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CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

Orangevale Grange Hall Orangevale, CA

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OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

<i>OFFICER</i>	<i>2015-2016</i>	<i>2016-2018</i>
Master	Ed Kowski San Diego County	Ed Kowski San Diego County
Overseer	Michael Warner San Diego County	Josh Harper Sacramento County
Lecturer	Barbara Geiger Monterey County	Katie Squire Fresno County
Steward	Randy Turnquist Santa Cruz County	Randy Turnquist Santa Cruz County
Assistant Steward	Joseph Stefenoni Sonoma County	Brandon Nebitt Kern County
Lady Assistant Steward	Suzi Laskowski Kern County	Suzi Laskowski Kern County
Chaplain	Bill Compton San Luis Obispo County	Barbara Geiger Monterey County
Treasurer	Harold "Bud" Hill Stanislaus County	Gary Abreim Sonoma County
Secretary	Lillian Booth Butte County	Lillian Booth Butte County
Gatekeeper	Brandon Nebitt Kern County	Vince Scholten Sonoma County
Ceres	LoRee Lampke Butte County	Ruthie King Mendocino County
Pomona	Nola Martini Santa Clara County	Nola Martini Santa Clara County
Flora	Jayne West San Diego County	Jayne West San Diego County
Executive Committee	Bob Clouse Sacramento County	1 Year (Term Ends 2017) Jerry Allen Sonoma County
Executive Committee	Johnny Squire Fresno County	2 Year (Term Ends 2018) Inger Bevans Monterey County
Executive Committee	Inger Bevans Monterey County	3 Year (Term Ends 2019) Bob Clouse Sacramento County
Musician	Martha Stefenoni Sonoma County	Martha Stefenoni Sonoma County

CONVENTION SCHEDULE

141st Annual Session of the California State Grange Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale, CA

Thursday June 23, 2016

8:30 AM– 4:00 PM
Registration Open

9:00 AM– 5:00 PM
Expo Open to Receive Entries

9:30 -9:45 AM
General Welcome
Ed Komski, State Master

9:45 – 11:45AM
Delegate Workshop
Welcome New Delegates
Resolution Writing
Resolution Processing
Parliamentary Procedure

12:00 – 1:00 PM
Lunch - ** Ticket Required ** -
Host: Wyandotte Grange

1:00 PM – 1:45PM
CLEARING THE AIR
Jerry Allen & Lillian Booth

2:00 PM – 5:30 PM
Resolution Committee Meetings

2:00 PM – 2:45 PM
Lecturer's Workshop – Main Hall
Barbara Geiger, State Lecturer

2:45 PM – 3:45 PM
Youth Fair Program
Tacy Currey, Director

4:00 PM – 4:45 PM
Grange Ritual for Today

4:00 PM-5:00 PM
Secretary's & Treasurer's Workshop
Corporate Structures
Required Filings - IRS and State of California
Minutes / Budgets / Business Processes

5:00 PM
Expo Closed for Judging

5:15 PM – 6:30PM
State Officer Practice
State Officer Dinner to follow – Location TBA

8:00 PM (approx.)
Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, June 24, 2016

7:30-8:45 AM
Continental Breakfast ** Ticket Required **
Host: Orangevale Grange

8 AM – Noon
Registration Open

9:00 AM
Opening of the 141st Annual Session in the Sixth
Degree -- ** Sixth Degree Members**
Roll Call of Officers
Lower to Fourth Degree
Admit Fourth Degree Members
Preliminary Credential Report
Introduction of Honored Guests
Communications
Adopt Convention Rules
Approval of Convention Schedule

Grange Insurance Association Representative
Paul Redner, Board of Directors

**9:30 AM Expo Room Opens
** Closes at 10:45 for the State Master's
Address and will then re-open**

11:00 AM
State Master's Annual Address
State Secretary's Report
State Treasurer's Report

12:00-1:00PM Recess
LUNCH ** Ticket Required **
Host: DeSabra Grange

12:00PM
Deadline for acceptance of late resolutions
(See Convention Rules)
Delegate Registration CLOSED
Non-delegates may still register

1:15 PM
SESSION RECONVENES
Review and Approval of Board of Directors
Minutes
Audit & Budget Committee Report
Gary Abreim Chairman
Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget
Resolutions to be acted upon prior to
Nomination of Officers
Final Credential Report
Nomination of Officers of the California State
Grange 2016-2018

Invitations for Session location 2017
Invitations for Session location 2018
Appoint Election Committee

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3:30 PM

Report of Legal Counsel, Jeff Skinner
Resolution Committee Reports

5:00 PM

CLOSING OF THE FIRST DAY OF THE 141st ANNUAL
SESSION OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE

6:00 PM

Dinner – ****Ticket Required****
Host: Dixon Grange

7:00 PM

Lecturer's Welcome – Talent & Contests
Barbara Geiger, California State Grange
Lecturer

Saturday, June 25, 2016

7:30-8:45 AM

Continental Breakfast - **** Ticket Required ****
Host: Orangevale Grange

8:00 AM

Registration Open

9:00 AM

Opening of the California State Grange in the
Fourth Degree
California State Grange Officers
Ritual Training Team presentation.
Introduction of Honored Guests
Roll Call of Officers
Reading and approval of the Minutes of Day 1
Election Committee Report
Announcement of Run-off Elections

Community Service Director Report –
Martha Stefenoni
Communications Director Report –
Bill Booth
Grange Expo Director Report –
Katie Squire
Resolutions / Reports

12:00 PM

Lunch - **** Ticket Required****
Host: Wyandotte Grange

1:00 PM

RECONVENE SESSION

Keynote Speaker

Betsy Huber, Master, National Grange

Resolution Committee Reports

5:00 PM

Grange is at Recess
State Officers Set up for Degree Night

6:00 PM

Dinner - **** Ticket Required ****

7:30 PM

Degree Night Conferral
***** 5th & 6th Degree Ticket required for
4th Degree Members *****

Fourth Degree Obligation Ceremony
Exemplification of the Fifth Degree
Under the direction of Martha Stefenoni
Exemplification of the Sixth Degree
Under the direction of Bob Clouse
Degree Feast – Host: Aromas Grange

Sunday, June 26, 2016

7:30-8:45 AM

Continental Breakfast - ****Ticket Required****
Host: Orangevale Grange

8:30 AM

Expo Entries Released

9:00 AM

Opening of Session in the Sixth Degree
Roll Call of Officers
Lower to Fourth Degree
Reading of and approval of Minutes of Day 2
Memorial Service

Bill Compton, Chaplain California State

Grange

Installation of Officers
Resolution of Appreciation

11:30 AM

**CLOSING OF THE 141st ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE**

STANDING RULES OF THE CONVENTION
California State Grange
Session Rules 2016

The Standing Rules will apply only to the 141st Annual Membership Meeting of the California State Grange, Orangevale, California, June 24-26, 2016.

REGISTRATION FEE WAIVER: The Registration Fee shall be waived for Junior Grangers, those under the age of 5 years of age and invited guests.

BADGES: No one will be admitted to the meeting without a badge which signifies their registration fee has been paid (except as noted above), and that the member is a member of a Grange in Good Standing in California or an invited guest.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION: Closing date and time for "Delegate Registration" shall be at 12:00 PM, Friday, June 24th. Any Delegate requesting to register after that date and time, shall have to be approved by the State Master.

RESOLUTIONS:

Deadline: The last deadline for the acceptance of late resolutions shall be Friday June 24th at 12:00 PM. Late resolutions shall only be processed if the Resolution Committee votes to accept them. Late resolutions, if accepted, shall lose the identity of the Grange submitting the resolution and will be identified as a Committee Resolution.

Committee Presentation: In presenting the resolutions on the Session floor, the Committee spokesman will present any amendments by the Committee; read only the "Resolved" portion of the resolution; and then state the Committee's action. If the Committee recommendation is to reject the resolution, the Committee Spokesman will briefly explain the reason for the Committee's action.

Amendments to Resolutions: All motions to amend resolutions which are excessively long (i.e. more than 20 words), shall be presented in writing to the Secretary's Station so as to be properly entered into the minutes.

Resolution Introduction: A vote shall not be taken on a new resolution unless it has been in the delegates' hands at least two (2) hours. A new resolution is one that has not been included in the initial Resolution packet.

Resolutions to Amend the By-Laws: Shall not be combined in Committee. Per Article XXI, only properly submitted resolutions can be acted upon. All others will be declared out of order.

FLOOR DEBATE: Shall be limited to two (2) minutes per delegate on any given question. Only the maker of a motion may speak twice.

OFFICER & DIRECTOR REPORTS: Any written reports from Officers and Directors shall be submitted to the Secretary's Station prior to the close of the session for inclusion in the Journal of Proceedings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The Board of Directors shall have the authority to approve the minutes of the final day of session.

NEXT ANNUAL SESSION MEETING SITE VOTING: The place of meeting will be determined by a majority vote of the Delegate body at least one or two years in advance. Places will be included on the ballot for Election of Officers.

DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL SESSION

Pomona Granges Represented:

Kern County Pomona Grange No. 26
Darlene Wingfield, Master
Paul Hyland

Santa Clara County Pomona Grange No. 4
Houghton "Tom" Sawyer

Monterey Pomona Grange No. 17
Patricia Duarte, Master
Leland Geiger

Sonoma County Pomona Grange No. 1
Jerry Allen, Master
Gary Abreim

Subordinate/Community Granges Represented

Aptos Grange No. 800
Randy Turnquist, Master
Robin Turnquist

Grover City Grange No. 746
William "Bill" Compton, Master
Joan Compton

Aromas Grange No. 361
Rich Saxe, Master
Jan Saxton

Laytonville Grange No. 726
Kent Westwood, Master
Iona Westwood

Bellevue Grange No. 374
Joseph Stefenoni

Little Lake Grange #670
Annie Waters, Master
Ruthie King

Central Union Grange No. 559
Katie Squire, Master
Johnny Squire

Mattole Grange No. 569
Michael Evenson
Evelyn Taylor

Corral de Tierra Grange No. 474
Ed Watson, Master
Inger Bevans

Morgan Hill Grange No. 408
Nola Martini, Master
Vickie Bridges

DeSabra Grange No. 762
Amanda Thomas
William "Bill" Booth

North Fork Grange No. 763
William Shaw, Master
Virginia Shaw

Dixon Grange No. 19
Ed LaRue, Master
Tacy Currey

Ono Grange No. 659
Bobbi Tucker
Brenda Sandifer

Empire Grange No. 521
Carolyn Hill, Master
Harold "Bud" Hill

Orangevale Grange No. 354
Shirley Baker
Dale Baker

Gilroy Grange No. 380
Leona Reif

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Prunedale Grange No. 689
Ed Mitchell, Master
Barbara Geiger

Rainbow Valley Grange No. 388
Lucette Moramarco, Master
Cynthia Komski

Ramona Grange No. 632
Barbara McGrosso
Jonathan West

Rincon Valley Grange No. 710
Martha Stefenoni

Rio Linda Grange No. 403
Linda MacCracken, Master
Marian Sales

Rosedale Grange No. 565
Suzi Laskowski, Master
Sandra Wingfield

Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange No.
Sherri Bryan, Master
Tereza Coraggio

Sebastopol Grange No. 306
Vince Scholten, Master
Evan Wiig

Whitesboro Grange No. 766
Robert Canclini
Marialice Canclini

Windsor Grange No. 410
Charley Betschart

Wyandotte Grange No. 495
Michael Lampke
LoRee Lampke

RESOLUTION COMMITTEES

Agriculture & Water

Chairman	Michael Evenson Evan Wiig Johnny Squire Bob Canclini Paul Hyland	Mattole Grange, Humboldt County Sebastopol Grange, Sonoma County Central Union Grange, Fresno County Whitesboro Grange, Mendocino County Rosedale Grange, Kern County
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Audit & Budget Committee

Chairman	Gary Abreim Inger Bevans Jerry Allen Bob Clouse Harold "Bud" Hill	Sebastopol Grange, Sonoma County Prunedale Grange, Monterey County Sebastopol Grange, Sonoma County Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County Empire Grange, Stanislaus County
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Citizenship & Taxation

Chairman	Lucette Moramarco Ann Larson Dale Baker Darlene Wingfield	Rainbow Valley Grange, San Diego County Central Union Grange, Fresno County Orangevale Grange, Sacramento County Rosedale Grange, Kern County
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Conservation

Chairman	Sherry Bryan Kent Westwood Marialice Canclini Linda Chernoff	Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, Santa Cruz County Laytonville Grange, Mendocino County Whitesboro Grange, Mendocino County Marshall Grange, El Dorado County
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Education & Health

Chairman	Jan Saxton Tom Sawyer Suzi Laskowski Randy Turnquist	Aromas Grange, Monterey County Morgan Hill Grange, Santa Clara County Rosedale Grange, Kern County Aptos Grange, Santa Clara County
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Grange Law and Grange Growth & Development

Chairman	William "Bill" Booth Tereza Coraggio Gerald "Buzz" Chernoff Rich Saxe Annie Waters Joseph Stefenoni	DeSabra Grange, Butte County Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, Santa Cruz County Marshall Grange, El Dorado County Aromas Grange, Monterey County Little Lake Grange, Mendocino County Sebastopol Grange, Sonoma County
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Labor, Judiciary & Transportation

Chairman	Ed Mitchell Amanda Thomas Nola Martini	Prunedale Grange, Monterey County DeSabra Grange, Butte County Morgan Hill Grange, Santa Clara County
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MINUTES OF THE 141st ANNUAL SESSION

Day 1

California State Grange 141st Annual Session

Friday, June 24, 2016

Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale, California

On Thursday, June 23, 2016, the members and delegates of the California State Grange met for workshops and learning activities.

State Master/President, Ed Komski delivered a welcome to the members present giving a short update on the current legal situation involving the California State Grange and the trademark case of the National Grange.

He then introduced Past Masters of the California State Grange, Bob Clouse and Bill Booth, who both talked about resolution processing, how it works up through National Grange and the parliamentary procedure to keep things moving during the Session. Joseph Stefenoni was also introduced and gave further details on parliamentary procedure, the Convention Rules, and answering questions for members attending.

After a lunch hosted by DeSabra Grange, the group met with Jerry Allen, Sebastopol Grange and Lillian Booth, DeSabra Grange, for a workshop entitled "Clearing the Air". This was a discussion facilitated among the membership to address how we can all be on common ground in a safe environment in the Grange. Members participated in the workshop and this led to a better understanding between the brothers and sisters in the Grange.

Barbara Geiger, State Lecturer, led a Lecturer's workshop talking about programs and program development in our Granges.

Tacy Curry, Youth Fair Director for California, led a workshop talking about the Youth Fair Program, the further development of the Fair Handbook, and the detailed project resources in development. She is also building a network of resources to help groups in various areas of the State. One example is feeds and feeding for beef cattle. Not everyone knows how to feed, but she has someone in another area who is available to answer questions and give advice.

The Secretaries and Treasurers met with Inger Bevans and Lillian Booth to discuss the requirements for Granges for the Internal Revenue Service, the Franchise Tax Board and how to meet the obligations. The members gave their Wish List for items in the Handbooks currently in draft form.

Joseph Stefenoni led a workshop on Grange Ritual for Today, introducing the members to the Unwritten Work, where it came from and how it is used

Resolution Committees met in session throughout the workshops.

The day ended with a Sixth Degree practice by the State Officers. Once completed, the officers and families went to a group dinner to enjoy some more good Grange fellowship.

Friday June 24, 2016

Day 1 of the Annual Session began with a breakfast hosted by Orangevale Grange members

Opening of the Grange

At 9:15 am, Jerry Maklem, Overseer of Orangevale Grange called the meeting to order to introduce the officers of the California State Grange. The officers entered with a march led by the Assistant Stewards, Joseph Stefenoni and Suzi Laskowski.

When the officers were at their stations, the Worthy Master, Ed Kowski, told the members that today the State Officers entered without their Sixth Degree Sashes. In honor of the return of our sashes, he asked each officer to adorn themselves with their sashes simultaneously. The officers were then properly attired for the Session.

The Flag of our Country was presented by Sister Jayme West, State Flora, accompanied by the Assistant Stewards.

Master Kowski lowered the Grange from the Sixth Degree to the Fourth Degree. He then invited all Fourth Degree members into the Hall.

Roll Call of Officers

All officers present.

Preliminary Credential Report

Per Section 5.3.4, of the State Grange By-Laws, at least 1/3 of the voting power of the Granges must be present for a quorum. There are 55 eligible Subordinate/Community Granges and 4 Pomona Granges – a Minimum required is 19 Granges.

There are 27 Subordinate Granges and 4 Pomona Granges for a total of 31 Granges represented comprising 53% of the eligible Granges.

A quorum was called and the meeting continued.

Introduction of Honored Guests

Worthy Master Komski introduced the Honorable Bob Clouse, Past Master California State Grange and his wife Jeanne.

He also introduced the Honorable Bill Booth, Past Master, California State Grange and his wife Lillian.

Communications

From Randy & Linda Lewis, Past Master & former First Lady of the California State Grange wishing everyone a productive and enjoyable 141st Annual Session

Adopt Convention Rules

Convention rules were given in the packets to all attending for review. It was moved by Dale Baker, Orangevale Grange, to accept the Convention Rules as printed. Seconded by Darlene Wingfield, Rosedale Grange. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously (#1). Rules Adopted.

Approval of Convention Schedule:

Convention Schedule was given in the packets to all attending for review. It was moved by Martha Stefenoni, Rincon Valley Grange to approve the Convention Schedule as printed. Seconded by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange. No Discussion. Motion carried unanimously (#2). Adopted.

Grange Insurance Association Representative

Paul Redner, Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Grange Insurance Association was escorted to the Master's Station by the Assistant Stewards.

He brought greetings from the Chairman of the Board, Tom McKern, who is attending the Washington State Grange Convention this week. The company is doing very well in spite of the fires of 2015. It was the worst year in the history of the GIA. Losses were \$14-million in California only. The company only does \$150-million in business. There is a reserve and resources from investments so the company's net loss was \$3-million.

Due to the losses from fires in 2015 Grange Insurance has developed a fire score system for homes insured by GIA. The company will no longer insure on any home with a Fire Score over 81. This is not an arbitrary number. The score has been developed with actuarial analysis. Because the company is member-owned, the company will not cut off someone's insurance, but they will not renew the policy. GIA has contracted with another company who will issue fire insurance if it will affect the member.

There are two Board Members in California and several agents. Because it is an Association, GIA does not have to pay Washington State taxes if monies are given to the members. Last year, GIA gave \$600,000 the National Grange and then portions are disseminated to the states in which GIA does businesses.

Questions were asked by the members regarding insuring Grange Halls, membership requirements and re-insurance. Paul answered that Commercial buildings are no longer covered, only insuring property and casualty. Because Grange Halls are commercial buildings, they are no longer insured. There is no requirement for fraternal Grange membership. Policyholders can be supportive members. This satisfies the membership requirement.

Grange Insurance Association has many scholarships available. There have not been many applications for them. Please encourage applications.

GIA has a marketing agreement with the National Grange. It was requested that Paul check to see if the supportive member names can be given to the States to help those supportive members become fraternal members. Paul will talk with the company to see if the information can be shared.

Rosemary Hansen, DeSabra Grange, was introduced. She served on the Board of Directors of GIA for 22 years. Paul was presented with a gift from the State Grange.

A recess was called to invite any members over at the Expo Display to join the meeting for the State Master's address.

Session reconvened.

Brother Kowski requested Brother Will Shaw, North Fork Grange be escorted to the Master's Station by the Assistant Stewards. Will Shaw was introduced to the assembled members by Brother Kowski who stated that while Will was in a personal battle with cancer, he was also battling for his Grange. He continues to do battle for the Grange. Will was presented with a National Grange Flag to fly over his Grange Hall as a thank you for all of his efforts.

State Master's Annual Address

Time certain was called for the Annual Address of the Master of the California State Grange, Ed Kowski. Brother Ed gave his remarks from the Masters Station.

He concluded his remarks with one very simple and emphatic statement – We. Are. The. Grange.

It was moved by Bud Hill, Empire Grange, to accept Master's report and published it in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded by Joe Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. Motion carried. Report adopted. Unanimous vote #3. The full text appears in the Journal of Proceedings.

State Secretary's Report

Sister Lillian Booth gave her State Secretary's report telling the membership there are now 60 Granges in Good Standing with membership of over 2,700. The Secretaries are the storytellers and the ones who keep the records.

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona, to accept the report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded by Darlene Wingfield, Kern Pomona.

Jerry Allen commented that Sister Lillian has exhibited kindness, and a willingness to make it so much easier to do things we need to do. Whatever it was when we asked for help, she helped. He commented he believes this is an exhibit of the Granger-ly values and has our thanks.

Mike Evansen, Mattole Grange and Kent Westwood, Laytonville Grange also commented on the positive service they have received from the State Grange office.

Brother Komski told the assembled members that this is the business platform that this State Grange works on – to provide Granges and members with resources you may not be able to provide for yourself

Sister Lillian comes as a package – we get Brother Bill too. He does the Website development, the Newsletter, and membership database. It's a two-fer. And the Booth family is a technical-clerical-knowledge pool not to be reckoned with.

No further discussion on the motion. Motion carried. Report adopted. (Unanimous Vote #4.)

State Treasurer's Report

Brother Bud Hill was asked to give his report. He said in Las Vegas you save the closing act for the end – he can't follow the two prior to his report.

It was moved by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange to accept the report and print it in the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. Motion carried. (Unanimous vote #5).

