affiliation Renewal Packet with CGCI by November 1.
- e) The Secretary will record the minutes of each meeting of the GCCC and the Executive Board, conduct the correspondence of the GCCC, and be a custodian of all the GCCC records, including the Bylaws.

Section 4. The President will be responsible for appointing a nominating committee consisting of three (3) members to be appointed at the March meeting to select a slate of candidates for election at the following meeting.

Section 5. Vacancies in office will be filled by appointment by the Executive Board.

Article V— Fiscal Policy

Section 1. The fiscal year for the GCCC shall be from July 1-June 30.

Section 2. The budget for each year shall be prepared by the Executive Board and presented to the membership at the May meeting for adoption at the June meeting of each year.

Section 3. The President will be responsible for appointing an audit committee to audit the financial records and preparing an annual report to be submitted to the CGCI.

Article VI — Meetings

Meetings will be held each month except for July. Special meetings may be called by the President with ten-days notice to members. A quorum at any meeting will be 30% of the members, and members may submit a proxy vote.

Article VII — Executive Board

The Executive Board shall consist of the elected officers of the GCCC. The Executive Board may not take any action other than by the direction of the membership. The purpose of the Executive Board shall be to monitor the operations of the GCCC and to plan the monthly meetings.

Article VIII — Committees

There are three Standing Committees of the GCCC:

1. Membership Committee, chaired by the Vice-President for Membership.
2. Program Committee, chaired by the Vice-President for Programs.
3. Finance Committee, chaired by the Treasurer.

The President shall nominate members of all committees. Special committees shall be appointed by the President at the direction of the membership.

Article IX — Parliamentary Authority

The proceedings of the GCCC shall be governed by *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised* unless in conflict with these bylaws and the standing rules of the GCCC.

Article X — Amendments

These bylaws can be amended by a 2/3 vote of the membership at a regular meeting provided that notice of the amendment was given at the previous meeting.

Article XI — Standing Rules

Standing rules may be adopted by a majority vote at any meeting. The standing rules may be amended by a majority vote with prior notice or 2/3 vote without prior notice.

Article XII — 501(c)(3) Exemption

- Section 1. The GCCC is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, or scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 2. No part of the net earnings of the GCCC shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the GCCC shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof.
- Section 3. No substantial part of the activities of the GCCC shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the GCCC shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.
- Section 4. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the GCCC shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 5. Upon the dissolution of the GCCC, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the GCCC is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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President: Donna Critchfield