Personal privilege was requested by Lillian Booth. After discussion yesterday, over conflict resolution and having pie and coffee after, Brother Ed LaRue asked where his pie was. He began a debate with Sister Lillian over peach pie or apple pie is the

best. Sister Lillian compromised and presented Brother Ed with a berry pie to resolve the dispute if apple pie or peach pie was better.

Linda Chernoff asked for personal privilege. She was escorted to the Masters Station with a gift for the Worthy Master. It was a mug that said, "Some days my life is only a tent away from a full-blown circus." It also said, "You are not alone – at some point – when life is going to be a circus --step up and make it the greatest show on earth!!!"

Delegates were reminded that if there were any new resolutions, they must be to the Secretary by Noon. Recess was called at 11:45 for lunch, hosted by Wyandotte Grange.

Session reconvened at 1:15 pm.

Session was called to order. Master Kowski reviewed how to be a member in good standing when a charter was surrendered, suspended or revoked. A member cannot hold membership in a Grange not in good standing and join another Grange which is in good standing without resigning from the one which is not in good standing. No demit is available. The Master does not have authority to offer a demit in these circumstances.

Review and Approval of Board of Directors Minutes

The Board of Directors Minutes were provided to all in attendance in their packets. It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma County Pomona Grange, to approve the Board of Directors Minutes. Motion seconded. Discussion.

Brother Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange, requested clarification of the sentence appearing on line 78 discussing the 501(c) (10) and 501(c)(8). Master Kowski clarified the difference between the two types of non-profits. The 501(c)(8) is for a fraternal organization providing a direct benefit to its members. The 501(c) (10) is for a fraternal organization which does not provide a direct benefit. Because the California State Grange does not provide a direct benefit, the corporate non-profit status is a (c) (10).

Delegates voted on the motion to approve. Motion carried unanimously. (Unanimous Vote #6.) Minutes will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Audit & Budget Committee Report

Gary Abreim, Chairman of the Audit & Budget Committee, reporting.

Brother Gary presented detailed financial information to the Delegates and members in attendance.

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Co Pomona Grange, to approve the Audit & Budget report as presented. Motion seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. Motion carried. Report adopted and will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings. (Unanimous vote #7.)

Adoption of 2016-2017 Budget

Gary Abreim presented the 2016-2017 budget. Master Kowski called for questions and comments. After completing the questions and comments, it was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma County Pomona Grange, to adopt the budget. Motion seconded by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. Motion carried. Budget Adopted. (Unanimous vote #8.)

Resolutions to be acted upon prior to Nomination of Officers

Audit & Budget Committee, Gary Abreim reporting.

2016-015 – Compensation of Officers.

Committee amended the resolution on Line 14 adding “an accountable reimbursement not to exceed” before \$200 in that line.

Ruthie King, Little Lake Grange, asked if the Master and Secretary would be required to work out of the Sacramento office when the property is returned. Master Kowski advised that there was no immediate plan to make that happen. And it will depend on the circumstances at the time.

It was moved by Linda Chernoff, Marshall Grange to accept the committee report as amended. Vicki Bridges, Morgan Hill Grange, seconded the motion. Motion carried. (Unanimous vote #9.) Resolution adopted.

2016-019 -- Financial Reporting Requirements.

Committee report is Unfavorable. Reason given by Chairman. There is still a legal conflict and providing this type of disclosure, at this time, is sensitive. There will be an audit later this year. The tax returns of the California State Grange are public record and available. Information will be in the Journal of Proceedings and on the website. If Grangers want more information, please attend the Board Meetings. Providing quarterly financials to Grangers is an unnecessary burden on staff, at this time.

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange, to accept the Committee report of unfavorable. Motion seconded by Tom Sawyer, Santa Clara County Pomona. Motion carried. (Unanimous vote #10.) Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

Resolutions 2016-41, 2016-042, 2016-043, 2016-044 2016-017R, 2016-020R & 2016-034R passed out to the delegates at 2:26 pm.

2016-014 – Board of Directors & Treasurer

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, to accept the committee recommendation. Motion seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma County Pomona. Discussion. Bud Hill, Empire Grange, moved the previous question. Motion seconded by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange. Motion carried. Previous question is called and debate is closed.

Committee report as favorable on Resolution 2016-014 is on the floor for a vote. 2/3 majority vote required to adopt a by-law change. Call for the division of the house by count by Joseph Stefenoni. Ayes and Nays Counted.

Aye: 26. Nay: 25. Required vote of 2/3 majority is not met. Committee report is lost. Resolution is on the floor with no recommendation.

Johnny Squire, Central Union Grange, moved to reject the resolution. Tereza Coraggio, Santa Cruz Live Oak, seconded. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.

Final Credential Report

State Secretary gave a final Credential Report and called the roll of delegates represented.

7 Pomona Delegates
52 Subordinate Delegates

Total of 59 Voting Delegates for the election and business of the Grange.

Nomination of Officers of the California State Grange 2016-2018

Master Komski requested Bob Clouse, Past Master of the California State Grange and Executive Committee member, to preside during nomination of officers.

As each officer is nominated, nominees are asked to give their name, Grange, years of membership, and their favorite color.

Master

Ed Komski, Rainbow Valley Grange

Brother Bob turned the gavel over to Master Komski to complete the nomination of officers.

Overseer

Joshua Harper, Orangevale Grange
Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange
Linda Chernoff, Marshall Grange (declined)
Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange (declined)

Executive Committee 1 Year:

Ed Mitchell, Prunedale Grange (declined)
Johnny Squire, Central Union Grange
Harold "Bud" Hill, Empire Grange (declined)
Gary Abreim, Sonoma Pomona Grange (Declined)
Jerry Allen, Sebastopol Grange

Due to the time certain for the report of Legal Counsel, the nomination of officers was delayed until completion of the report.

Report of Legal Counsel

Jeff Skinner, of Schiff Hardin, attorney for the California State Grange, joined the meeting via video conference with the Delegates and members.

Jeff provided a general legal update on the current court cases. The members expressed thanks to Jeff for all of his help

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS CONTINUES.

Executive Committee 2 Year:

Randy Turnquist, Aptos Grange
Bob Clouse, Orangevale Grange (declined)
Kent Westwood, Laytonville Grange
Inger Bevans, Prunedale Grange
Buzz Chernoff, Marshall Grange (declined)
Johnny Squire, Central Union Grange (declined)

Executive Committee 3 Year:

Bob Clouse, Orangevale Grange
Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange
Tereza Coraggio, Santa Cruz Live Oak

Lecturer

Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange (declined)
Annie Waters, Little Lake Grange (declined)

Master Komski took a moment to recognize Brother Lee Geiger for making the Master and Overseer gavels for the California State Grange. Natalie Hernandez, granddaughter of Lee & Barbara, was also thanked for helping her Grandpa so he could be here at the Session.

Nominations for Lecturer = revisited
Katie Squire, Central Union Grange
Annie Waters, Little Lake Grange

Steward

Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange (declined)
Randy Turnquist, Aptos Grange
Vicki Bridges, Morgan Hill Grange

Assistant Steward

Brandon Nebitt, Rosedale Grange

Lady Assistant Steward

Christina Webster, Orangevale Grange
Ruthie King, Little Lake Grange
Suzi Laskowski, Rosedale Grange

Chaplain

Emily Turnquist, Aptos Grange (declined)
Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange
Bill Compton, Grover City Grange (declined)
Katie Squire, Central Union Grange (declined)

Treasurer

Gary Abreim, Sebastopol Grange
Bud Hill, Empire Grange

Secretary

Lillian Booth, DeSabra Grange

Gatekeeper

Vince Scholten, Sebastopol Grange
Michael Lampke, Wyandotte Grange

Ceres

Ruthie King, Little Lake Grange
LoRee Lampke, Wyandotte Grange
Lauren Nebitt, Rosedale Grange

Pomona

Sherry Bryan, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange
Nola Martini, Morgan Hill Grange

Flora

Jayme West, Ramona Grange
Lauren Nebitt, Rosedale Grange
Emily Turnquist, Aptos Grange
Linda Chernoff, Marshall Grange (declined)

Musician

Martha Stefenoni, Rincon Valley Grange
Jerry Allen, Sebastopol Grange (declined)

After nomination of officers was completed, the Election Committee was announced by Master Kowski as follows:

Election Committee:

Rosemary Hansen, DeSabra Grange, Chairman
Carolyn Hill, Empire Grange
Ed Mitchell, Prunedale Grange
Dale Baker, Orangevale Grange

The First day of the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange closed in the Fourth Degree at 6:00 pm.

Dinner was hosted by Dixon Grange

Lecturer's Program:

In the evening Barbara Geiger, State Grange Lecturer, presented her program of a hat fashion show displaying the wearer's personality and trending designs.

Many of our members participated in a talent show which reminded us how talented Grange members are throughout our State. The Talent Winners were: Kenny Spencer and Sean Carpenter from Marshall Grange.

Josh Harper and Katie Squire entertained with a duet of "There's A Hole in the Bucket". After that, the bucket (one without a hole) was passed among the audience. A total of \$483.17 was raised to help defray the costs to send the contest winners to the National Grange competitions in Washington D.C. As one member said, "Another sign we are back in business."

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

Day 2

Saturday, June 25, 2016

The second day of the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange started with a breakfast hosted by Orangevale Grange. ‘

Due to voting for officers, opening of the Grange was delayed until 9:30 am.

At 9:30 AM, Master Kowski called the Grange to order. The officers of the California State Grange opened in the Fourth Degree while Joshua Harper narrated the Unwritten work throughout. This was a demonstration of the type of activities the Ritual Team is designing to help Granges to better understand the Grange ritual – where it came from and the relevance for today.

Opening Song was “God Bless America” led by Worthy Lecturer, Barbara Geiger and Worthy Musician, Martha Stefenoni.

The Flag of our country was presented by Worthy Ceres, LoRee Lampke, escorted by the Assistant Stewards, Joe Stefenoni and Suzi Laskowski.

Roll Call of Officers

The roll call of officers found all officers present.

Reading and approval of the Minutes of Day 1

Minutes of Day 1 of the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange were read by State Secretary, Lillian Booth. Corrections were noted. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to accept the accept minutes as corrected. Seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma County Pomona Grange. No discussion. Motion carried. (Unanimous vote #1)

Introduction of Honored Guests

Betsy Huber, Master of the National Grange was escorted to the Masters station by the Assistant Stewards. She gave greetings to the members and will speak later.

Master Kowski remarked on Sister Betsy's work with Penn State University and how she brings depth and insight to the office of Master of the National Grange.

Master Kowski also introduced Martha Stefenoni as the Honorable Past First Lady of the California State Grange.

Election Committee Report

Sister Rosemary Hansen advised there still are four people who have not voted. The members should be here but have not yet arrived. Per a consensus of the Delegates, it was agreed to wait until noon to check to see if those members have voted. If not, the polls will close.

Community Service Director Report –

Ed Komski introduced Sister Martha Stefenoni as the Community Service Director of the California State Grange and working as liaison with Brother Pete Pompper who is the National Grange Community Service Director.

Sister Martha reminded us that Community Service is what many Granges are all about. When you do something good, it comes back to you 1,000-fold.

Community Service Awards – Please put together a report and send it to Martha to receive it no later than August 25, 2016. Deadline to National Grange this year for California is October 1. Brother Pompper gave extra time to California because we are going through our healing process.

What is Community Service? Hear Granges say they can't do the big projects any more. But it's the little things that count. Told us about the birthday card lady from her church. For less than \$5.00 you have a Community Service project. Challenged all members to go home, chooses a project, no matter how big or small that can be accomplished by Aug 25th and send a report.

At the Overseer's station, there are report forms and there will be a communication coming from the Secretary's Office.

Share ideas, improve our communities. Doing those two things, we will find we are bringing people in. Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona, gave information on using the Grange Halls as fund raisers for fire victims. Halls are a resource for Granges lucky enough to have a hall.

Go out and be of service to the community.

Communications Director Report –

Brother Bill Booth, Communications Director, gave his report. He began by saying that he would be retiring from full-time employment in four working days. He plans to have more time to devote to the Grange.

Brother Bill commented that there were challenges getting ready as a State Grange. We were only given the Charter and started everything – all of the business processes, communications, and the website all started from nothing.

State Grange Membership Database. Continuously improving and adding things to the database. Can run reports with demographic statistics for the Granges based on their membership. The program also prints the Quarterly Report Acknowledgement and then the Page 1 of the next quarterly report with the beginning balances and any amounts due or payable, thus making it easier for the Grange Secretaries.

The California Granger newsletter – Currently there is a newsletter to be published after the State Session. A non-profit mailing permit is in process now. Depending on costs and time, the Newsletters are always posted on the website.

Website – the Website is CAStateGrange.org. There is much information on the website. In the future, we may be using other domain names to host member-only access and information. The full By-Laws of the State and National Granges as well as full text of communications are also on the website. Forms and applications also appear. Member may also contact specific officers with questions through the “Contact Us” tab.

Master Komski complimented Brother Bill for all the work done on behalf of the Grange. And it has all been volunteer. The database is an intuitive, comprehensive, tool for the State Grange membership. The website is continually changing and being updated.

Master Komski continued by telling the members communication is key. In reorganizing the State Grange, we made some mistakes. We cleaned those mistakes up and learned from them and then we cleaned up again. We had to do perform different moves to put our stake in the ground as to who we are. We also had to claim and control our identity on the web.

Brother Komski added that we must be able to get information to the members by un-filtered means. No Master, or individual, at any level will censor information to members. It is the members’ responsibility to click un-subscribe if they do not want information.

The Mad Mimi account allows a refining the mailing list. To “Want everything”, want just this, or want just newsletters. Communication has been our enemy by not talking with the members. We have to inform individual members.

Grange Expo Director Report –
Katie Squire, Grange Expo Director, reporting

The seeds of the Expo were planted 17 years ago when we were asked how people could enter Grange contests. At that time, programs between GWA and

Lecturers were all different. The Expo shows a cross section of what can be exhibited.

If you visited the Expo Room, then you received a pen. Take that pen and fill out an application to exhibit in the Expo next year.

Auction items to raise money for the Expo will have a pink dot on the card. This is a program that can pay for itself with your continued support.

It was moved by Darlene Wingfield, Kern County Pomona Grange, that the Community Service, Communications and Expo Director reports will be accepted and placed into the Journal of Proceedings. Seconded by Barbara Geiger. Motion carried. Unanimous #3

Invitations for Annual Session.

In considering an invitation for the 2017 and 2018 State Session, a Grange needs to consider housing, parking, heat, capacity, costs for housing and food. The Board would invite any communities who wish to be reviewed for the 2017 Convention.

Location for 2017 Annual Session locations

Ruthie King, delegate from Little Lake Grange, asked for Rachel Britten to speak on her behalf. Rachel asked that Little Lake Grange in Willits be considered for the 2017 Annual Session.

Location for 2018 Annual Session locations

Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, extended an invitation from Sonoma County Pomona Grange for consideration for the 2018 Convention site.

Resolutions / Reports

Agriculture & Water Committee, Michael Evenson, reporting. Brother Michael thanked his committee for going through all of the Handbooks and resolutions during their preparation for the Convention.

2016-010 California Water Priorities

Report of the Committee is unfavorable. It was moved by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange, to accept the report of the committee. Motion seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange. Discussion. Motion carried. Committee recommendation adopted. Resolution lost.

Point of order requested by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, that all Committee Chairmen read the Resolved only, per the Convention Rules. Master Kowski reminded the Chairmen of the Convention Rules.

2016-023 – Lobby for National Farmers Day

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Tereza Coraggio, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, to accept the Committee report. Motion seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange. Discussion. Vote taken. The chair was in doubt. Standing vote requested: 43 votes counted. Aye 21; Nay 24. Committee report rejected.

Resolution is on the floor without recommendation. It was moved by Johnny Squire, Central Union Grange, to reject the resolution. Motion seconded by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange. Vote was taken. The chair was in doubt and called for a standing vote. Votes counted by the Assistant Stewards. There were 48 votes. Aye 29, Nay 19. Motion carried. Resolution rejected.

2016-024 – Label Genetically Engineered Baby Food in California

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, to approve the committee report. Motion was seconded. Vote was taken. The motion was carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2016-028 – Two-tiered Food

Committee report is unfavorable. It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to approve the committee report. Seconded by Johnny Squire, Central Union Grange. Discussion. Delegates requested reason for rejection. Committee chairmen commented. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

2016-031 – Establish Vineyard and Wineries

Committee report is unfavorable. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange to accept report of the committee. Motion seconded by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

2016-037 – Labeling.

Committee report is favorable as amended. It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to accept the committee report. Motion seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. Extensive discussion.

Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange moved the previous question. Motion seconded by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Committee report favorable as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2016-038 – Farmers Declaration of Independence

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange, to adopt the Committee report. Motion seconded by Tereza Coraggio, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange. No discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2016-040 – Grange As Land Steward

Committee report is favorable. It was moved by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, to accept the committee report. Motion seconded by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange

It was moved by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange, to amend the resolution by striking “Militantly” and remove the “s” from “guards”. Motion to amend seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange. Motion carried.

Resolution as amended with favorable report is on the floor. Motion to approve the committee report as amended, carried. Committee report as amended adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2016-041 – Protect Funding for Agricultural Education

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to accept committee report. Motion seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange. Discussion. It was moved by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, to amend the two Resolved to add “California State Grange and the National Grange support...” “and be it further Resolved, the California State Grange and the National Grange...”. Motion declared out of order by Master Komski advising that our policy cannot tell National Grange to support a program.

Joseph Stefenoni advised the resolution was written specifically for California. Funding for Agricultural Education and FFA happen in State Capital and is a state issue. It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to send the resolution back to committee for review. Motion seconded by Suzi Laskowski, Rosedale Grange. Motion carried. Resolution referred back to committee.

2016-043 – Food Waste

Committee Report is unfavorable. Reasons given by the Chairman. It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to accept the committee report. Motion seconded by Suzi Laskowski, Rosedale Grange. Discussion.

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange, to return the resolution to the committee for rewrite. Motion to recommit seconded by Martha Stefenoni, Rincon Valley Grange. Motion carried. Resolution referred back to committee.

Election report

Rosemary Hansen, Chairman of the Election Committee, advised that the last two Delegates have arrived and have voted. Results will be tabulated soon.

Resolution Committee reports continued.

2016-029 Fracturing

Committee report is favorable as amended. Comments on amendment by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, advising the author of the resolution spoke with the committee and approved the amendment to the resolution, feeling the amendment was more powerful than the original.

Committee report is favorable as amended on the floor. It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange, to accept the report as amended. Motion seconded by Tereza Coraggio, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange. Discussion. Delegates voted. Motion carried. Report of committee as favorable amended adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

12:00 PM Lunch recess was called. Lunch hosted by Orangevale Grange.

1:00 PM Session reconvened.

Keynote Speaker

The Keynote Speaker of the Annual Session, Sister Betsy Huber, Master of the National Grange, was escorted to the Master's Station by the Assistant Stewards, and introduced to the delegates and members attending.

Sister Huber was having so much fun having lunch under the trees that she wanted to stay there. Betsy grew up in the Grange and joined Junior Grange at age 5. Currently she is the Secretary of her Subordinate Grange. She served as the State Master of Pennsylvania for 8 years from 2002 to 2010 and on the National Grange Executive Committee. Until her election, she was doing legislative work for the Pennsylvania State Grange.

Betsy told us she was born on a dairy farm. She has always been close to agriculture even though her husband was a bookkeeper and a suburbanite. Husband passed 10 yrs ago from melanoma cancer. Betsy is a third-generation Grange member and there are 4th & 5th Generations of members. She has 3 children 8 grands, and 2 great-grandsons.

Sister Betsy said that when she became National Master she began to set goals.
#1 Communication.

Lack of communication has made everyone feel separated. The members question "What does National Grange do for us? Why do we need to pay them dues?"

Transparency is necessary and the members will have that while Betsy is National Master. The Patrons Chain is an electronic newsletter which has been going out to the members. A printed copy is not affordable to print and mail to every member so emails are necessary. If you do not have email, have another member of your

Grange print out the newsletter and share at the Grange meetings to get the word out.

On the National Grange Website, make a habit of checking it every week or so. Keep up with what is there. Always new things and all of the information for the upcoming National Convention.

Goal #2 – Finances

National Grange is returning to financial stability. Her first duty after the election was to borrow \$1-million. Had to pay the bills. Some of the attorney's bills had not been paid for over a year. Attorneys are currently paid up to date but still going on with the spending. Last year, the budget did provide enough money to pay the interest and principal on the loan, but finances are still very, very tight.

Goal #3 – Membership

Always a priority. Joseph Stefenoni of California is the current Leadership / Membership director. He helps existing State Granges who are struggling or need training to conduct their own recruiting programs. All financial problems would be solved with more members. Don't be selfish – share the Grange with others.

Goal #4 – Teamwork

At National Grange, the Staff is a team. State, Pomona and Subordinate & Committee level are all teams. Work as a team and pull together. Grange is a democratic organization which means the majority rules.

We all love the Grange and get very passionate about it. Even with internal issues, members need to work as a team for the good of the Grange.

National Office – there are fewer staff now than in the past. Most of the office staff had been there for a year or less. All have picked up more duties. Stephanie Tiller, is the Building Manager, Event Planner and Administrative Assistant. Amanda Brozana is the Communications Director. Stephanie Wilkins is the IT Director; Stewart Hughes is the Financial Controller and Loretta Washington is coordinating Member benefits since her hiring in March of 2016. Burton Eller is Legislative Director and Joe Stefenoni is Membership Director. Charlene Espenshade, Youth Director and Lillian Booth, Junior Director both work in the field.

The National Grange building is a large source of income to the Grange. It is an eleven-story building in DC. The Master's Office overlooks the White House. The National Grange used to be on two floors. Those floors have been combined so all of the staff is now on the 11th Floor.

The last few months, everyone has been in the basement cleaning out the storage areas. The Grange Store materials were down there. Half of it is empty with the goal to rent it out and use it for income.

Next job is the sub-basement. Full of filing cabinets packed with papers that may or may not be historic. Need volunteers to go through the papers and digitize them.

Tenants are fully rented and are very happy to be there. They say the staff is responsive to their needs and very friendly. They like the close proximity to the White House.

National Grange has been struggling for a long time to preserve the trademark, emblem and name. There has been a part-time person managing the trademark by negotiating licenses and doing the necessary research. They are taking a summer off to study for the bar exam. Every week we find new violators and it involves negotiating with them. Most are just ignorant and they need to change the name or pay a license fee.

National Grange just completed filming a 5-min spotlight on the Grange for the Public Broadcasting System. All of the filming was done in one day. The finished script and splicing are now in progress. Millions of people will find out what the Grange is about. This was all funded by donations from the Grange Foundation, Grange Advocacy Group and Potomac Grange #1.

Grange Store:

All of the Grange Store supplies were stored in the basement. As of July 1st, National Grange will turn the operation of the store for promotional items and jewelry over to Monroe Classics. There will no longer be a need to have an employee purchase the inventory or do the shipping. The membership awards, seals, certificates, and Secretary supplies will still be ordered from National Grange directly. Members will not notice a difference, but it will alleviate staffing in the National Grange.

150th Anniversary.

We expect a big crowd this year. Visitors Guest tour will be a nighttime tour of the monuments around DC. One of the main speakers will be the United States Secretary of Agriculture, Bill Saxe, at the Wednesday Breakfast. President Obama has been invited, but we have not received a response yet.

Betsy closed by telling us it is an honor to represent the Grange as the National Master. If members have any concerns or want to talk, she is happy to talk and hear what is going on. Looking forward to meeting with everyone over the next two days.

Sister Betsy was presented with a gift from California by State Master Ed Komski.

Master Ed remarked that the National Master has made a genuine difference in how we deal with the National office. She is informed of everything going on in California. We know what has happened in California very well, and we are apologetic of what has been done to the Delegate body of the National Grange. But, we are moving forward.

Election Results

Rosemary Hansen, Chairman of the Election Committee, announced results of the balloting.

Master: 59 Ballots Cast

Ed Kowski	58
Blank	1

Ed Kowski, San Diego County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Master of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Overseer: 59 Ballots Cast

Joshua Harper	40
Jan Saxton	19

Joshua Harper, Sacramento County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Overseer of the California State Grange, for the ensuing term.

Lecturer: 59 Ballots Cast

Katie Squire	35
Annie Waters	24

Katie Squire, Fresno County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Lecturer of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Steward: 59 Ballots Cast

Randy Turnquist	34
Vickie Bridges	24
Blank	1

Randy Turnquist, Santa Cruz County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Steward of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Assistant Steward: 59 Ballots Cast

Brandon Nebitt	57
Blank	2

Brandon Nebitt, Kern County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Assistant Steward of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Lady Assistant Steward: 59 Ballots Cast
Suzi Laskowski 28
Christina Webster 14
Ruthie King 16
One ballot declared invalid by the Election Committee

There being no majority, there will be a run-off between Suzi Laskowski and Ruthie King. At this time Ruthie King withdrew her name from the ballot. The run-off will be between Suzi Laskowski and Christina Webster.

Chaplain: 59 Ballots Cast
Barbara Geiger 57
Blank 2

Barbara Geiger, Monterey County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Chaplain of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Treasurer: 59 Ballots Cast
Harold "Bud" Hill 27
Gary Abreim 30
Blank 2

Gary Abreim, Sonoma County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Treasurer of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Secretary: 59 Ballots Cast
Lillian Booth 56
Blank 3

Lillian Booth, Butte County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Secretary of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Gatekeeper: 59 Ballots Cast
Vince Scholten 40
Michael Lampke 17

Vince Scholten, Sonoma County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Gatekeeper of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Ceres: 59 Ballots Cast
LoRee Lampke 20
Ruthie King 22
Lauren Nebitt 12
Blank 3

There being no majority of votes cast, there will be a run-off between LoRee Lampke and Ruthie King.

Pomona: 59 Ballots Cast
Nola Martini 37
Sherry Bryant 18
Blank 3
Ruthie King 1

Nola Martini, Santa Clara County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Pomona of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Flora: 59 Ballots Cast
Jayme West 20
Lauren Nebitt 18
Emily Turnquist 17
Blank 4

There being no majority of votes cast, there will be a run-off between Jayme West and Lauren Nebitt.

Executive Committee – 3 years: 59 Ballots Cast
Robert Clouse 44
Jan Saxton 9
Tereza Coraggio 6

Robert “Bob” Clouse, Sacramento County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Executive Committee – 3 years of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Executive Committee – 2 years: 59 Ballots Cast
Inger Bevans 31
Randy Turnquist 9
Kent Westwood 18
Election Committee declared one ballot as invalid

Inger Bevans, Monterey County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Executive Committee – 2 years of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Executive Committee – 1 year: 59 Ballots cast
 Johnny Squire 26
 Jerry Allen 33

Jerry Allen, Sonoma County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Executive Committee – 1 year, of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Musician: 59 Ballots Cast
 Martha Stefenoni 56
 Blank 3

Martha Stefenoni, Sonoma County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Pomona of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Run-off ballots will be prepared for the offices of Ceres, Flora & Lady Assistant Steward. The delegates will be advised as soon as the ballots are prepared and the polls opened.

Resolution Committee Reports

Education & Health, Jan Saxton reporting.

2016-025 – Computer Literacy

Committee report is Favorable as Amended. The resolved as amended reads: *That the California State Grange will develop a voluntary program of computer education of all Grangers in order to better communicate among the membership.* It was moved by Suzi Laskowski to accept the committee report as favorable as amended. Motion seconded by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange. Motion carried. Resolution adopted as amended.

2016-026 – Physical Education in Schools

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason given by the Chairman is this is present policy of the California State Grange. It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange, to adopt the committee report. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

2016-032 – Charter Schools

Committee report is unfavorable. Reason given by the Chairman is this is present policy. It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, to accept the

Committee report. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee

Bill Booth, Chairman, reporting.

Resolution 2016-015 transferred to Audit & Budget Committee. Resolution 2016-036 transferred to the Agriculture & Water Committee.

2016-013 Board of Directors Meeting

Committee report is favorable, and so moved. Motion seconded by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted

2016-016 – Grange Legal Committee

Committee report is unfavorable, and so moved. Motion seconded by Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange. Report adopted. Resolution rejected.

2016-017R – Lessons from the Conflict....

Committee report is favorable as rewritten and so moved. Motion seconded by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. Discussion. Sister Betsy Huber was asked to comment. She advised there is already a committee appointed to review the National Grange Digest to change it, update it, and make sure the process is the best it can be.

Vote taken. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2016-018 – Conflict of Interest

Committee report is unfavorable and so moved. Motion seconded by Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange. Reasons given. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

2016-020R – Heritage Grange Program

Committee report is favorable as rewritten, and so moved. Motion seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange. Discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted. Master Komski referred the resolution to the newly elected Lecturer, Katie Squire, for development and implementation.

2016-030 – Pomona Grange Training

Committee report is favorable as amended, and so move. Motion seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2016-033 – Audit Requirements for Granges

Committee report is favorable as amended, and so moved. Motion seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona.

Extensive discussion centered around the possible problem with all subordinates to audit because it can be costly.

It was moved by Sherry Bryan, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange to amend line 28 to remove “submit” and insert “substitute”. Motion seconded. Motion Carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion. Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, moved the previous question. Seconded by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Resolution favorable as amended on the floor. Vote taken, motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

Worthy Master called for a recess at this time to stretch.

Session reconvened.

Grange Law /Grange Growth & Development continued

Bill Booth reporting.

2016-034R - Define Campaigning in National Grange Digest

Committee report is favorable as rewritten, and so moved. Motion seconded by Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2016-035 – Inter-Grange Communication Network (IGCN)

Committee report is to refer the resolution to an interim Grange Law Committee for future action, and so moved. Agreed by the author of the resolution. Motion seconded by Vickie Bridges, Morgan Hill Grange. Motion adopted. Resolution to be referred to an interim Grange Law Committee.

2016-036 – Support for Grange Farm School

Resolution has been referred to the Agriculture and Water Committee and will be accepted for action

2016-039 – Timely Review

Committee report is favorable as amended on Line 8 “formatted printed and sent to all Community Granges” insert “posted” and so moved. Motion seconded. Discussion.

It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to refer back to interim Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development committee for additional research and development. Motion seconded by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange. Motion carried. Resolution referred to Interim Committee.

2016-044 – Reverted Trust Funds

Committee report is favorable, and so moved. Motion seconded by Vickie Bridges, Morgan Hill Grange. Discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2016-045 – Grange Youth Fair Participation. Committee will review the resolution.

2016-011 – Grange Membership

Committee recommendation is unfavorable and so moved. Motion seconded by Joe Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. Discussion. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

2016-012 – Mission Statement

Committee report is favorable as amended, and so moved. Motion seconded by Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange.

Sherry Bryan Little Lake Grange, moved to amend the Resolved, and then withdrew her amendment. Lauren Nebitt, Rosedale Grange, moved to amend the Resolved by adding "environmental and". Motion died for lack of second.

It was moved by Annie Waters, Little Lake Grange to amend the resolved at Line 11 by adding after "Farmland" the words "and environmental" before "preservation". Motion seconded by Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange. Motion carried. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended with favorable recommendation on the floor. Extensive discussion on the resolution as amended.

Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, Squire moved to recommit to the Grange Law/Grange Growth & Development Committee for further research. Motion seconded by Sherry Bryan, Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange. Discussion to recommit. Vote was called. Master Kowski being undecided requested a standing count. Votes counted by the Assistant Stewards. Total votes were 49. Yea: 27, Nay: 22. Motion to recommit was carried. Resolution referred back to Committee.

Election Results

Rosemary Hansen, Chairman of the Election Committee announced election results of Ballot #2

Lady Assistant Steward: 58 Ballots Cast
Suzi Laskowski 45
Christina Webster 13

Suzi Laskowski, Kern County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Lady Assistant Steward of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Ceres: 58 Ballots Cast
LoRee Lampke 26
Ruthie King 31
Joseph Stefenoni 1

Ruthie King, Mendocino County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Ceres of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

Flora: 58 Ballots Cast
Jayme West 34
Lauren Nebitt 23
Emily Turnquist 1

Jayme West, San Diego County, accepted the office and was declared elected as the Flora of the California State Grange for the ensuing term.

The Election Committee's duties are completed. The written tallies were given to the Secretary to hold for 30 days before destruction.
The committee was thanked by the Worthy Master for a job well done.

Citizenship and Taxation

Lucette Moramarco, Chairman, reporting.

2016-009 – Corporations Are Not People

Resolution was combined with 2016-022, using 2016-009

Committee report is favorable as amended, and so moved. Motion seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. Discussion. Motion carried. Committee report as amended is adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2016-027 – Congressional Support of the US Postal Service

Committee report is favorable as amended, and so moved. Seconded by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange. Discussion

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange, to amend the resolution by striking the words "and to find" and insert "support funding of". Seconded by Amanda Thomas DeSabra Grange. Discussion. Vote taken. Chair is uncertain,

requested a standing count. Votes counted by the Assistant Stewards. Total of 34 votes taken. Yea: 19 Nay: 15. Amendment carried.

Resolution favorable as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Report as amended adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2016-022 – Protections of the Constitution are for People Not Corporations
Resolution was rejected by the committee and combined with Resolution 2016-009.

2016-001 – Vote By Shopping And Saving Locally Resolution
Committee report is favorable as amended, and so moved. Motion seconded by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange. Motion carried. Committee report of favorable as amended adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2016-002 – Property Tax Reduction
Committee report is unfavorable, and so moved. Motion seconded. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost.

2016-003 – New State Law Financing
Committee report is unfavorable, and so moved. Reason given by Chairman is this is already Grange policy. Motion seconded by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution lost

2016-004 – Veterans
Committee report is unfavorable, and so moved. Motion seconded by Bud Hill, Empire Grange. Discussion.

It was moved by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, to substitute the resolution for the committee report. Motion seconded by Annie Waters, Little Lake Grange. Motion carried.

Resolution is on the floor with no recommendation. Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange, moved to adopt the resolution as written. Motion seconded by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange. Discussion. Friendly amendment asking to amend "chapters" to "Granges" on Line 9. Accepted.

It was moved by Martha Stefenoni, Rincon Valley Grange, to amend the resolution by removing "ALL" in the title and removing the first resolved. Motion seconded by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange. No discussion on the amendment. Motion carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Discussion continued. Motion by Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange, for previous question. Motion seconded by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. Motion carried. Debate closed.

Resolution as amended on the floor. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended adopted.

Communication received from Roger & Melanie Bostwick from Kansas State Grange, wishing California a successful 141st Annual Session.

Delegates agreed to reconvene the business session after the Degree Conferral.

Recess called for dinner and Degree Night Conferral. Bible was closed on the alter by the Assistant Stewards.

The Degree of Pomona, 5th Degree was exemplified by a team under the direction of Martha Stefenoni. 20 candidates received the Degree of Pomona.

The Degree of Flora was exemplified by the State Grange Officers under the direction of Bob Clouse. 21 candidates received the Degree of Flora. Names of the candidates will be published in the Journal of Proceedings. Degree cards and certificates were presented to the recipients.

After the Degrees were completed, the business session reconvened.

Citizenship and Taxation continued

Lucette Moramarco, Chairman, reporting

2016-005 – Fees, Taxes and Tolls

Committee report is favorable, and so moved. Motion seconded by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange. No discussion. Motion carried. Committee report adopted. Resolution Adopted.

2016-006 – Resigning with Dignity

Committee report is favorable, and so moved. Motion seconded by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange. Discussion. Motion made by Leroy Squire, Kings Pomona Grange, to reject the report of the committee. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Martha Stefenoni to amend the resolution by striking the word “such” from line 13. Motion seconded by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange. No Discussion. Amendment carried.

Resolution as amended on the floor with favorable report from the committee. Discussion. It was moved by Jerry Allen to insert the wording “to prevent incumbent elected leaders from receiving salary for their office while running for other elected positions”. Then strike out the balance. Motion seconded by Dale Baker, Orangevale

Grange. Discussion. It was determined the amendment is out of order because it changes the intent of the resolution.

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange, refer the resolution back to the committee. Motion seconded by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. Discussion. Motion carried. Resolution recommitted to the Committee

2016-007 – Double charging for Fire

Committee report is unfavorable, and so moved. Motion seconded by Bud Hill, Empire Grange. Discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution lost.

2016-008 – Prohibit Vote Changing

Committee report is favorable as amended, and so moved. Motion seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. Discussion. Committee report is adopted. Resolution adopted.

2016-021 – CA Public Bank

Committee report is unfavorable, and so moved. Motion seconded by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange. Discussion.

It was moved by Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, to substitute the resolution for the Committee's Report. Motion seconded. Discussion. Voting taken. The Chair is in doubt and requested a standing count. Votes counted by the Assistant Stewards. 35 voting. Aye: 16. Nay: 19. Motion to substitute failed.

Resolution with an unfavorable report on the floor. Division of the house requested with a re-vote.

Worthy Master requested a total number of delegates in the house at this time of 9:51 PM. Delegates were counted. 43 delegates to vote.

Standing vote taken by the Assistant Stewards. 38 voting. Aye: 16. Nay: 22. Motion to substitute the resolution for the committee report failed.

Committee report of unfavorable on the floor. Discussion. Vote taken. Chair is in doubt and requested standing vote. 38 voting. Aye: 19. Nay: 22. Committee report rejected. Resolution is on the floor with no recommendation.

It was moved by Jerry Allen, Sonoma Pomona Grange, Sonoma, to adopt the resolution. Motion seconded by Annie Waters, Little Lake Grange. Discussion.

It was moved by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange, to mend the resolution by changing the word "initiate" and insert "support". Motion seconded by Bill Booth,

DeSabra Grange. No discussion. Motion carried. Resolution as amended on the floor for adoption. Vote taken. Motion carried. Resolution as amended is adopted.

Closing of the Grange.

The second day of the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange closed at 10:00 pm in the Fourth Degree.

Worthy Master, Ed Kowski conducted Worthy Flora, Jayme West in the march to the Feast of Flora, accompanied by the officers, the newest Sixth Degree members, and all assembled.

The Degree Feast of Flora of strawberries and homemade shortcake and whipped cream was hosted by members of Aromas Grange.

A good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

**Day 3
Sunday, June 26, 2016**

The third day of the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange began with a continental breakfast hosted by the Orangevale Grange.

At 8:30am the Grange Expo entries were released to the participants, under the direction of Katie Squire, Expo Director.

The Final day of the Session began with the opening of the Grange in the 4th Degree by the State Officers, Master Ed Kowski presiding.

Roll Call of Officers found all officers present.

Reading of and approval of Minutes of Day 2

It was moved by Bud Hill, Empire Grange, to accept the minutes as read. Motion Seconded. Motion carried. It was noted that any proofreading and/or grammatical errors will be corrected before publishing in the Journal of Proceedings.

Resolution Processing

Agriculture & Water Committee

Johnny Squire reporting for Chairman Michael Evenson who had to leave last night.

2016-041R – Protect Funding for Agriculture Education.

Committee report is favorable, and so moved. Seconded by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange. No discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

2016-042 -- Ag Extension Funding

Committee report is favorable. Seconded by Sandra Wingfield, Rosedale Grange. No discussion. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution adopted.

Brother Squire advised that the Agriculture and Water Committee report is complete.

Grange Law & Grange Growth & Development Committee

Chairman, Bill Booth Reporting.

2016-045 – Grange Youth Fair Participation

Resolution amended in Committee. Committee report favorable as amended. Seconded by Rich Saxe, Aromas Grange. Motion carried. Report of favorable as amended adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

2016-012R -- Mission Statement

Committee report is favorable as rewritten. Seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange.

Jan Saxton, Aromas Grange, moved to amend the resolution by inserting "grow as individuals and" after the word "communities". Seconded by Vickie Bridges, Morgan Hill Grange. Amendment on the floor. Discussion. Jan Saxton withdrew her amendment, accepted by the maker of the Second. Amendment withdrawn.

It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to recommit this resolution to the Interim Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee for more research and development. Seconded by Dale Baker, Orangevale Grange. Discussion. Vote taken, the Chair was uncertain. Master Komski requested a standing count. Votes counted by the Assistant Stewards. Total of 41 votes counted. Aye: 21 Nay: 20

Master Komski asked for all eligible delegates to please stand to be counted. Count is: 42 delegates in the room.

Master Komski declared the motion carried from the original standing count. Motion to recommit to Interim Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development carried. Resolution recommitted.

It was moved by Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, to reaffirm the California State Grange Mission Statement which was printed several years ago. Seconded by Bud Hill, Empire Grange. Discussion. Mission statement reads: "The Granges of California provide opportunities to enhance your communities today, for the generations of tomorrow, by promoting growth through family, community and grassroots legislative action."

It was moved by Ruthie King, Little Lake Grange, to amend the statement to add "agriculture" after community. Seconded by Sandra Wingfield, Rosedale Grange. Point of order called by Bill Booth, DeSabra Grange, stating the amendment changes the intent of the original motion which was to affirm the current Mission Statement. Master Komski called the amendment out of order

Motion as made was on the floor. Delegates voted. Motion carried. Mission statement is approved.

Worthy Secretary Lillian, requested the Agriculture & Water Committee to report on Resolution 2016-036 Support for the Grange Farm School. Per Brother Johnny Squire, this resolution was withdrawn by the maker. No action taken on this resolution.

Worthy Secretary announced the Resolution Committee work was completed at this time.

Installation of Officers

The Installation of Officers of the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange was conducted by Betsy Huber, Master of the National Grange. She was assisted by Christina Fletcher and Amanda Thomas as Emblem and Regalia Bearers. Emily Turnquist acted as the Installing Marshall.

Recognition

Master Komski requested that the Assistant Stewards present Sister Katie Squire, Sister Martha Stefenoni and Brother Bill Booth to the Master's Station. He then recognized them as Chairmen of the respective Departments, Grange Expo, Community Service and Communications. He thanked them for their time and efforts.

Grange Builder Awards

Granges having a net increase in membership for the calendar year 2015 were presented to:

Merced Colony Grange	Buena Vista Grange
Rainbow Valley Grange	Orangevale Grange
Central Union Grange	Rosedale Grange
Bellevue Grange	Rincon Valley Grange
Dixon Grange	

Anniversary Awards were presented to:

Westside Grange	10 years
Kern-Buena Vista Grange	10 years
Ramona Grange	80 years
Cloverdale Grange	85 years

Worthy Master Komski asked the Assistants to present Lillian Booth Secretary at the Master's Station. Brother Ed presented Sister Lillian with flowers and a gift from the Grange members. He sincerely thanked her for the work and effort that she has put forth on behalf of the members of the Grange and for the work on the Convention.

Sister Lillian asked Brother Ed & Sister Cynthia to stand. On behalf of the members of the California State Grange, Ed & Cynthia were presented with a framed, etched mirror celebrating the 141st Annual Session as a thank you for all of their work for the past year on behalf of the Grange.

Sister Lillian asked Dale Baker to come to the Master's Station. As the representative for Orangevale Grange, Brother Dale was presented an etched mirror memorializing the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange hosted by Orangevale Grange, as a thank you to the membership for all of their efforts to host the session at Orangevale Grange.

Memorial Service

The Memorial Service was presented by Worthy Chaplain Bill Compton, Sister Joan Compton & Sister Barbara Geiger.

Brother and Sister Compton were thanked sincerely for their service to the Grange. Brother Bill was thanked for all of his efforts as the Chaplain this last year. Brother Compton wished everyone well and will see us next year.

Session reconvened.

Brother Ed introduced Emily Turnquist, Aptos Grange, and Christy Tatum, Orangevale Grange, as the Co-Directors of the Youth Department.

Raffle prizes were awarded. Project netted \$270 to be split between Youth & Junior Grange funds.

Items from the Grange Expo were auctioned with Joseph Stefenoni acting as auctioneer. He truly deserves his newly earned certified auctioneer certification.

It was moved by Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange, that the Executive Committee study the practicality and feasibility of moving the annual convention date to a later time of the year. Seconded by Martha Stefenoni, Rincon Valley Grange. Discussion. Comments were made regarding the concerns of teachers who go back to work in mid-August and to consider that in the decision. The Agriculture Committee members commended that any month the Session is held will conflict with some in the agricultural industry because of the year-round growing seasons. Master Kowski stated due diligence will be utilized during the discussion with the Board of Directors. We also want to avoid conflict with Oregon & Washington State Sessions in order to build relationships between the west coast members. Vote taken. Motion carried.

Upon review by the Worthy Secretary, it was determined that one resolution had not been processed.

Citizenship & Taxation Committee

Lucette Moramarco reporting.

2016-006R – No Campaigning on Taxpayers Money

Committee report is favorable as re-written. Seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. Motion carried. Report adopted. Resolution as amended adopted.

The Worthy Secretary advised that NOW all of the business is complete.

Lauren Nebitt, Rosedale Grange requested a personal privilege. She read an original poem called "Always Remember to Forget". The full text will be printed in the Journal of Proceedings.

Resolution of Appreciation

Presented by Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange.

Katie Squire, Central Union Grange, moved to accept the resolution of appreciation.

Seconded by Barbara Geiger, Prunedale Grange. Motion carried. Unanimously!!!!

Resolution will be printed in the Journal of proceedings.

Announcement:

Worthy Master announced that the Policy Statements, if completed, are to be given to the State Secretary. If not completed, the Chairmen have seven days to complete and turn into the State Secretary.

Closing of the Grange

The labors of the day having been completed, the Grange proceeded to close in the Fourth Degree. The Flag was retired by the Assistant Stewards and Worthy Ceres, Ruthie King.

The members gathered around the Altar in the center of the floor. Closing song "God Be with You 'til We Meet Again" was sung in the circle. Worthy Master Ed Kowski declared the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange duly closed until we meet again next year. One rap of the gavel closed the Grange.

Fraternally submitted,

Lillian Booth, Secretary

California State Grange

STATE MASTER'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

Brothers and Sisters,

A State Master's Address can be daunting. I have been thinking about this and looking for inspiration in many different areas. As many of you may know, I fly commercially many days out of the year. Commercial airline carriers provide flights for tens of thousands of people each day, all across the United States.

Cynthia and I were on a Southwest Airlines flight recently. Of course, there are the typical magazines in the pocket in front. I fly so much I was not paying attention to the publications. Cynthia nudged me and said, "Look at this!" And me thinking it was another airline gadget to buy, decided to be a good husband and listen to my wife. So, I look, and I realize she is showing me where the Grange is named in the magazine. The article was a review of the Grange restaurant in Sacramento along with information about the Grange organization.

Finding the Grange name in a magazine seen by tens of thousands of people each day really blew me away. The enormity of what our Grange name means and how far-reaching the reputation and honor of our name truly hit home that day.

We, as Grange members, need to take ownership in our pride and the brand integrity the name Grange gives us. We do not need to reinvent the Grange – we need to repurpose. We need to investigate and understand our Grange.

Our Grange name has been subject to a trademark issue. The name alone carries the status of honor and high integrity. It's like knowing what Kleenex means – you know the name and have an expectation of the type of product and the quality. Our Grange is quality. It is an expectation. When you are eating at a restaurant with the name Grange – you expect a certain quality of food, service, and experience.

We need to stop worrying about what we cannot be. We have to stop worrying about how the Grange is organized. We need to give the ritual and laws respect. We can find the future in all of these things by reviewing the lessons of the past. How many organizations are 150 years old? Why do we need to reinvent a good thing?

Today, we start a new flight. We are moving forward with new programs. Those who want to come along are welcome, within the appropriate framework. Many people are here today because they are interested in safety, food labeling, crafts, music, and so many more interests. Take it all and run with it – with a passion! The platform you believe in has value in this organization. It is your time to run with that. Tell your fellow members what they can do to help you achieve your goals. We are all responsible for the future of the Grange.

The history and integrity of the Grange are solid, as long as we continue to abide by the structure. That is our integrity. That is the line we do not go past. Stay in your swim lane, working on your strengths and what you bring to the organization. Understand what is happening in the other swim lanes, but focus on your own swim lane. The values we portray drive integrity and are part of the process.

Through this whole process, people were calling me to ask about election of officers. Do you know what a process is? It is organic. Individually you need to do research, follow your heart and mind, understand what you believe creates a good officer position in the Grange. It does not involve a group building a campaign around one person or one issue. What it does involve is integrity – and that is doing the research and voting the way your research has led you and vote for the good of the Grange.

We do not know enough about each other. Ask every Master here in the coming year and discover something you didn't know about them before. When you bring in new members, find out about them – hobbies, education, music, etc., this will help jump start the relationship. The Master of the Grange is the head administrator of their particular Grange. By knowing your members, you are cross-collateralizing the members' support. I was at a meeting where I met two members of the same Grange. They were both involved in agriculture and did not even know it. The Master needs to know the members in order to bring them together.

Members do not have to ask permission to go to the State Legislature. If it is Grange policy, and you are driven to support a policy, do it. It is not my job to tell you what to do. It is your job to fulfill the requests and requirements of your membership.

Being a Community/Subordinate Grange Master is more difficult than that of a State Grange Master. You have the responsibility of your community. You are meeting people every day. The Grange has to do a better job of meeting the needs of the communities. Some Granges have it dialed in, like Aromas Grange, because they are good listeners. You are the engine behind the entire Grange vehicle.

Without you, and your members, there is no State Grange. The State Grange is its own division of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry. From National Grange to State Grange to the Pomona and then to the Community Granges, we are all connected. The State Grange is organized to assist the Subordinate/Community Granges.

We need to understand the divisions of the Order and the responsibilities that go with those divisions. The divisions respond to you, the members. What we do as a State Grange responds to you. I am a person who does not want a bunch of "yes" people on my team. I look for and need a balance of opposing viewpoints. Many people say, "Oh, my Board did this, and I am opposed." And I ask, "In opposition to

what?" We need to know all sides of the issue and then move forward for the good of the Grange.

There are times to be receptive to an idea or concept. Think on it, ponder. It may cause you to have trouble sleeping. Respect others, try to understand, then react.

The Value of the Grange, to many of you, is undecided and unknown. Many of you have not really had those "moments" like I have had. Moments like interacting with Will Shaw. Having our Regalia returned and worn this week. Amazing moments. Look for moments of value. The Grange is going to give you them, I am certain. These may be moments experienced only by you through a personal passionate perspective. But be on the lookout.

What is Grange? Quality not quantity. Think about that. I want people in the Grange who I can call like Mike Evenson. I can say, "I'm in the area. Can I park in your Grange Hall lot for the day?" And he, like so many others, will open their doors to another member of the Grange.

There is no other way to say it, so let me leave you with this statement –
We Are The Grange.

Fraternally submitted,
Ed Kowski, Master
California State Grange.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Worthy Master, National Master, State Officers, Honored Guests, and members of the California State Grange,

As your State Grange Treasurer, I would like to thank you for attending this annual session and for the faith you have in our State Grange. We are striving to renew and grow our Grange.

This past year has seen the California state Grange make many advances back to the Grange that we all love and grew up with. We have overcome many obstacles, and the road back is nearing an end. The Worthy Master has addressed the issues that have transpired and those that lay ahead of us. It is my sincere desire that we will all work together to bring back our State Grange.

The statement of financial position for the Grange of the State of California for the year ending December 31, 2015, is as follows:

Total assets \$34,428.03

Total liabilities and equity of \$32,428.03

These figures cover revenue and expenditures. They do not reflect funds that are frozen by court order or any structural assets.

I stepped aside as the California State Grange Treasurer in 2001 after 20 years in that position. I want to thank you for allowing me to return last year to fill the position again. It is my wish that we all have a great convention, and that you return home safely in the knowledge that your California State Grange is in good hands, and is growing again.

Fraternally,

Harold D. "Bud" Hill
Treasurer, California State Grange.

Balance Sheet

**The Grange of the State of California
Balance Sheet
(Cash Basis)**

	<u>12-31-15</u>	<u>5-31-16</u>	<u>Notes</u>
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash	5,059	24,822	
Due From Granges	-	1,117	
Prepaid Legal Retainer	20,000	20,000	
Total Current Assets	<u>25,059</u>	<u>45,939</u>	
Other Assets			
Escrow Account - UC Davis (Note)	-	-	4
Cash Held in Custodial Account	7,369	102,377	9
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>32,428</u>	<u>148,316</u>	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Cash Held in Custodial Account	7,369	102,377	9
Total Liabilities	<u>7,369</u>	<u>102,377</u>	
Equity	25,059	45,939	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>32,428</u>	<u>148,316</u>	

Budget Report

**The Grange of the State of California
Profit and Loss
(Cash Basis)**

	Year Ended 12-31-15		Actual	Budget	Notes
	Actual	Budget	5 mos 5-31-16	12 mos 12-31-16	
INCOME					
GIA Funds	116,500	115,000	60,359	118,109	
Membership Dues	26,604	24,000	41,094	83,513	5
Other Program Income	5,231	-	-	6,300	
Total Income	148,335	139,000	101,453	207,922	
EXPENSES					
Dues to National Grange	10,860	5,700	17,157	46,141	6
Legal Fees	164,023	120,000	14,978	45,067	
Audit & Accounting	2,470	2,500	-	15,680	7
Officers Compensation	56,400	56,400	23,500	55,200	
Payroll Related Expenses	6,162	7,200	3,026	7,031	
Travel & Meetings	26,238	19,600	13,031	24,331	
Related to Purpose	30,618	18,000	5,785	29,983	
Insurance	100	-	-	1,875	
Revocation Contingency Fund	-	-	-	4,500	8
Other Operating Expenses	1,703	2,000	3,097	3,097	
Total Expenses	298,573	231,400	80,573	232,904	
Net Income (Loss)	(150,238)	(92,400)	20,880	(24,982)	
Operating Cash Bal End of Period	5,059	82,897	24,822	(21,040)	

**The Grange of the State of California
Statement of Cash Flow
(Cash Basis)**

	12-31-15	5-31-16
Cash Balance - Beginning of Period	155,297	5,059
Net Income (Loss)	(150,238)	20,880
Adjustments to Net Income (Loss)		
Due from Granges		- (1,117)
Cash Balance - End of Period	<u>5,059</u>	<u>24,822</u>

The Grange of the State of California Notes to Financial Statements

- 1 Financials and budget statements are prepared on cash basis.
- 2 Assume no conclusion of legal conflict in 2016 that would result in merging/acquisition of assets and liabilities held by Guild nor conversion of custodial assets to State.
- 3 No provision for any recoveries of legal expenses or court awards
- 4 UC Davis rent of approximately \$11,000/mo is being held in an court ordered escrow account. Certain property expenses are paid from this account. These amounts began to accumulate starting in April 2016. Amounts not reflected in financial statements since release and timing of release is uncertain.
- 5 Membership dues based on 2,865 members as of 6-21-16. No provision for possible increases from Granges coming over during the remainder of 2016 to get in good standing nor any provision for the collection of past due dues for these Granges. Dues \$7.50 per quarter.
- 6 No provision for the payment of any dues owed by California State Grange to National for dues collected by Guild. Dues \$7.00 per quarter.
- 7 Includes provision for \$12,000 audit fee for 2014 & 2015 audits.
- 8 Contingency provision for possible expenses related to Subordinate revocations.
- 9 Custodial Funds

Clovis Sanger Fowler	95,007
East Palo Alto	<u>7,370</u>
	<u><u>102,377</u></u>

COMMUNICATIONS

No communications were received for this Annual Session.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

As approved by the Delegates at the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange

California State Grange California State Grange Executive Board Meeting June 28, 2015 - Orangevale Grange Hall

The Board of Directors met at the close of the 140th Annual Session of the California State Grange in the Orangevale Grange Hall on June 28, 2015 at 1:34 pm.

Members present were: Ed Komski, Master/President/CEO; Mike Warner, Overseer; Lillian Booth, Secretary; Bob Clouse, Inger Bevans, and Johnny Squire, Executive Committee members.

Discussion regarding donation to Orangevale Grange for the use of the Hall for the Annual Session. They spent money to get the hall ready, painting inside and out, flowers, plants, and general updating the building to host the convention. They have asked for nothing and volunteered many hours. Motion was made by Warner to donate \$1,800 (equivalent of three days rental to a Grange member) to Orangevale Grange. Seconded by Booth. Aye: Squire, Bevans, Warner, Booth, and Komski. Bob Clouse abstained from the discussion and voting. Motion carried. Secretary Booth was directed to send a thank you letter and the check to Orangevale Grange.

Legal update discussion was held.

It was moved by Clouse to approve the minutes of the final day of the Annual Session upon review. Seconded by Bevans. Aye: Clouse, Bevans, Booth, Squire, Komski and Warner.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

California Stage Grange Board Meeting Minutes Saturday, September 26, 2015, Fairfax Grange Hall, Bakersfield, California

The Board members of the California State Grange met at Fairfax Grange hall on Saturday September 26, 2015 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by Master/President, Ed Komski.

1. Roll Call of officers

Master/President, Ed Komski, Executive Committee Members, Bob Clouse, Johnny Squire, and Inger Bevans; Overseer, Mike Warner, and Secretary, Lillian Booth. All officers present -

Other members present were: Bill Booth, Katie Squire, and Suzi Laskowski

Closed Session called at 09:22 am to discuss legal matters. Other members were excused from the room. Closed session ended at 10:00 am.

Members joined the meeting at 10:00 am.

Flag salute was led by Ed Kowski.

Report of Closed session: No action items taken during the closed session.

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

- a. Minutes of the 3rd Day of the Annual Session June 28, 2015 were read. Motion by Warner to approved as corrected. Seconded by Bevans. AYE: Kowski, Warner, Clouse, Squire, Bevans, & Booth. NAY: None
- b. Board meeting June 28, 2015 after the Annual Session Motion by Bevans to approve as read. Seconded by Warner. AYE: Kowski, Warner, Clouse, Squire, Bevans, & Booth. NAY: None

3. Financial Reports

Financial reports were distributed to the Board members for review.

4. Communications

None received

5. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans

Per public information available, 101 Granges are in compliance with the Franchise Tax Board in California and Internal Revenue Service. 22 Granges have received their own independent non-profit status. These Granges are not under the Group filing per the 1160 Forms. 501 (c) (8) and (c) (10) corporations can give a tax-deductible receipt for donations received for the general purposes of the organization.

In the last 90 days of the year, the organization holding the group exemption has to send updated list of participants to IRS for the group exemption. After that, the parent organization cannot change the group list without the express written permission of the Subordinate/Community Grange participating.

California State Grange is able to apply for and obtain a group exemption with the IRS

Recommended by Bob Clouse that we get two or three other members to work with Inger and get a letter and handbook to the Granges.

The California State Grange Corporation was originally filed as a 501(c)(5) non-profit. This needs to be updated to a 501(c) (10) corporation. Motion by Clouse, seconded by Bevans, to authorize the State Grange Secretary to prepare application for 501(c) (10) and to sign check for the \$850 filing fee. AYE: Komski, Warner, Clouse, Bevans, Squire, and Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Newsletter is ready to print with the exception of two articles still needed.

General discussion about the cost of postage and necessity of a non-profit postage permit.

Ed Komski will look at a bulk newspaper in his area to print and mail the newsletter under their bulk permit.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Designs for pins awards for expo / Youth Fair program. Has not talked with Mike regarding cost. Round pin with emblem in the middle – different colored rings for the awards. And Grange Fair programs throughout the United States can use the design for Fair participants.

6. Old Business

a. Legal Decisions

Trademark – ruled and decided in a court order in favor of the national Grange. The remaining two issues deal with damages. These will be withdrawn by the National Grange to enforce the order,

State of California case – the ruling is in favor of the properly chartered California State Grange. In April is 2013, all assets should have been handed over.

Injunction has been filed regarding any encumbrance or sale of any California State Grange property.

b. By-Laws Template for Subordinate/Community Granges

This was passed out for the Board to review.

c. Grange Amnesty Program for Good Standing status

Discussion will be held during the Regional Meeting

d. Grange Legislative Policy Handbook

No responses have been received from Convention Committees. Bill Booth will continue to follow-up on the project.

e. Journal of Proceedings

The Journal of Proceedings is in draft status. Will need Proofreaders: Katie Squire and Suzi Laskowski volunteered.

Items are still required for completion of the Journal. After proofreading, the draft form will be given to the Board of Directors for final approval.

7. New Business

a. California State Grange Treasurer's Duties

General discussion. Ed Kowski will set a conference call with Bud Hill, and Lillian Booth.

b. Collaboration – Microsoft SharePoint Online - proposal

Bill Booth advised information on Share Point. There is an on-line version for \$8.00/month per person. Can share documents between the Board members. Ability to run Microsoft access databases with specific permissions and securities. General discussion and questions by the board. Agreed to table the discussion for now.

c. Invitations for members to participate on committees

- i. Grange Activities
- ii. Grange Policies

Invite people to meet and talk with Board Members and State Officers/Directors regarding their interests and how the members would like to participate.

d. Morgan Hill Grange – Convention Hosts

Point of contact – Nola Martini, Morgan Hill / Lillian Booth for State Grange. Hotel Information—will begin to gather and start negotiations for room rates.

e. State Officers Meeting

Set for December 4th at Prunedale Grange Hall – Board Meeting, State Officer Meeting, and Open Christmas Party

8. Other business for the Good of the Order.

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

December 4 & 5 at Prunedale Grange Hall. Will have a Friday night Board Meeting. Saturday will be State Officer meeting and Christmas Party for any Grange members in the area who would like to attend.

b. IDEAS:

Grange Emergency Response Committee – to help Granges who have an immediate need.

Grange Hall Renovation Committee – to assist Granges needing construction help with their Grange Halls.

Meeting adjourned at noon. Regional meeting with Kern County and Fairfax Grange members held at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

**California Stage Grange
Board Meeting Minutes
Friday, December 4, 2015, Salinas, Ca**

The meeting of the California State Grange Board of Directors was called to order at 7:04 PM by Master/President/CEO, Ed Komski at the Courtyard Marriott in Salinas, California.

1. Roll Call of officers:

Master/President/CEO Ed Komski. Overseer, Mike Warner, Executive Committee Member, Inger Bevans, Executive Committee Member, Bob Clouse, and Secretary, Lillian Booth were present. Executive Committee Member, Johnny Squire absent due to illness.

Closed Session was called at 7:06 PM for a legal update report. No action was taken by the Board during the closed session.

Meeting was opened to members at 9:30 pm.
Bill Booth joined the meeting at 9:50 pm

2. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Motion by Clouse to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion seconded by Warner. No discussion. Aye: Komski, Booth, Clouse, Bevans, and Warner. Nay: None.

3. Financial Reports

Financial reports were reviewed by the Board.

The accounting process was discussed in reference to using the QuickBooks online. The accounting process will remain as per the current Board resolution in place which is as follows:

The Secretary receives the bills and receipts.

An authorization form for expenses is prepared for the Board members, and Treasurer, with the documentation of the expense.

After the majority of the Board authorizes the expenditures, the Secretary will produce the checks for payments.

Checks are mailed to the Master/President/CEO for signature.

The bookkeeper is notified periodically and will review expenses for accuracy.

Members having access to the QuickBooks online account are: (1) Bookkeeper (2) Secretary, (3) Treasurer, (4) Master and (5) one member of the Executive Committee. The only authorized users to make entry or changes are the Bookkeeper and Secretary. All other users have viewing rights only. QuickBooks online has full transaction tracking protocol to show detail on who accessed, changed, or added information.

4. Communications

None

5. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans

Report of the 501(c) (10) application – still in the process.

Need to apply for the group exemption. This is done by a letter of request to the IRS stating these Granges are affiliated with the central organization. A copy of internal documents and the supporting documents have to be sent. The Board directed Inger to prepare the documents, send to Lillian to finalize the list, and then Lillian is to cut the check and mail the application in to the IRS. Planned goal for completion is February 1, 2016.

b. Communications Director report – Bill Booth

All of the Grange names we have available have been added to the website using: Locate a Grange.

Researching the USPS – non-profit permits. Once we have the IRS exemption, we are able to apply for a permit. However, it appears we can only mail out of one post office. This needs further clarification.

Komski announced that The National Grange secured CaliforniaStateGrange.org for the website. The web pages have already been transferred to that site.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

Katie was not in attendance at this meeting. No report

6. Old Business

a. Legal Decisions – review and general update given.

b. Approve By-Laws Template for Subordinate/Community Granges

Discussion of the template. Board to review in more detail and will report for a final decision later this weekend.

c. Grange Legislative Policy Handbook - Status

Work has not been completed by the committees. Reminders have been sent by Brother Booth.

Komski to contact committee members re: assignment.

d. Journal of Proceedings – Status

Still waiting on additional information before completion.

e. California State Grange Treasurer's Duties

Discussed. Will remain as they are for now.

f. Invitations for members to participate on committees

i. Grange Activities

ii. Grange Policies

iii. Youth Fair Program – Grant writing

Tacy Currey is researching grants for the Youth Fair program.

Has two applications pending now.

g. State Officers Meeting

Meeting is set for tomorrow morning at Prunedale Grange Hall. Most of the officers will be in attendance. Joseph Stefenoni, National Membership Director and Lillian Booth, State Secretary will facilitate the meeting.

h. Amnesty program –

Board members discussed the amnesty program for Granges to return to good standing. Motion by Clouse that a written commitment from the Grange must be received by 12/31/2015. Dues have to be paid by 01/31/2016. Amnesty will end 12/31/2015. Seconded by Booth. AYE: Komski, Warner, Clouse, Bevans & Booth. NAY: None. Motion carried.

7. New Business

a. Communication with Members

Lillian Booth, Secretary, requested authority to obtain an 800 Number for the State Grange to facilitate communication with members and publish telephone numbers.

Motion made by Booth to obtain a toll-free 800 Number. Seconded by Clouse. AYE: Komski, Booth, Clouse, Bevans and Warner. NAY: None.

8. Other business for the Good of the Order.

Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings were discussed

Bob Clouse and Bill Booth, both Past State Masters, will begin to travel to Granges to teach Ritual and help members understand their by-laws. This will be at the invitation of the Grange.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:30 PM.

State Officers & Directors meeting – Saturday December 5, 2015 at Prunedale Grange Hall.

During the Officers & Directors meeting the California State Grange Board reaffirmed that the Form of By-Laws for Subordinate/Community Granges is ready to be sent to the Granges as written. (SEE APPENDIX A)

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange.

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
Board Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2016 Closed Meeting Video Conference**

Closed Meeting of the Board of Directors of the California State Grange was called to order at 7:10pm on March 28, 2016. Those present on video conference were Master/President, Ed Komski; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Overseer, Mike Warner; Executive Committee members, Bob Clouse & Inger Bevans.

Legal update was discussed.

No action taken during the Closed Session

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

**California Stage Grange
Board Meeting Minutes
April 8 & 9, 2016, Orangevale Grange Hall, Orangevale, CA**

April 8, 2016 – Rancho Cordova Marriott Hotel.

9. Closed session.

a. Call to Order:

Closed Session of the Board of Directors Meeting of the California State Grange was called to order by Master/President Ed Komski at 7:30 pm.

b. Roll Call

Members present were Master/President, Ed Komski; Overseer, Mike Warner; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Bud Hill; Executive Committee Members, Bob Clouse, Johnny Squire and Inger Bevans.

c. Legal Update

Legal update information was discussed. No action items were taken at this time.

April 9, 2016 – Orangevale Grange Hall

1. Call to Order

Open Session of the Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 9:30 at the Annex of the Orangevale Grange Hall by Master/President Ed Komski.

2. Roll Call of officers

Members present were Master/President, Ed Komski; Overseer, Mike Warner; Secretary, Lillian Booth; Treasurer, Bud Hill; Executive Committee Members, Bob Clouse, Johnny Squire and Inger Bevans.

Also present were Katie Squire, Expo Director and Bill Booth, Communications Director.

Report of closed session – no action items were taken. During the closed meeting the Master of Ojai Valley Grange requested a phone conference. He requested information regarding returning to good standing in order for their Youth to show at the Fair this year. They were advised of the necessary items and the date when the information is required for submission.

Also during the closed meeting, Simoore Grange electronically submitted all of their paperwork to return to good standing.

3. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

Minutes of Board Meeting of December 4, 2015 were read and approved as read. Brother Bob Clouse made a suggestion to notify the membership that Past State Grange Masters Bill Booth and Bob Clouse are available, by invitation, to assist any Grange with Ritual, resolutions, or understanding the By-Laws.

Closed meeting of the Board was held on March 28, 2016 at 7:00 pm by means of video conference. This meeting was a legal update and no action was taken by the Board.

4. Financial Reports

Financial reports for year-to-date were given to the Board for review.

Expense Reports

Discussion of expense reports. All detail is being reported to the Board as they are being approved.

Marshall Grange Request for Assistance

Members of Marshall Grange are being sued by other members of Marshall Grange. A temporary restraining order was requested in an emergency hearing. The emergency hearing was denied by the judge. Court received opposition to our objection to the TRO.

5. Communications received

Tulelake Grange

Received bill for Tulelake Grange property taxes. National Grange turned over the remaining balance of Tulelake Grange funds in the amount of \$367.00

Panama Grange Hall Sale / Rosedale Grange

Funds are being received for loan payments from the sale of Panama Grange. The checks and loan accounting were received and up to date.

Grange Insurance Association

Grange Insurance Association check received for the annual membership donation.

Invitation received to attend to the Grange Insurance Association meeting. Ed attended and spoke to the Board of Directors. He spoke on the current situation in California and apologized for any the distress the California situation has brought to the insurance company.

6. Director Reports

a. Non-Profit Compliance Director – Inger Bevans

The Group exemption has been filed with the IRS and the check was sent. No calls received from Granges needing help with IRS compliance since the first of the year.

Sonoma Pomona Grange needed some assistance to return to good standing with the Franchise Tax Board. That application is in process.

b. Communications Director – Bill Booth

Nonprofit permit with the USPS was discussed. Need to make sure we can mail from more than one post office if the newsletter is printed in another part of the State.

Propose printing the newsletter with Casey Printing in King City, CA. They are a large print house in the Central Valley and are very cost-effective. Clouse made a motion to spend the necessary funds to get the first communication out to the members for whom we have contact information. Seconded by Inger. Discussion of costs, finances and mailing costs. Motion withdrawn by the maker and second for now until more information is available.

Membership Database Report

Provided copies of the forms and reports which are currently available through the membership database. Reports include membership statistics by Grange with demographic detail. Need to use these tools for analysis of who is coming into the Grange as well as those who are leaving and why.

BREAK

Meeting reconvened after 10-minute break.

Brother Booth Continued:

Treasurer's handbook is approximately 75% completed. It will go out for comments soon.

Membership promotion. Working on a new membership promotion document to help people understand the Grange. Also working on improvements to the application for distribution with full color photos.

Information for State Session and submitting resolutions will be posted on the State Grange website soon.

c. Grange Expo Director – Katie Squire

The 2016 Expo Book is now completed. Requested confirmation if we are purchasing pins for the awards. Need final decision on design to purchase.

d. Youth Fair Director – Tacy Currey

Tacy is not in attendance. Ed Komski reported that Tacy is contacting all of the Fairs in California – 54 of them. This contact is to check on the Fair eligibility for the youth showing under the Grange Fair Program.

e. Status of Granges

Marshall Grange – discussed previously

Clovis-Sanger-Fowler Grange

Has not given definitive answer about what he was going to do. Has been contacted twice. Told everything he wanted and a policy/procedure.

Grange Properties

- Grange Hall in Coalinga – operated as a church. Grange members are members of the church. Not meeting as a Grange. Rent is being paid to the Sacramento address.
- Tulelake Grange Hall. Ed Luttrell called last week to advise he has Tulelake items. A meeting needs to be arranged to pick those up.
- Kings River Grange had meeting to notify their members of their intention to merge with Central Union Grange. The old building is up for sale again in that area.
- Asset Protection Committee – Mike Warner, Chairman; Randy Turnquist, Rich Saxe are members. This will be added to director reports on future Board Meeting Agendas.
 - The committee is requesting a notice from the county recorders if the property is sold. Will only find if it is sold if a title search is made.
 - Mike Lampke, Chairman of the Hall Renovation Committee will report to Mike Warner regarding Grange Hall construction. Mike Warner will call Mike Lampke to discuss.

f. Grange Life Arts

Still need a chairman. Will reach out to Linda MacCracken to chair the Grange Life Arts Program. Grange Expo will fall under the Grange Life Arts Program.

7. Old Business

a. Legal Decisions

Review of recent legal decisions which have been posted in emails.

b. Grange Legislative Policy Handbook

The Legislative handbook will be sent to the committees for review prior to State Convention. The Handbook will have proposed edits by the Committees with final approval by the Delegates.

c. Journal of Proceedings – Status

Final draft of the Journal of Proceedings was sent to the Board for review. Motion by Bevans to publish the Journal of Proceedings on the website. Seconded by Clouse. Aye: Komski, Bevans, Clouse, Squire, Warner and Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried. Secretary will provide to the State Communications Director for publishing on the website.

d. Resolution Committees

Resolution assignments will be made next week. And will go out to the assigned members.

Must be a Grange in good standing to submit a resolution. Will go through the process to the committees.

e. Phone Number – 800#

Information provided to committee regarding setting up an 800 number. Cost can be up to \$50 or more per line and additional per-minute charge after the first 1,000 minutes. After discussion, the Board consensus was to hold off on obtaining a toll-free phone number.

8. New Business

a. Convention

i. Election of Officers

Ballot Procedure was drafted and presented to the Board for Review. Clouse moved to accept the Ballot Procedure. Seconded by Warner. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Warner & Booth. Nay: None. Motion carried. (SEE APPENDIX B)

ii. Schedule

Draft Convention schedule for Morgan Hill was reviewed by the Board. Suggestions for edits and time changes will be incorporated into the next draft.

iii. Rental of Equipment

1. Chairs. Morgan Hill does not have enough chairs for inside and outside activities. They request California State Grange to rent additional Chairs. Board discussed asking local Granges to loan chairs for the Session.

2. Tables

Will need to rent additional tables for outdoor dining. Dining room is not large enough to accommodate the anticipated number of attendees.

3. Office equipment:

Checked local printing facilities. Limited hours available. Will have to pre-plan for printing. Looking at using local Wi-Fi to push out documents and changes. May only have to print a few items.

iv. Registration Fee

1. Theme: "Innovate The Grange"

2. Registration fee discussed by the Board. Motion by Clouse to have a Registration fee of \$40 per person. Seconded by Squire. Discussion. Different options discussed. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Warner & Booth

a. Items to be included in the Registration for ALL attendees.

- i. Binder
- ii. Resolutions Packet
- iii. Legislative Handbook
- iv. All documents
- v. Bag
- vi. Badge
- vii. Lanyard

v. Sale and Gift items

1. Proposed request for State Officer gifts.

Etched glasses from Phoenix Vinyl, owned by Mike & LoRee Lampke. Sample of glasses were provided to the Board. Discussion. Mike Warner asked to bid the same item from Monroe Classics as due diligence by the Board. Costs were compared.

Motion by Squire to purchase etched glasses from Phoenix Vinyl. Seconded by Clouse. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Bevans, Squire, & Warner. Nay: None. Abstain: Booth.

Board asked Phoenix Vinyl to provide a Commemorative "Morgan Hill 2016" for pre-order on the Registration form. Item will be added to the form.

2. Hotel rooms

Quotes for Hotel Rooms are coming in at \$157+ for group rates in the area. Discussion regarding compensation for State Officers & Directors.

Motion by Clouse to provide \$150 per officers and directors as per diem for the State Session to help them defray costs of travel/lodging and to pay for the lodging expenses for the State Master and State Secretary. Seconded by Squire. Aye: Clouse, Bevans, Warner & Squire. Nay: None. Abstain: Komski & Booth

State officers attending and the Youth Director, Youth Fair, Expo, Life Arts, Communications. No duplicate per diem.

b. Resolution for Compensation of Officers & Directors

Per the By-Laws, a resolution for compensation of Officers & Directors has to be submitted by the Board of Directors and approved by the delegates prior to nomination of officers. Ed Komski requested Mike Warner, Overseer, to conduct the meeting at this point.

Compensation was reviewed. Monthly salaries to remain at \$3,000 per month for the State Master and \$1,500 per month for the State Secretary. Suggestion by the Board members to increase the office reimbursement to \$200 per month for both the Master & Secretary positions. Motion by Clouse to submit resolution to the delegates with the above amounts for consideration. Seconded by Squire. Aye: Clouse, Bevans, Squire & Warner. Nay: None. Abstain: Komski and Booth

c. Resolution for Board Meetings at Session

Need to correct Section 6.3.1. Can be interpreted that the Board has to wait until the next day after Session before holding the Board Meeting. Which would result in additional costs for lodging, etc. Motion by Squire to submit the resolution to the Delegates from the Board of Directors. Seconded by Warner. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Warner & Booth. Nay: None

d. Custodial Account Procedure

Proposed Custodial Account Procedures were emailed and read aloud to the Board and attendees. Discussion and small corrections were made. It was moved by Clouse that if there are no further revisions or suggestions by Wednesday, April 13, 2016 that Thursday April 14, 2016, it be approved. Seconded by Warner. Aye: Komski, Clouse, Bevans, Squire, Warner & Booth. Nay: None. (SEE APPENDIX C)

9. Other business for the Good of the Order.

a. Dates & Locations for future Board Meetings

- i. Thursday, June 23 – Day preceding (per By-Laws) – tentatively set for 1pm Thursday.
- ii. Sunday, June 26 – After Session Closes (per By-Laws) – immediately after the close of session and good-byes.

b. Dress for Session:

Officers: Suit & Tie for Men for opening. Women: Business Casual.
6th Degree Suits & Ties for Men / Dresses or business suits for women.

Meeting closed at 3:15 pm.
Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

**CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Saturday April 23, 2016 - Closed Meeting – Video Conference**

Closed Session

A closed session of the Board of Directors of the California State grange was convened on Saturday April 23, 2016 at 10:00 am by video conference.

Those in attendance were State Master/President, Ed Kowski; State Secretary, Lillian Booth; Executive Committee Members, Bob Clouse & Inger Bevans.

Report of Closed Session:

Legal update – no action taken

Announcement of resignation as of Apr 15, 2015 by Overseer, Mike Warner.

Resignation accepted. No action at this time. Announcement will be made to the membership as per the By-Laws.

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian Booth, Secretary
California State Grange

APPENDIX A

TEMPLATE OF BY-LAWS FOR SUBORDINATE GRANGES

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADOPTING BY-LAWS IN YOUR GRANGE

As a chartered Subordinate / Community Grange it is essential that your Grange adopts a set of By-Laws clearly stating the purposes and to provide a framework for the conducting the business of your Grange.

DRAFT BYLAWS: The Master/President should appoint a By-Law Revision Committee of at least three (3) members, who shall review the Draft Form of By-Laws for Subordinate / Community Granges. The Draft Form of By-Laws is available in Microsoft Word for Subordinate / Community Granges. Your Grange will need to fill in the blanks, and choose which Sections will apply when there are options.

HOW TO ADOPT: Once the draft by-laws have been agreed upon for your Grange, it is required to notify the entire membership at least 30 days prior to the meeting date at which the By-Laws will be presented for adoption. Adoption of the Subordinate / Community Grange By-Laws shall require a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the members present and voting, and the action shall be recorded in the minutes of the Grange meeting.

BY-LAW OPTIONS:

Article I – Section 1.1.1, insert the full name of your Grange.

Article I – Section 3. - Two Options

(1) If your Grange is incorporated, complete Section 3 Incorporation, and delete the Section 3 Nonprofit Association. **OR**

(2) If your Grange is **not** incorporated, then delete Section 3 Incorporation, and complete Section 3 Nonprofit Association.

If you are not certain of your corporate status, call the California State Grange.

Article III – Section 3.1.2, enter the location where your Grange will hold its regular meetings.

Article V – Officers – Section 5.21 Elections. - Two Options

(1) Annual Elections - officers are elected once each year

OR

(2) Biennial Elections - officers are elected every two years. .

Article IX - Section 9.1.1 Application Fees. - Two Options

(1) Specify the exact amount of application fees for your Grange.

OR

(2) Specify the additional amount (if any) your Grange will collect in addition to the amounts specified by the National and State Granges. The advantage of the second option is that if the National or State Grange changes application fees, your Grange will not need to amend its By-Laws to account for any change. You will need to delete one of the Sections which does not apply.

Article IX - Section 9.2.1 Membership Dues. - Two Options

(1) Specify the exact amount of Dues for your Grange. **OR**

(2) Specify the additional amount (if any) your Grange will collect in addition to the amounts specified by the National and State Grange. The advantage of the second section is that if the National or State Grange changes their dues, your Grange will not need to amend its By-Laws to account for this change. You will need to delete one of the Sections which does not apply.

Article XV Section 15.2.2 Checks, Drafts, and Orders. For transparency and accountability, there are to options regarding signing checks for your Grange. Your options are to require two signatures on all checks, or to require two signatures only when checks are written above a set amount.

**SUBORDINATE / COMMUNITY
GRANGE BY-LAWS**

Article I

Name; Purposes; Authority; Declaration

Section 1. Name

1.1.1 This organization shall be known as _____, but for all purposes, it shall be designated and commonly referred to as "this Grange" within these By-Laws.

Section 2. Purposes

1.2.1 This Grange has been organized to operate exclusively for the purposes as set forth in the National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry's (the "National Grange") Declaration of Purposes and in this Grange's Articles of Incorporation (the "Articles").

OPTION #1 - Section 3 Incorporation

1.3.1 This Grange is incorporated in the State of California. The name shown on the Articles of Incorporation is _____,

and the date of incorporation was ___/___/____.

OR

OPTION #2 - Section 3 Nonprofit Association

1.3.1 This Grange is a nonprofit association, which is not incorporated. Title 3 of the California Corporations Code shall apply to this Grange on any points not provided for in the National Grange Digest of Laws or the By-Laws of the State Grange. The date of formation of this Grange was ___/___/____.

Section 4. Prohibited Activities

1.4.1 At no time shall this Grange engage in or carry on any activities that are unlawful under the laws of the United States, the State of California, or any other jurisdiction where any of its activities may be conducted. The Corporation shall not engage in or carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an exempt organization described in Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or as

hereinafter amended, or prohibited by California's Nonprofit Corporation Law (the "Nonprofit Law").

1.4.2 No part of any net earnings of this Grange shall inure to the benefit of any officer, director or member of the Grange, except as reasonable compensation for services performed, or be appropriated for any services other than as set forth in the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

Section 5. Declaration

1.5.1 It is the stated Declaration of this Grange, and of any Officer elected to represent it, to operate this Grange in a manner which will exemplify faith, clarity, continuity, honesty and transparency to the name Grange in the State of California, and that every member of this Grange can trust in and maintain confidence that their membership in this organization will be used toward the charitable and selfless purposes on which the Grange was founded.

Article II

Relation to the State and National Granges

2.1.1 This Grange, as a chartered division of the National Grange, shall have the right and power, as the good of the Order requires, to adopt laws for the organization, administration, and regulation of the affairs of this, so long as they do not conflict with the Digest of Laws of the National Grange or the By-Laws of the State Grange.

2.1.2 This Grange shall consult with, and receive approval from the State Grange before making any changes in this Grange's incorporation status.

Article III
Meetings

Section 1 – Meetings

3.1.1 Regular Meetings - This Grange shall meet as least once each month. Any additional meetings scheduled by a vote of this Grange shall be deemed as regular meetings.

3.1.2 Location of Meetings – Regular meetings shall be held at _____

or at such other places as this Grange may from time to time designate.

Section 2 – Special Meetings

3.2.1 Special Meetings – Special meetings may be called at any time by the Board, or by written request of five percent or more of the Members. An agenda will be prepared with the business to be considered for action at the special meeting. Other topics may be discussed but will not be acted upon at this special meeting.

3.2.2 Notice: Special Meetings of this Grange – The Secretary shall give notice at least seven (7) days before the date of a special meeting, sent to the addresses on file with this Grange, by US Mail, electronic mail, via publications of this Grange, or published on the official website of this Grange.

Section 3 – Quorum for Meetings

3.3.1 Quorum – Seven members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Article IV Membership

Section 1. Membership Types

4.1.1 Fraternal Members/Affiliate Members – A person fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months) or more, with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed as a candidate and be elected to Fraternal membership.

4.1.2 Affiliate Member is a person, who hold Regular Membership in another Subordinate / Community Grange and may be proposed as a candidate and be elected to membership in this Grange.

4.1.3 Family Membership - A family whose members are fourteen years of age (thirteen years and six months or more) with an interest in the purposes of the Order may be proposed as candidates and elected to membership in this Grange.

(a) A family shall consist of a couple and their dependents, or a single person and their dependents. Dependents are defined as children, grandchildren, great

grandchildren, foster, adopted or step-children under the age of 23, who live as a member of the same household or in absence due to illness, education or military service. Legal dependents of any age shall be considered part of their legal guardians' family.

4.1.4 Junior 1 Plus (1+) Members - Any person over five years and under fourteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership and elected as a Junior 1 Plus member.

4.1.5 Associate Members - - A person or business with an interest in the advancement of agriculture and improvement of rural life may become an Associate Member.

Section 2. Voting Members

4.2.1 Who are voting Members – Fraternal, Individual Family Members and Affiliate members of this Grange shall be consider Voting Members.

4.2.2 Voting Members – Each Voting Member shall have one vote on each question or matter submitted to a vote of the members. Proxy voting is not allowed.

4.2.3 Non-Voting Members – All other classes of membership shall be non-voting members.

Article V Officers

Section 1. General

5.1.1 Offices; Election – The officers of this Grange shall consist of (in ranking order) a Master/President, an Overseer/Vice-President, three (3) Executive Committee members, a Lecturer, a Steward, an Assistant Steward, a Lady Assistant Steward, a Chaplain, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Gatekeeper, a Ceres, a Pomona, a Flora, and a Musician. The Members may elect or appoint such other officers and assistant officers as the Members, from time to time, deem necessary or appropriate. No individual may hold more than one office concurrently, except for that of Executive Committee.

5.1.2 Qualifications – All officers must be a member of this Grange, in good standing.

Section 2. Elections

OPTION #1

5.2.1 Annual Election/Term – Officers shall be elected and installed annually, except for the Executive Committee, one of which shall be elected annually. All Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year, except for the Executive Committee who shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

OR

OPTION #2

5.2.1 Biennial Election/Term – Officers shall be elected and installed biennially, except for the Executive Committee, one of which shall be elected annually. All Officers shall serve for a term of one (1) year, except for the Executive Committee who shall serve for a term of three (3) years.

5.2.2 Election to office shall require a majority of all votes cast by Voting Members. If upon the first ballot no nominee receives a majority of all votes cast, a second ballot shall be prepared with the names of the two nominees receiving the highest votes from the first ballot.

5.2.3 Removal from Office - Officers may be removed, with or without cause, at any time by the affirmative vote of a majority of the Members, or when found guilty of charges in a Grange Trial Court, where the penalty includes removal from office.

5.2.4 Resignation – Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to this Grange and such notice shall be effective upon delivery to this Grange.

5.2.5 Nominating Speeches – No nominating speeches shall be allowed.

Section 3. Duties

5.3.1 General Duties of Officers – It shall be the duty of the officers of this Grange to ensure that the Laws of the Order are observed and obeyed, and generally to perform all duties pertaining to their elected office, as contained in said Laws or the Manual of the Degrees of the Order.

5.3.2 Master/President – The Master/President shall preside at all meetings of this Grange; see that all officers and members of committees properly perform their respective duties; see that the laws of the National Grange and the State Grange are observed and obeyed; and perform all duties customary of that office.

5.3.3 Overseer/Vice-President– The Overseer/ Vice-President shall assist the Master/President in preserving order, preside over this Grange in the absence of the Master/President, and, in case of a vacancy in the office of Master/President, fill the same until the next regular election.

5.3.4 Lecturer – The Lecturer shall perform the duties as prescribed in the Manual.

5.3.5 Steward – The Steward shall have charge of the Inner Gate and perform such other duties as required by the Manual.

5.3.6 Assistant Steward(s) – The Assistant Steward(s) shall assist the Steward in the performance of the duties of the Steward.

5.3.7 Treasurer – The Treasurer shall perform such duties as prescribed in the Manual.

5.3.8 Secretary – The Secretary shall record all votes and the minutes of all meetings of this Grange, in books kept for such purpose. The Secretary shall also conduct all official correspondence of this Grange and perform such duties as prescribed in the Manual as well as other duties relating to the office as may be required.

5.3.9 Gatekeeper – The Gatekeeper shall have charge of the outer gate, ensure that only members having valid credentials are admitted to meetings of this Grange, and perform such duties as prescribed in the Manual.

5.3.10 Executive Committee – The Executive Committee members shall serve as members of the Board of Directors, whose duties include the general supervision of the affairs of the Order between meetings of this Grange.

Section 4. Recognition

5.4.1 Recognition of Officers – The officers of this Grange shall be addressed as “Worthy.”

Section 5. Suspension of Officers

5.5.1 Reasons for Suspension – Any officer of this Grange may be suspended for any of the following reasons:

- (a) Failure or refusal to perform the duties of the office.
- (b) Failure or refusal to obey the By-Laws of this Grange, or the By-Laws of the State Grange or the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.
- (c) Any behavior or act, resulting in criminal charges being filed.
- (d) Conviction of a felony offense, or any other offense that involves moral turpitude, dishonesty or fraud.

5.5.2 Procedure – The suspension procedure shall follow the procedures as set forth in the By-Laws of the National Grange and in accordance with the Rules and Regulations for Trials.

Section 6. Vacancies

5.6.1 Vacancies in Office – Any vacancy occurring in any office of this Grange by reason of death, resignation, termination of membership, or removal from office shall be filled by the Members by election at the next regular meeting of this Grange, except that of the Master/President, which is filled by the Overseer/Vice-President.

5.6.3 In the event where there is a vacancy in both the offices of Master/President and Overseer/Vice-President of this Grange, this Grange shall elect a qualified member in good standing to fill the vacancy of both the Master/President and the Overseer/Vice-President.

Article VI

Board of Directors (Executive Committee)

Section 1. General Powers

6.6.1 California Corporation Code requires every Corporation shall have a Board of Directors. For the purpose of conformity to the Digest of the National, the term "Board of Directors" and the "Executive Committee" shall be synonymous.

6.1.2 General Powers – Between meetings of this Grange, the business and affairs of this Grange shall be managed under the direction of its Board of Directors (Board), which may exercise all powers of this Grange and perform all lawful acts and things not prohibited by laws, rules or regulations of the Order.

6.1.3 Duties – It shall be the duty of the Board to exercise general supervision of the affairs of this Grange between meetings of this Grange in accordance with the laws of our Order, and the administrative policies and procedures established by this Grange. The Board shall examine the books, accounts and reports of the Secretary and Treasurer prior to the installation of officers. The Board shall report its acts, taken between meetings in detail at the next meeting of this Grange.

Section 2. Number

6.2.1 Number – The Board of Directors shall be composed of the Master/President, the Overseer/Vice-President, and the officers elected as Executive Committee. Directors shall be natural persons and must be residents of the State of California.

Section 3. Meetings of the Board

6.3.1 Meetings – The Board shall meet as necessary between regular meetings of this Grange.

6.3.4 Quorum; Voting – At any meeting of the Board, the presence of a majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

6.3.5 Meeting by Electronic Means – Any and all directors may participate in any meeting of the Board by means of conference telephone or any other means of communication so long as all persons participating in the meeting are able to hear or communicate with one another concurrently and are provided the means of participating in all matters before the Board. Such participation shall constitute attendance and presence in person at the meeting.

Article VII
Committees of this Grange

Section 1. Committees

7.1.1 Appointment – The Master/President shall appoint the members and the chairperson of each committee (if any) with the advice of the Overseer/Vice-President. The first named on a committee shall be considered its chairman and shall convene the committee and report the results of its deliberations.

Section 2. Committees Types

7.2.1 Standing Committees – This Grange may, by resolution, provide for such Standing Committees as necessary for the operation of the Grange. The resolution shall provide for the duties, jurisdictions, number of members, method of appointments, and any other details necessary for the operations of said committee. This resolution shall become a part of the permanent records of this Grange.

7.2.2 Advisory and Special Committees – This Grange may from time to time create, by vote any advisory or special committees it deems may be necessary to advise the Grange in the administration of the affairs of this Grange. This Grange shall provide for the duties, jurisdictions, number of members, method of appointments, and any other details necessary for the operations of said committee.

Section 3. Committee Policies

7.3.1 Committee Rules – Unless this Grange otherwise provides, each committee may make, alter, and repeal rules for the conduct of its business by majority vote.

7.3.2 Records – Minutes shall be kept of each committee meeting. Copies of the minutes of each meeting shall be supplied to the Secretary of this Grange promptly after such meeting and filed with the Grange records.

7.3.3 Service and Powers – Each committee shall serve at the pleasure of this Grange. Each committee shall have such powers or responsibilities as may have been granted when the committee was created, consistent with all applicable state and federal laws, the Articles, and these By-Laws.

7.3.4 Vacancies – Vacancies in the membership of any committee shall be filled as provided for in section 8.1.1.

7.3.5 Quorum – Unless otherwise provided in the resolution of the Board creating a committee, a majority of the committee’s membership shall constitute a quorum. The act of a majority of the committee members present at any meeting at which there is a quorum shall be the act of the committee, except as may be otherwise provided in these By-Laws and in the resolution creating such committee.

7.3.6 Income from Committees – Any income derived by a committee is the property of this Grange unless this Grange provides otherwise. This Grange may authorize the expenditure of these funds by the committee in individual cases or on a continuing basis, but any expenditure so made shall be reported at the next meeting of this Grange.

7.3.7 Special Requirements – Background Checks: It shall be a requirement that a background check shall be required for any appointments where the members’ duties will require any supervision of any Youth or Junior Members, under the age of 18.

Article VIII
Fees and Dues

Section 1. Application Fees

OPTION #1

8.1.1 Application Fees for Membership –The application fees must be paid in full before the conferral of the various degrees of the Order. The application fees for this Grange are;

- (a) Fraternal Members, \$_____ (includes affiliate member).
- (b) Family Membership, \$_____
- (c) Junior 1 Plus Members, \$_____
- (d) Associate Members, \$_____

OR

OPTION #2

8.1.1 Application Fees for Membership –The application fees must be paid in full before the conferral of the various degrees of the Order. The

application fees for this Grange shall be the minimum amount specified in the By-Laws of the National Grange, plus any additional amount specified in the By-Laws of the State Grange, plus the following amounts;

- (a) Fraternal Members, \$ _____
(includes affiliate member).
- (b) Family Membership, \$ _____
- (c) Junior 1 Plus Members, \$ _____
- (d) Associate Members, \$ _____

Section 2. Dues

OPTION #1

8.2.1 Membership Dues – The annual dues for this Grange are;

- (a) Fraternal Members, \$ _____
(includes affiliate member).
- (b) Family Membership, \$ _____
- (c) Junior 1 Plus Members, \$ _____
- (d) Associate Members, \$ _____

OR

OPTION #2

8.2.1 Membership Dues – The annual dues for this Grange shall be the sum of the amount of dues or assessments required by the National Grange, plus the amount of dues or assessments required by the State Grange, and the amount of dues necessary for the operations of this Grange, which are;

- (a) Fraternal Members, \$ _____
(includes affiliate member).
- (b) Family Membership, \$ _____
- (c) Junior 1 Plus Members, \$ _____
- (d) Associate Members, \$ _____

8.2.2 How Collected – This Grange shall collect dues annually. Dues are due on November 1st and delinquent after January 31st. Members who join mid-year shall be responsible for paying prorated dues from the quarter they join, to the end of the calendar year.

Article IX

Quarterly Reports and Communications

Section 1. Quarterly Reports to the State Grange

9.1.1 Quarters Defined – The four quarters of the year shall close on March 31st, June 30th, September 30th and December 31st.

9.1.2 Quarterly Reports – Quarterly Reports are due to the State Grange, 30 days after the close of the quarter. Dues, fees and assessments shall be paid on the membership as of the last day of the quarter for which the report is being filed. A list of members gained, members lost and changes to membership records shall be reported quarterly.

9.1.3 Delinquent Reports – Reports submitted more than 30 days after the close of a quarter shall be delinquent. Delinquent reports may be subject to a penalty as specified in the By-Laws of the State Grange.

Section 2 – Roster / Membership List

9.2.1 Grange Roster – This Grange shall compile and make available, upon request, to its members, a roster of the names and addresses of elected officers and appointed committee chairman. This Roster shall be sent at least annually to the State Grange.

9.2.2 Membership List – This Grange shall provide to the State Grange a list of members at least annually.

Section 3 - Official Communications

9.3.1 Official Communications – All official correspondence received by this Grange shall be made known to the members of this Grange without unnecessary delay.

Section 4 – Corporate Seal

9.4.1 Corporate Seal – The corporate seal, bearing the name of this Grange and the year of its organization, which shall be in the charge of the Secretary. The Secretary shall have custody of the seal of this Grange, and shall have the authority to affix the same to any instrument requiring it and to attest the seal by his or her signature.

**Article X
Insurance**

Section 1 – Insurance

10.1.1 Insurance - This Grange shall have the right and shall use its best efforts, to purchase

and maintain insurance protect property owned by this Grange, and the liability that may arise from the functions of this Grange.

10.1.2 Bonding - All officers and committees handling funds of this Grange shall be bonded, conditioned upon the faithful discharge of the officer's or committee's duties and at the expense of this Grange, in such an amount as this Grange shall determine.

Article XI Employees

Section 1 – Employees

11.1.1 This Grange is authorized to hire such employees as are necessary for the operations of this Grange and within the constraints of the annual budget as adopted by the Regular Members of this Grange.

Article XII Accounting Provisions

Section 1. Accounting Period

12.1.1 The accounting period of this Grange shall be from January 1st through December 31st.

Section 2. Receipt and Disbursement of Funds

12.2.1 Disbursement Procedure – All funds shall be disbursed by the named officers as follows:

- (a) The Secretary shall prepare an Order to the Treasurer.
- (b) Orders to the Treasurer shall be signed by the Master/President and the Secretary.
- (c) The Treasurer shall then disburse said funds, as ordered, and keep detailed records of all funds in the care of said officers.

OPTION #1

12.2.2 Checks, Drafts, and Orders - All checks, drafts, and orders for the payment of money, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of this Grange, shall, unless otherwise provided, shall be signed by the Treasurer. All checks, drafts or orders in excess of \$_____ shall require a second signature

by the Master of this Grange or other authorized Officer.

OR

OPTION #2

12.2.2 Checks, Drafts, and Orders - All checks, drafts, and orders for the payment of money, notes, and other evidences of indebtedness, issued in the name of this Grange, shall be signed by the Treasurer and the Master/President or other authorized officer in the absence of the Master/President.

12.2.3 Deposits - All funds of this Grange shall be received by the Secretary who shall deliver those funds to Treasurer obtaining a receipt for the same. The Treasurer shall deposit funds received in such banks, or other depositories, that this Grange selects.

Section 3. Books and Records

12.3.1 This Grange shall keep correct and complete books and minutes including, but not limited to: records of its accounts and transactions; proceedings of the Board; proceedings of any executive or other committee when exercising any powers of the Board. The original or a certified copy of the Articles, By-Laws, and committee orders shall be kept at the principal office of this Grange. All books and records of this Grange may be inspected for any proper purpose at any reasonable time.

Section 4. Audits

12.4.1 Audits - All audits of the records of this Grange should be conducted by this Grange annually. Audits shall be available for review by any member in good standing upon request.

Article XIII Grange Property

Section 1. Real and Personal Property

13.1.1 This Grange may sell, manage or encumber real or personal property owned or managed by this Grange, with the approval of the State Grange Board of Directors, in accordance and as required by the National Grange Digest.

Section 2. Intellectual Property

13.2.1 This Grange may use its own logo, but expressly understands the word GRANGE, plus

other listed trademarks, logos, copyrights and other intellectual property, are owned by the National Grange and may only be used as stated in Chapter 4, Article XVIII of the National Grange Digest.

**Article XIV
Parliamentary Procedure**

Section 1. Parliamentary Procedure

14.1.1 In all Parliamentary matters, this Grange shall use the Parliamentary Codes of the National Grange. For all points not decided in the Parliamentary Codes, Robert's Rules of Order (most recently revised edition) shall be considered the standard authority.

**Article XV
Termination, Disbanding,
Dissolution or Liquidation**

Section 1. Disbanding

15.1.1 When the Master/President becomes aware this Grange is in danger of disbanding, it shall be the duty of the Master/President to immediately notify the State Grange by certified mail, return receipt requested.

15.1.2 When the Master/President realizes that disbanding is imminent, no further action can be taken by any Grange officer or member to, in any way, dispose of, decrease or transfer any property including real estate, real property, and financial assets, except for paying regular Grange bills.

15.1.3 Whenever this Grange decides by majority vote of the Regular Members to disband, the affairs of this Grange shall come under the direct supervision of the State Grange. This Grange shall not at any time divide among its members any monies in its treasury or any monies derived from the sale of any properties of this Grange. No individual shall, by reason of his or her membership in this Grange, be deemed to have a personal claim to the monies or properties of this Grange.

Section 2. Consequences of Dissolution

15.2.1 Upon the termination, disbanding, dissolution or final liquidation of this Grange in any manner or for any reason, its assets, if any, remaining after payment (or provision for

payment) of all liabilities of this Grange shall be retained by the Order for use in accordance with the general purposes of the Order, and activities permitted to be carried on by an exempt organization described in Section 501(c) (5) of the Code. In no event shall any of such assets or property be distributed to any officer or private individual.

**Article XVI
Amendments**

Section 1 – Amendments

16.1.1 These By-Laws may be adopted, amended, or repealed in whole or in part at any regular or special meeting, at which a quorum is present, by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all of the Regular Members.

16.1.2 Notice to Regular Members – All resolutions to adopt, amend or repeal any provisions of these By-Laws may be sent to the addresses on file with this Grange, by US Mail, electronic mail, via publications of this Grange, or published on the official website of this Grange, at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting which will consider adoption of said resolution.

16.1.3 Approval By The State Grange – Before these By-Laws can be effective they must be approved by the Master/President of the State Grange, who will certify that they are in proper form and that there are no conflicts with the By-Laws of the State Grange, or the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

16.1.4 Effective Date – All resolutions to adopt, amend or repeal any provisions of these By-Laws shall be effective upon approval by the Master/President of the State Grange.

16.1.5 Conflict With National Digest, State By-Laws or Deficiencies - If any amendment to these By-Laws is adopted, which may conflict with the National Grange Digest or the By-Laws of the State Grange, or if any subject on which these By-Laws are silent or deficient or which may be perceived as conflicting with the National Grange Digest or By-Laws of the State Grange, any member of this Grange may request that they be resolved in accordance with the Digest of Laws of the National Grange.

CERTIFICATION

The _____ Grange # _____ a duly Chartered
Grange in the State of California, certifies that the By-laws were approved by a favorable vote of the
Grange members on _____ (Date). This vote is duly reflected in the
minutes of the Grange.

Master

Secretary

Print name

Print name

Date

Date

Approved by:

Master, California State Grange

Date

APPENDIX B

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS OF THE CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE PER GRANGE LAW AND ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER

Nominations and Elections of Officers of the California State Grange Per Grange Law and Robert's Rules of Order

Approved April 13, 2016

In the Grange, the process of nominating and electing officers and board members is very important. The bylaws state that a ballot must be taken for the election of an officer. In 2015, the California State Grange adopted a resolution stating the election of officers would use the Australian Ballot Method. The procedure for nominations and balloting as summarized below, complies with Grange Law and Robert's Rules of Order.

I. NOMINATIONS

As soon as the Master/President opens nominations from the floor, any member can bring forth a name for nomination. However, a nominating speech is never in order.

When the nomination is from the floor:

- A member should be recognized by the Master/President.
- A member in good standing can nominate themselves.
- A nomination does not need a second.
- A member can be nominated for more than one office.
- A member cannot nominate more than one individual for an office until everyone has had the opportunity to make a nomination.
- Nominees must be present at the meeting to be nominated for an office
- The Master/President can continue presiding, even if he or she is one of the nominees for the office.
- After each nomination, the Master/President repeats the name to the assembly. For example, the Master/President says:

Master/President: *"Denise Granger, has been nominated for Master/President. Are there further nominations for Master/President?"*

- A member can rise and decline the nomination during the nominating process.
- A motion to close nominations is not in order.
- The Master/President will proceed with nominations for the next officer in order when no further nominations come forward from the assembly.

- If at any time during the nominating process a member realizes that he or she will be unable to serve if elected, the member should stand and request that his or her name be removed from nomination.

A. Nominations and the Minutes

The secretary shall list all nominees for each office in the minutes in the order they are presented as given by the members from the floor. If the member declines the nomination, the name will remain in the minutes with "Declined" following the name.

II. ELECTIONS

After the nominating process is finished, the members must vote on the proposed candidates.

If there is only one candidate for each office, members must nevertheless vote by written ballot. A ballot vote allows members to write in a candidate's name. Asking one person (for example, the Secretary) to cast the electing ballot for the entire assembly is out of order. Such a motion takes away members' rights to write in a candidate.

A. Election Process: Australian ballot method

- The California State Grange has adopted, by resolution, that the Australian ballot method shall be used in the Election of Officers. This method uses a prepared printed ballot listing the names of each member nominated for an office, with room for write-ins.
- After nominations, the delegates go to the polls when opened by the Election Committee.
- Polls close when all delegates have voted, or they may be closed at a given time, as announced by the Master/President after a majority of delegates have cast their ballots. A motion from the floor to close the polls is never in order.
- When no candidate receives a majority vote for a particular office, the election committee will prepare a second ballot, listing the two names of the nominees who received the most votes.
- If the top two nominees receive exactly the same number of votes, only two names shall appear on the run-off ballot. Should there be a tie of two or more receiving the second most number of votes, all those involved in the tie shall have their names appear on the run-off ballot with the nominee receiving the most votes.

III. ELECTION COMMITTEE

The Master/President shall appoint an election committee. The committee should be comprised of five members, with the first named member being the Committee

Chairman. If possible, members appointed to the committee shall not have been nominated for an office.

A. DUTIES OF ELECTION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

a. Chairman

The Chairman of the Election Committee will be responsible for the Reports to the Grange, and the general functions of the committee. The Chairman shall also be responsible for the control and security of the ballots, making sure that all ballots are properly accounted for.

b. Secretary

The Chairman of the Election Committee will appoint one of the members of the committee to function as the Secretary of the Committee. The Secretary will be responsible to verify that those casting votes are duly seated delegates, and will provide ballots to each member upon checking in. The Secretary will also record the delegates who have turned in their ballot.

c. Members - Tellers

The other members of the Election Committee will function as tellers when the ballots are counted.

B. TELLER'S SHEET AND REPORT

a. Counting the Ballots

Following are the procedures that the Election committee should follow to count ballots:

1. After the close of the polls, the Chairman shall collect the ballots and count the number of ballots. The Secretary will verify the count, checking it against the number of ballots passed out and collected.
2. Starting with the first officer to be counted, the Chairman shall determine whether it is a legitimate ballot and will read aloud the name on the ballot, hand the ballot to the Secretary who will verify that the name was reported correctly. The Secretary will keep a tally of the number of ballots read only. The Secretary will not track for whom the ballot was cast.
3. As the ballots are read for each Office, the three tellers will mark their tally sheets for each name for that office only.
4. If a name is not marked for an office, it must have the word "BLANK" written in order to be counted in the total votes cast.
5. An illegal ballot shall not be counted in the total votes cast. Illegal ballots are those that have writing on them but are not readable or that contain the name of a person who is not eligible for election, or ballots where two names are marked for the same office.
6. Teller One counts the legal ballots and writes the total on the teller's sheet on

the line "Number of votes cast." If there are illegal ballots, these are counted and the number put on the line "Number of illegal votes." The number of illegal and legal ballots is then totaled. This number is used to establish the number for the majority vote. The number to reach majority of votes is written on the line "Number of votes to elect."

7. When a candidate receives five votes, Teller One calls out "tally." If Teller Two or Three's report doesn't agree, then the count stops at this point to see where the mistake was made in recording the vote.
8. When all the ballots have been read aloud, the Tellers will total the votes for each candidate write the number of votes received by each name. The numbers must be the same on each of the Tellers' tally sheets. Each Teller will write the word "elected" by the name receiving a majority vote. If no one receives a majority of the votes cast, the phrase "no election" is written on the teller's report.
9. Each Teller will sign their tally sheet and the tally sheets of the other two tellers, signifying that each sheet is correct, and gives it to the Chairman.
10. This process goes on until all the ballots are counted and recorded by the Committee.

b. Election Committee Report

The chairman of the Election committee reads the entire report. This report will include the (1) number of votes cast for the office, (2) any illegal ballots, and (3) the number of votes to elect. The Chairman will then read the results by name and total of votes received for each candidate.

Example:

Election Committee Chairman: The Election Committee Report for Election of Master/President: Number of votes cast were 45. Number to elect is 23.
Brother Smith received 14 votes.
Sister Jones received 24 votes.
Brother Torry received 7 votes

The Chairman does not indicate who has been elected. After reading the results for that office, the Master/President will make the following announcement:

The Master/President and announces the election of each candidate:

Majority of votes received:

Master/President: Patrons, by a majority of the votes cast, you have elected Sister Jones to the position of Lecturer of the California State Grange. Does the member accept the position? [Member indicates yes; and no one rises to object to the election.]

Master/President: Gives one rap of the gavel.

Those elected will take office immediately after the Installation of Officer ceremony/

The report by the Chairman of the Election committee continues until all results are reported.

No Majority received:

Master/President: Patrons, no majority has been received for this office. There will be a run-off election between _____ and _____.

Master/President: Gives one rap of the gavel.

Person receiving a majority of votes has already been elected to a higher office:

Master/President: Patrons, the member receiving the majority of votes cast has already been elected to a higher office. Sister/Brother _____, do you wish to serve as _____ or _____?

(If the member chooses to serve in the higher office) The Master/President will declare:

Sister/Brother _____ having been duly elected to another office, the votes for this office are declared void. There will be another election with the remaining candidates whose names will appear on the run-off ballot.

(If the member chooses this office) The Master/President will say:

By your vote you have elected _____ as Lecturer of the California State Grange.

The election for Overseer is set aside and the remaining nominees names will appear on the run-off ballot for the office of Overseer.

Master/President: Gives one rap of the gavel.

The complete teller's report is then entered into the minutes. If a recount isn't necessary or requested, the ballots shall be filed with the secretary for 30 days and then destroyed.

C. OTHER INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTIONS

During the election process:

- Tellers should cast their ballots at the same time that the assembly votes.
- In a ballot vote, after the tellers have collected all the ballots, a member can make the motion to adjourn. If the motion is adopted, the assembly can adjourn before the vote is announced if it has another meeting scheduled. The Election committee can still count the ballots. When the next meeting begins, the first order of business is to hear the report of the Election Committee and

for the Master/President to announce the vote that was taken at the previous meeting.

- In counting the votes, the Election committee must not confuse a majority vote with the highest number of votes. The person who gets the most votes may not have a majority of the votes. In this case, the members must vote again until one candidate receives a majority vote.
- If there is a question about the way a ballot is marked, the tellers should take it to the Master/President. He or she should present it to the assembly to decide what to do with the vote - whether to count it and toward what name to credit the vote.
- When presenting the nominations or taking the vote for a list of offices, the Master/President shall follow the order of offices as appearing in the bylaws.
- If a person has been nominated to more than one office and is elected to two offices, he or she can choose which office he or she wants. The assembly then votes again on the other office.
- If members are voting for offices that have staggered terms or that last more than a year, the secretary should include in the minutes when the term expires."

D. ELECTION IRREGULARITIES

During an election, members may become aware of mistakes or illegal procedures in collecting or counting the ballots. If a member notices a mistake in procedure, he or she should immediately make the Chairman and assembly aware of his concerns.

E. TAKING A RECOUNT

If members question the validity of an election or the procedure in taking the vote, a member should make a motion to recount the votes within a reasonably brief time after the Master/President announces the election outcome. The motion to have a vote for a particular office recounted needs a second, is not debatable, and takes a majority vote to adopt.

After the person elected to office is installed into the position, it is too late to nullify an illegal election. For this reason, members should listen carefully to the report of the Election committee. Any member may question the results during the meeting. An election can no longer be questioned after the Installation of Officers.

Ballot # _____

Officer: _____

Date: _____

Total number of eligible voting delegates: (a) _____

Number of delegates voting: (b) _____

Number of delegates not voting: (c) _____

NOTE: (a) Should equal (b) + (c)

Number of Ballots prepared: (d) _____

Number of Ballots used: (e) _____

Number of Ballots spoiled: (f) _____

Number of Ballots not used: (g) _____

(d) Should equal (e) + (f) + (g)

As Chairman of the Election Committee, I certify that the above information is true and correct, to the best of my ability;

X _____

Date:

Print Name: _____

Teller Tally Sheet

Ballot # _____ Date: _____

OFFICE: _____

#	Name	Tally	Total Votes
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
Write In			
Write In			
Write In			
Write In			
Write In			

Verified As Correct:

X _____

X _____

X _____

APPENDIX C

CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE CUSTODIAL ACCOUNT PROCEDURE

California State Grange Custodial Account Procedure (Adopted 4/14/2016)

Purpose:

The Purpose of the California State Grange Custodial Account is to provide oversight of funds belonging to Subordinate Granges in accordance with the California State Grange By-Laws and the National Grange Digest of Laws.

Procedure:

Any Subordinate/Community Grange receiving funds for the sale, encumbrance, or transfer of real property shall deposit such funds with the California State Grange, in accordance with Chapter 4, Article XI and Article XII.

The procedure for holding and oversight of these funds in the California State Grange Custodial Account for Subordinate/Community Granges is as follows:

1. The Banking institution in which these funds are deposited will be chosen by the Board of Directors of the California State Grange.
2. The funds will be deposited on behalf of the Subordinate/Community Grange.
3. The funds will be co-mingled in the California State Grange Custodial Account with monies belonging to other Granges in order to obtain the most beneficial interest rate for the Subordinate/Community Grange.
4. Per the National Grange Digest of Laws, Chapter 4, By-Laws Article XI 4.11.1 I (4) the California State Grange will receive an administration fee of 10% of earned interest.
5. The California State Grange will provide a Quarterly statement to each Subordinate/Community Grange of performance of the account.
6. Any net interest earned from the account will be remitted to the Subordinate/Community Grange within 30 days of the close of the quarter.
 - a. End of the quarter is defined as:
 - i. March 31
 - ii. June 30
 - iii. September 30
 - iv. December 31
7. Subordinate/Community Granges may request withdrawal of their funds as follows:
 - a. Written request << add to whom the request is submitted >> stating that the Grange is requesting up to \$500 of their funds as reflected in the minutes of their Grange meeting held on a specific date.
 - i. Funds will be remitted upon request by the California State Grange.
 - ii. This request can be made only one time per quarter per year.

- b. Any funds requested over \$500 will be made in writing and submitted to the Board of Directors for approval.
 - i. The request from the Grange will include:
 - 1. Minutes of the Grange meeting showing the membership vote to approve the withdrawal of funds.
 - 2. Purpose for the withdrawal i.e. necessary repairs, projects, etc.
 - ii. Action of the Board of Directors
 - 1. The Minutes of the Board of Directors will reflect the final approval/disapproval of the request
 - 2. The final action of the Board of Directors will be sent in writing to the Grange.
 - 3. Checks will be processed in accordance with the final action of the Board of Directors.

- 8. Subordinate/Community Granges requiring temporary custody of their funds shall be administered as follows:
 - a. Any checks made payable to the Subordinate/Community Grange shall be endorsed to the California State Grange.
 - b. California State Grange shall deposit the endorsed checks into the California State Grange Custodial Account.
 - c. Deposit shall be reflected in the current bookkeeping system.
 - d. Any expenses drawn on those funds on behalf of the Subordinate/Community Grange shall be paid from the General Operating Account of the California State Grange in accordance with current procedures in place by the Board of Directors of the California State Grange.
 - e. At the end of the temporary custodial period of these funds, the California State Grange will provide a reconciliation of the funds deposited and expensed to the Subordinate/Community Grange.
 - i. The Funds expensed by the California State Grange will be transferred from the Custodial Account to the General Operating Account of the California State Grange as reimbursement.
 - ii. The balance of the funds will be remitted to the Subordinate/Community Grange from the Custodial Account.

- 9. The bookkeeping system of the California State Grange will provide a report containing the full accounting of the funds held, interest earned, and any payments remitted to the Subordinate/Community Grange.

141ST ANNUAL SESSION RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

2016-001 -- VOTE BY SHOPPING AND SAVING LOCALLY

Submitted by Sebastopol Grange #306

WHEREAS: Citizens in California cities and counties send hundreds of billions of dollars to Wall Street banks every year and Sonoma County sends \$22 billion per year in mortgage and credit card payments and purchases from stores owned by Wall Street listed companies, and;

WHEREAS: Many more billions are sent to Wall Street banks in the form of account deposits and investments, and;

WHEREAS: Only a tiny fraction of that money ever comes back for local investment, and in Sonoma County that number is less than one percent, and;

WHEREAS: It is urgent to promote resilient local communities, make investment capital available for local farmers and industries and thereby promote jobs and a robust local economy, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange strongly encourage and work with all subordinate Granges to urge our members and communities to buy from local farmers, and locally-owned businesses and stores and do our best to deposit our money in local credit unions and banks that invest a large proportion of their funds locally.

2016-004 -- TOMBSTONES FOR VETERANS

Submitted by Windsor Grange #410

WHEREAS: Some veterans are denied a tombstone as a burial marker because of felony convictions later on in life; and

WHEREAS: Our organization feels that a veteran, one who has successfully served, should be permitted full rites whatever his/her life might have been, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange urge our federal law makers to question the Department of Veterans Affairs on the restrictive approach of limiting headstones for veterans who paid the price of wrong-doing in later life.

2016-005 - FEES, TAXES, TOLLS
Submitted by Windsor Grange #410
Submitted by Little Lake Grange #670

WHEREAS: State government has changed the definition of fees, taxes and tolls for political reasons; and

WHEREAS: This method is contentious and allows the state to change one term for another circumventing Prop 13 at will. Therefore be it,

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange urge the State Attorney General to fully define California's use of the following:

1. Fee;
2. User's Fee;
3. Tax Assessments;
4. Toll surcharge

And be it further.

RESOLVED: That the explanation be defined on how these terms fit with Prop 13.

2016-006R - NO CAMPAIGNING ON TAXPAYERS MONEY
Submitted by Windsor Grange #410
Rewritten by Citizenship & Taxation Committee

WHEREAS: Incumbent elected officials at all levels with important positions tend to use our time when climbing the political ladder searching for higher office; and

WHEREAS: Climbing the political ladder in mid-term leaves behind problems such as: promises and financial donations from voters; and

WHEREAS: Mid-term replacements by appointment give the appointee undue advantage at the next general election over any competition; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange urge our state legislators to implement laws to prevent incumbent elected leaders from receiving salary for their office while running for other elected positions.

2016-008 - PROHIBIT LEGISLATIVE VOTE CHANGING
Submitted by Little Lake Grange #670

WHEREAS: The California Assembly allows members to change or add their vote after the vote has been taken, with no effect on the outcome of the issue involved, and;

WHEREAS: The California Senate allows the party leaders of the Senate to use this same practice, and;

WHEREAS: This practice impedes transparency in government, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange urge our California Lawmakers to prohibit vote changing and vote adding in both houses of our State Legislature.

**2016-009 - CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE
Submitted by Little Lake Grange #670**

WHEREAS: The word "Corporation" is not mentioned anywhere in the United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS: The 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution defines a citizen as, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside, and

WHEREAS: The 14th amendment of the US constitution specifically states that, "No state shall deny its citizens equal protection of the laws."

WHEREAS: A corporation is a legal fiction that is neither a "born" nor a "naturalized" "citizen" of the United States and

WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that corporations are persons, entitled by the U.S. Constitution to all the protection granted to individual persons including the freedom of speech, of the press, and of religion and,

WHEREAS: Many attempts to regulate corporations have been struck down by the courts on the grounds that a corporation is legally perceived as a person and attempts to single out and regulate a person is in violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th amendment, therefore be it

RESOLVED: The California State Grange work with the California legislature and Congressional representatives, and the National Grange work with the US Senate and House of Representatives, to develop and implement any and all legislation that restricts and reserves the protections of the Bill of Rights, particularly the 1st Amendment, the Commerce Clause, and the 14th Amendment's equal protection clause for natural people, not corporations, and, be it further

RESOLVED: The California State Grange work with California legislature and Congressional representatives, and the National Grange work with the US Senate and House of Representatives, to develop and propose and or support an amendment to the US Constitution that insures the 14th Amendment and the Bill of Rights primarily protects natural people, and specifies that corporations are not natural people.

2016-013 - BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS
Submitted by California State Grange Board of Directors

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

WHEREAS: The current by-laws require the Board of Directors to meet the day preceding the annual session and also the day after the annual meeting, and

WHEREAS: This could require this Grange to expend additional funds for lodging and travel, etc., when the meeting could be held just prior to or just after the close of the Annual Session, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That Article VI, Section 6.31 of the California State Grange By-Laws be amended to read (emphasis added):

6.3.1 Regular Meetings – The Board shall hold regular meetings at least quarterly. In addition, the Board shall meet within the twenty-four (24) hours preceding the opening of the Annual meeting of this Grange, and within the twenty-four (24) hours after the close of the Annual meeting of this Grange.

2016-015 - STATE GRANGE OFFICERS COMPENSATION
Submitted by California State Grange Board of Directors

WHEREAS: Article XI, Section 11.2.1 c), of the By-Laws of the California State Grange states *c) The Board shall be responsible for presenting a resolution setting the compensation of all officers of this Grange. This resolution must be acted upon by the Delegates, prior to the election of the officers.*

Therefore be it

RESOLVED: the compensation of Officers of the California State Grange for 2016-2018 will be:

Master/President/CEO

\$36,000 per annum plus an accountable reimbursement not to exceed \$200 per month for use of home office.

Secretary

\$18,000 per annum plus an accountable reimbursement not to exceed \$200 per month for use of home office.

**2016-017R - LESSONS FROM THE CONFLICT BETWEEN NATIONAL GRANGE
AND CALIFORNIA STATE GRANGE**

Submitted by Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange #503

Rewritten by Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee

WHEREAS: The recent conflict between the National Grange and the California State Grange has resulted in a wasteful diversion of time and money that could have been better spent; and

WHEREAS: Granges doing important work have been torn apart between states, 8 within California, and even brother from brother and sister from sister within the same halls; and

WHEREAS: The 1874 Declaration of Purpose states, "We shall avoid litigation as much as possible by arbitration in the Grange"; and

WHEREAS: Grangers of good intent and conscience were unable to resolve legitimate complaints within the Grange structure; and

WHEREAS: An understanding of the root causes of the disruption is necessary if a repeat is to be avoided in the future; be it

RESOLVED: That National Master Betsy Huber appoint a Committee to identify what allowed the conflict between National Grange and California State Grange to reach the point of legal proceedings with all its attendant costs, financially and fraternally; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Committee report their findings at the 2017 National Convention with recommendations on how to prevent such a disruption in the future, and make that report available to the membership.

2016-020R - HERITAGE GRANGE PROGRAM

Submitted by Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange #503

Rewritten by Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee

WHEREAS: 2017 is the 150th anniversary of the National Grange's founding, which has evoked renewed interest in the stories, letters and rituals from the origins of the grange, and

WHEREAS: The shared history of the Grange is a point of unity and celebration for all grangers, and

WHEREAS: The 1874 Statement of Purpose has modern resonance in promoting co-ops, regenerative agriculture and animal husbandry, crop diversification and smart exports, and opposing monopolies, consumerism, and the credit and mortgage system, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the State Grange Lecturer establish a heritage program that forms a special bond of fellowship to study and revive the 19th century history, songs, rituals and Declaration of Purposes.

**2016-021 - CALIFORNIA PUBLIC BANK
Submitted by Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange #503**

WHEREAS: The National Grange started in 1867 as a farmer's cooperative to fight the domination of big banks, and

WHEREAS: The 1874 Grange Declaration of Purpose includes "to discountenance the credit system, the mortgage system, the fashion system, and every other system tending to prodigality and bankruptcy," and

WHEREAS: The Grange lobbied successfully for the Federal Farm Loan Act of 1916, which allowed farmers to borrow at 1% over the bond rate, and

WHEREAS: North Dakota farmers, facing the same problems, started their own state-owned public bank in 1919, and

WHEREAS: Since then, the Bank of North Dakota has disbursed \$555 million to a solvent state budget, offers a revolving loan fund to cities and counties, gives low-rate loans to beginning and family farmers, extends student loans, helps after disasters with building loans with deferred payments, and keeps mortgages from being resold on the secondary market, and

WHEREAS: Since then, the State of California and local governments have incurred \$383 billion in debt, the State needs \$700 billion in infrastructure, funding cuts have increased college tuition by 240% in a decade, mortgage fraud led to hundreds of thousands of foreclosures; the poverty rate and income discrepancy are the highest in the country; and farmland is unaffordable for all but real estate speculators, and

WHEREAS: California has ample reserves to capitalize a public bank that would create a surplus for state and local governments, replace municipal bank loans with revolving funds, invest pensions and savings into community projects, save billions on interest for infrastructure, protect students and homeowners from unscrupulous lenders, create community jobs, fund work-as-you-learn colleges of agriculture, and extend low-rate loans for smallholder farms, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: The California Grange will support legislation to create a California State Bank that supports regional California public banks.

**2016-024 - LABEL GENETICALLY ENGINEERED BABY FOOD IN CALIFORNIA
Submitted by Monterey County Pomona Grange**

WHEREAS: The California State Grange has adopted resolutions in support of labeling of genetically engineered foods based on known health risks and consumers' right and preference to know whether foods contain genetically engineered ingredients, and

WHEREAS: Infant formula may contain milk from cows injected with genetically engineered bovine growth hormone, and

WHEREAS: Infants are at the greatest risk of reactions to allergens in their diet, and

WHEREAS: Infants and young children are more sensitive to chemicals or toxins and genetically engineered foods have not yet received safety tests for human consumption, and

WHEREAS: Labels on baby food are not currently required to show genetically engineered ingredients, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall advocate to enact a law that requires labels on baby foods and infant formulas that list all genetically engineered ingredient(s), including milk from animals treated with growth hormone(s).

**2016-025 - COMPUTER LITERACY and GRANGE COMMUNICATION
Submitted by Monterey County Pomona Grange**

WHEREAS: The internet is often required for Granges and other nonprofit organizations to conduct business; and

WHEREAS: Dial-up internet is too slow requiring broad band connections; and

WHEREAS: Wireless broadband is slower and less secure than wired broadband; and

WHEREAS: Many Grangers and rural folks are not well educated in the use of computers and internet; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange will develop a voluntary program of computer education for all Grangers in order to facilitate better communication among the membership.

**2016-027 - CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT OF THE US POSTAL SERVICE
Submitted by Monterey County Pomona Grange**

WHEREAS: The Postal Service system has been crucial for Americans; and

WHEREAS: The Postal Service provides many unique means to mail and receive mail; and

WHEREAS: The Postal Service is suffering from reduced funding via lower volumes of mail; and

WHEREAS: A Federally supported Postal Service is more dependable in maintaining mail services than for more expensive profit shipping processes; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall encourage the US Congress to continue funding to support the US Postal Service to maintain its important services, i.e.

maintain post offices, lowest cost delivery services, minimum level of services to customers, continued Saturday delivery and door and curbside services.

**2016-029 - BAN ENHANCED HYDRAULIC FRACTURING AND FRACTURING WASTE DISPOSAL IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Monterey County Pomona Grange**

WHEREAS: America has experienced a boom in hydraulic fracturing and acid injection fracturing that permanently pollutes huge amounts of potable water with cancer causing chemicals that are disposed of by injecting the waste below or near local aquifers; and

WHEREAS: Wikipedia defines hydraulic fracturing (also hydro fracturing, hydro fracking or fracking), as "a well-stimulation technique in which rock, such as oil-bearing shale, is fractured by a hydraulically pressurized liquid made of water, sand, and chemicals. The high-pressure fluid (usually chemicals and sand suspended in water) is injected into a wellbore to create cracks in the deep-rock formations through which natural gas, petroleum, and brine will flow more freely. When the hydraulic pressure is removed from the well, small grains of hydraulic fracturing proppants (either sand or aluminum oxide) hold the fractures open. A proppant is a solid material, typically sand, treated sand or man-made ceramic materials, designed to keep an induced hydraulic fracture open, during or following a fracturing treatment"; and

WHEREAS: Wikipedia defines steam injection as "a common method of extracting heavy crude oil. It is considered an enhanced oil recovery (EOR) method and is the main type of thermal stimulation of oil reservoirs. There are several different forms of the technology, with the two main ones being Cyclic Steam Stimulation and Steam Flooding. Both are most commonly applied to oil reservoirs, which are relatively shallow and which contain crude oils which are very viscous at the temperature of the native underground formation. Steam injection is widely used in the San Joaquin Valley of California (USA), the Lake Maracaibo area of Venezuela, and the oil sands of northern Alberta (Canada)"; and

WHEREAS: In the summer of 2014, officials of the California Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources (DOGGR) admitted that for years they violated federal law by inadvertently allowing oil companies to inject wastewater — from fracturing and other oil production operations — into hundreds of disposal wells in "protected aquifers"; and

WHEREAS: The federal Environmental Protection Agency has called the state's errors "shocking" and said California's oil field wastewater injection program does not comply with the federal Safe Drinking Water Act; and

WHEREAS: In March 2015, as reported by the LA Times, California Senators held hearings regarding the failure to comply with federal law by California's Division of Oil, Gas and Geothermal Resources and by the state Water Resources Control Board, characterizing longstanding agency management of injected fracturing waste as corrupt and inept; and

WHEREAS: The hydraulic fracturing industry is expanding across California's agriculture areas including Fresno, Kern, Ventura, Santa Barbara, and San Benito counties and is lobbying for unrestricted hydraulic fracturing in Monterey County; and

WHEREAS: California is the largest multi crop-producing state in the United States and many highly productive and profitable agriculture areas rely on local aquifers as a precious source of water to remain productive; and

WHEREAS: If the source of water for the agriculture and vintner industries in California was polluted by hydraulic fracturing operations or by hydraulic fracturing waste, that pollution could cause long-term devastating economic impact on the agricultural regions, and on the California state economy; and

WHEREAS: Many California water basins have been over drafted for years, are not now sustainable, and must be returned to a sustainable condition as required by the 2015 California State Groundwater Sustainability Act; and

WHEREAS: The United States Geological Survey has reported that "...injection of hydraulic fracturing wastewater into the subsurface can cause earthquakes that are large enough to be felt and may cause damage. ... Of the case histories, for which there is a scientific consensus that an injection operation induced earthquakes, the largest are magnitude 5. However, there is no conclusive example linking injection operations to triggering of major earthquakes, however we cannot eliminate this possibility."; and

WHEREAS: On March 4, 2015, the Salinas Californian reported that the "San Andreas Fault could deliver wallop in Salinas area" because it is locking up in the Parkfield area of Monterey County by storing almost half an inch of stress per year, enough to cause a magnitude 6 earthquake, according to findings released in the scientific journal Geophysical Research Letters; and

WHEREAS: Monterey County is the most seismically active oil region in the United States and has the San Andreas Fault running the north-south length of the county. Thus, the likelihood of underground hydraulic fracturing waste leaking into local water sources is more likely in this valley than anywhere else for two reasons. Toxic underground waste would be subject to naturally occurring earthquakes at a level not seen in other areas. Plus, injecting hydraulic fracturing waste at high pressure into the California water basin would increase underground pressure gradients that might increase the number or size of earthquakes in the county.

Hence, allowing industrial-level consumption of water by permitting new enhanced extraction hydraulic fracturing wells within California water basins would be detrimental to returning the basins to a sustainable condition, would directly compete with existing agriculture/vintner water use, and likely constrain agriculture operations in the state.

Additionally, allowing storage of millions of gallons of toxic hydraulic fracturing waste under or near water aquifers in water basins would unnecessarily create a huge risk of pollution to a precious source of water within the state and create an unacceptable risk to the California economy, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange urges the legislature of the State of California to ban enhanced hydraulic fracturing and fracturing waste disposal in injection wells in the State of California.

2016-030 - TRAINING OF GRANGE OFFICERS THROUGH THE POMONA GRANGES

Submitted by Monterey County Pomona Grange

WHEREAS: The Master/President, Secretary, Treasurer and Lecturer of the Community (Subordinate) Granges are volunteers and may lack professional training or experience in the vocations for which they were elected to serve; and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange bylaws are not specific about the skills and professionalism that grange officers require to be efficient and capable in their roles; and

WHEREAS: The California State Grange has published a written handbook for grange secretaries and treasurers, and there is no requirement in the bylaws to conduct the business operations of the community (subordinate) granges in accordance with the guideline(s) in the handbooks; and

WHEREAS: Inadequate transfer of knowledge of the roles and responsibilities of each office of the Grange can lead to unmet expectations, poor officer performance, a lack of accurate recordkeeping, and abuses of power if checks and balances are not in place; and

WHEREAS: The Grange provides an opportunity for members to achieve their full potential and formal officer training would a space for Grange members to grow both personally and professionally and empower our member to become more effective community leaders; and

WHEREAS: The Pomona Granges provide the leadership for educational, legislative and business interests of the subordinate granges in its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS: The Pomona Grange has the potential to strengthen subordinate granges by offering opportunities for regional officer training and mentorship from experienced grange members, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange support Pomona Granges to provide annual regional officer training by developing and providing training modules and supporting materials for the offices of Master/President, Secretary, Treasurer and Lecturer.

2016-033 - AUDIT REQUIREMENTS FOR GRANGES
Submitted by DeSabra Grange #762

WHEREAS: Section 9.3.1 of the Code of the National Grange reads;

9.3.1 The Executive Committee shall audit the accounts of the Treasurer and Secretary of the National Grange before the annual meeting of the National Grange and report thereon to the National Grange. A statement of a Certified Public Accountant may be submitted in lieu of the Committee actually making the audit.

Which allows a statement of a Certified Public Accountant may be submitted in lieu of the Committee making an audit, and

WHEREAS: Section 10.14.1 of the Code of All Granges, currently reads;

10.14.1. All Grange financial accounts of the Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, and State Granges will be audited annually by the respective Grange Executive Committee or by a committee appointed by the Master. The audit report shall be made part of the records of the Grange.

Which does not address the using a CPA in lieu of an audit by the Executive Committee, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that Code of All Granges, Section 10.14.1 be amended to read;

10.14.1. All Grange financial accounts of the Junior, Subordinate, Pomona, and State Granges will be audited annually by the respective Grange Executive Committee or by a committee appointed by the Master. The audit report shall be made part of the records of the Grange. All Granges may substitute a statement of a Certified Public Accountant in lieu of the Committee actually making the audit.

2016-034R - DEFINE CAMPAIGNING IN NATIONAL GRANGE DIGEST
Submitted by Bellevue Grange #374
Rewritten by Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee

WHEREAS: The National Grange Digest of Laws prohibits nominating speeches in section 10.4.1, and;

WHEREAS: It has been a foundation tenant of the Grange that "the office seeks the person, not the person the office", and;

WHEREAS: It has recently become more common for members to actively campaign for offices at the various levels of the Order, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the following be inserted into the National Grange Digest of Laws

10.4.2 Campaigning for any office shall not be allowed in any of the Granges of the various divisions of the Order. Campaigning shall be defined as:

1. The self-promotion by a member for Grange office
2. The solicitation of votes from members

And be it further;

RESOLVED: When a member accepts the nomination for an office, they shall be encouraged to relay their qualifications, their reasons for accepting the nomination, and their vision for the future of the Grange should they be elected. And be it further;

RESOLVED: That critiques and other negative comments about other candidates shall be prohibited. And be it further;

RESOLVED: That the remaining sections will be renumbered accordingly

**2016-037 - LABELING FOODS CONTAINING GENETICALLY ENGINEERED
INGREDIENTS
Submitted by Mattole Grange #569**

WHEREAS: There have been no long-term studies conducted on the safety of genetically engineered foods on humans.

WHEREAS: There are significant restrictions or outright bans on genetically engineered foods in 64 countries.

WHEREAS: There are significant restrictions or outright bans on genetically engineered foods in five California counties.

WHEREAS: American companies that sell genetically engineered foods overseas label these as containing GMO ingredients.

WHEREAS: American consumers have, in every opinion poll, overwhelmingly expressed a right to know what is in the food they buy and eat, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange adopt a public policy to support labeling genetically engineered (GMO) foods; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall lobby at the State Level to pass laws requiring labeling of genetically engineered (GMO) foods; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange shall carry this resolution to the National Grange for consideration and adoption.

**2016-038 - RENEW GRANGE FARMERS DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE
Submitted by Mattole Grange #569**

WHEREAS: A founding document of our nation, the Declaration of Independence, invokes an overarching standard of human equality and equal rights and

WHEREAS: The Farmers Declaration of Independence composed by the National Grange in 1873 Declares that the Grange will "use all lawful and peaceable means to free ourselves from the tyranny of monopoly and that we will never cease our efforts for reform until every department of our Government gives token that the reign of licentious extravagance is over, and something of the purity, honesty and frugality with which our fathers inaugurated it, has taken its place", and

WHEREAS: The ever- widening gap between the so called 1% of super-rich citizens of this country and the declining resources of the remaining 99%, accelerated by the influence of such legislation as Citizens United , flies in the face of any revered standard of equality,

WHEREAS: The control of our food supply is concentrated in fewer and fewer hands, and the lives of the producers are increasingly controlled by powerful monopolies and banks to a degree never dreamed of by the Grange's founding fathers and mothers, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Grange will renew its dedication to the farmers and working people of this state and nation, and make every effort to oppose legislation which would further enrich the powerful, or diminish the rights to education, health and prosperity promised to our citizens in the founding documents of our country and our Grange organization

**2016-040 - THE GRANGE AS LAND STEWARD
Submitted by Mattole Grange #569**

WHEREAS The roots of our National Grange reach back thousands of years to a time when Humans had a greater reverence and respect for nature and its gifts, and the rituals we employ today in our meetings acknowledge that ancient bond, and

WHEREAS: The best science of our era has recognized that human activity has dangerously destabilized the relationship between different forms of life many of which are in danger of becoming extinct, or are being forced to abandon or restrict their former habitats and ranges, and

WHEREAS: Large populations of humans face ever growing threats of natural catastrophe precipitated by these activities and the resultant influence on recent increases in global temperature, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Grange will make every effort to protect the Earth, the source of All life, and support legislation which preserves our carbon-sequestering forests, guard our water supply, and oppose activity which contributes to the acidification of our oceans and increasing concentration of greenhouse gases in our planet's atmosphere.

**2016-041R - PROTECT FUNDING FOR AGRICULTURE EDUCATION
Submitted by Bellevue Grange #374**

WHEREAS: The Grange has been a supporter of agricultural education and the Future Farmers of America (FFA), and;

WHEREAS: The Grange has been intertwined with the history of the FFA since its founding in 1928, and;

WHEREAS: Agriculture Education has become a target program for budget cutting therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That local California Granges participate as stake holders in Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) committees in their communities, and be it further

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange advocate for direct funding for Agricultural Education Career Technical Education (CTE) program funding

**2016-042 - PROTECT FUNDING FOR THE AGRICULTURE EXTENSION
SERVICE
Submitted by Bellevue Grange #374**

WHEREAS: The first agriculture experiment stations were established in 1875 with Grange support, and;

WHEREAS: The Grange supported the Smith-Lever Act of 1914 which established the Agriculture Extension Service, and;

WHEREAS: In recent years funding for extension service programs such as 4-H and the Master Gardeners have been the target of budget cutting. Therefore be it;

RESOLVED: The California State Grange supports the Agriculture Extension Service. And be it further;

RESOLVED: The California State Grange opposes any significant reduction in funding for the Agriculture Extension Service that would cause programs to be discontinued.

2016-044 - REVERTED TRUST FUNDS
Submitted by Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee

WHEREAS: Resolution 09 in 1992 established a distribution schedule for reverted trust funds, and

WHEREAS: In 2002 the distribution schedule was deleted, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That when Trust Funds revert to the California State Grange after being held for the required seven (7) years, that they shall be distributed as follows:

Membership Development	15%
Grange Hall Loans, Grants, and Maintenance	85%

2016-045 - GRANGE YOUTH FAIR PARTICIPATION
Submitted by Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development Committee

WHEREAS: The Grange Youth Fair is a National Grange Program, and;

WHEREAS: The Grange has a long-standing relationship with the FFA and 4-H organizations, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the California State Grange work with, support and advocate for the National Grange in the creation of a Memorandum of Understanding between the organizations regarding fair participation.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Health Committee Report

The Education and Health committee received three resolutions.

2016-25R – Committee report was favorable and resolution was adopted

2016-26 – Physical Education in Schools.

Committee report was unfavorable as already present policy. Resolution was rejected.

2016-32 – Supporting Charter Schools

Committee report was unfavorable as already present policy. Resolution was rejected.

My thanks to the Education and Health Committee:

Tom Sawyer, Morgan Hill Grange

Suzi Laskowski, Rosedale Grange

Randy Turnquist, Aptos Grange

Additional participants: Ellen Taylor, of Mattole Grange and Vicki Bridges of Morgan Hill Grange.

Respectfully submitted,

Jan Saxton, Chairman

Aromas Grange #361

Grange Law / Grange Growth & Development

The Grange Law / Grange Growth and Development Committee received 16 Resolutions

Resolution 2016-015 transferred to Audit & Budget Committee. Resolution 2016-036 transferred to the Agriculture & Water Committee.

Seven resolutions were passed. Three were recommitted to the interim Grange Law/Grange Growth & Development Committee. Six were rejected.

I want to thank the members of the committee for their work at this session. We did always agree, but we had a good exchange of opinions and all were working toward the good the Grange.

Tereza Coraggio

Gerald "Buzz" Chernoff

Rich Saxe

Annie Waters

Joseph Stefenoni

Santa Cruz Live Oak Grange, Santa Cruz County

Marshall Grange, El Dorado County

Aromas Grange, Monterey County

Little Lake Grange, Mendocino County

Sebastopol Grange, Sonoma County

Fraternally submitted,

William "Bill" Booth, Chairman

DIRECTOR REPORTS

Expo Director Report

Worthy National Master, Officers and Directors of the California State Grange, Delegates, Brothers and Sister. It is my pleasure to report to you about the California Grange Expo.

As a bit of background, seeds of the Grange Expo were sown 17 years ago when a pair of new visitors to our convention asked where they could find information about entering the departmental contests. In those days, if you wanted to enter Women's Activities contests, you had to have a booklet from them. If you were a Junior Grange leader or a Youth or Young Adult, you received information from the respective State and National Directors. Most other contests were the domain of the Lecturer. Since the programs were separate, each developed their own program, and at the time there was duplication of contests or overlap. These new members were involved in showing livestock at fairs and wanted a single source to contact for information just like your County fair. As Johnny and I drove home late after the convention closed, the seeds began to sprout and by the time we arrived at home the trunk and branches of the Expo were in place.

Through the years, the Grange Expo has served as a one-stop source for Juniors, Youth, and all other members to find contest information. The Expo has grown and changed to help reflect the needs of the various departments and programs. It does not replace the Junior, Youth, Family Activities, or Lecturer's programs, it is the showcase that displays the results of their talents.

Just as our forests have suffered due to drought and disease over the past few years, so too has the Expo. Last year we brought the Grange Expo back when we held our 140th Annual Meeting. It was small, but it displayed the work of our members. Although heavily pruned, the main plant was beginning to grow.

I hope you have been to see this year's Grange Expo. We are located in the little house across the parking lot. Again, it is a small display, but it shows a cross-section of what can be exhibited. However, we need your help. Each one of you who has visited the Expo has received a pen. I challenge you to use that pen to fill out an entry form for 2017. Communicate with the members of your Grange and let them know what opportunities they have through the Grange Expo. Encourage your friends and neighbors to enter the Expo as a Guest Exhibitor and then become a member of your Grange. Provide it as a showcase for the best your Grange has to offer. Do as I have done and challenge the membership of your Grange to have entries in as many divisions as possible.

Please follow the California Grange Expo on Facebook. We will be posting pictures of this year's Expo, important announcements, and even entry ideas throughout the year. We are also always looking for new ideas to add to the Expo, so if you see something fantastic post it to the Expo Facebook page.

This evening you will witness the exemplification of the 5th Degree. I encourage you to listen to the Overseer, because the charge that is given to the candidates is the mission statement of the Grange Expo. "To preserve and bring together for exhibition at proper seasons, the

choicest products of orchard, farm, garden, dairy, and household skill, that we may incite one another to good works." If you came to the display and left saying oh I could have done that" or "I know someone who can do this" then we are meeting our mission.

I will also add that we will have a variety of items in our Expo auction. They are displayed with a pink dot on the card. The proceeds are used to pay for Expo expenses during the year and we would like to continue to be a program that pays for itself.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Squire,

California State Grange Expo Director

FIFTH DEGREE

Fifth Degree Team

Master	Emily Turnquist, Aptos Grange
Overseer	Joseph Stefenoni, Bellevue Grange
Lecturer	Amanda Thomas, DeSabra Grange
Steward	Josh Harper, Orangevale Grange
Assistant Steward	Brandon Nebitt, Rosedale Grange
Lady Assistant Steward	Lauren Nebitt, Rosedale Grange
Gatekeeper	Mike Lampke, Wyandotte Grange
Chaplain	Christina Fletcher, Orangevale Grange
Treasurer	Bud Hill, Empire Grange
Secretary	Lillian Booth, DeSabra Grange
Ceres	LoRee Lampke, Wyandotte Grange
Pomona	Katie Squire, Central Union Grange
Flora	Jayme West, Ramona Grange
Executive Committee	Evan Tatum, Orangevale Grange
Executive Committee	Shannon Willette, Rosedale Grange
Executive Committee	Bob Clouse, Orangevale Grange
Musician	Martha Stefenoni, Rincon Valley Grange
Court Ladies	Kylee West, Khloe West, KayLynn Booth

Fifth Degree Candidates

Gary Abreim	Sebastopol Grange #306
Jerry Allen	Sebastopol Grange #306
Carol Blum	Prunedale Grange #388
Rachel Britten	Little Lake Grange #670
Sherry Bryan	Santa Cruz Live Oak #
Jesse Clouse	Orangevale Grange #354
Tereza Coraggio	Santa Cruz Live Oak
Tacy Currey	Dixon Grange #19
Jane Evans	Laytonville Grange #726
Michael Evenson	Mattole Grange #569
Natalie Hernandez	Aptos Grange #800
Ruthie King	Little Lake Grange #670
Stanley Newbold	Orangevale Grange #354
Vickie Newbold	Orangevale Grange #354
Kylee Oglethorpe	Orangevale Grange #354
Vince Scholten	Sebastopol Grange #306
Carol Spiker	Orangevale Grange #354
Christy Tatum	Orangevale Grange #354
Ellen Taylor	Mattole Grange #569
Evan Wiig	Sebastopol Grange #306

SIXTH DEGREE

Sixth Degree Team

Master	Ed Komski
Overseer	Linda Chernoff
Lecturer	Barbara Geiger
Steward	Randy Turnquist
Assistant Steward	Joseph Stefenoni
Lady Assistant Steward	Suzi Laskowski
Gatekeeper	Brandon Nebitt
Chaplain	Bill Compton
Treasurer	Bud Hill
Secretary	Lillian Booth
Ceres	LoRee Lampke
Pomona	Nola Martini
Flora	Jayme West
Executive Committee	Bob Clouse
Executive Committee	Inger Bevans
Executive Committee	Johnny Squire
Musician	Martha Stefenoni

Sixth Degree Candidates

Gary Abreim	Sebastopol Grange #306
Jerry Allen	Sebastopol Grange #306
Carol Blum	Prunedale Grange #388
Rachel Britten	Little Lake Grange #670
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Carol Spiker	Orangevale Grange #354
Christy Tatum	Orangevale Grange #354
Ellen Taylor	Mattole Grange #569
Iona Westwood	Laytonville Grange #726
Evan Wiig	Sebastopol Grange #306

RECOGNITION

Grange Builder Awards

Granges having a net increase in membership for the calendar year 2015 were presented to:

Merced Colony Grange
Rainbow Valley Grange
Central Union Grange
Bellevue Grange
Dixon Grange

Buena Vista Grange
Orangevale Grange
Rosedale Grange
Rincon Valley Grange

Anniversary Awards were presented to:

Westside Grange	10 years
Kern-Buena Vista Grange	10 years
Ramona Grange	80 years
Cloverdale Grange	85 years

2016 GRANGE EXPO AWARDS

CRAFTS

- Div 30 Christmas Ornaments - Senior**
Class 3 Any Other Kind
1st Katie Squire Central Union Grange
- Div 33 General Crafts - Senior**
Class 3 Natural Objects
1st Katie Squire Central Union Grange
Class 4 Any Other Craft Item
1st Shannon Willette Rosedale Grange
2nd Katie Squire Central Union Grange

BAKING

- Div 150 Quick Bread – Senior**
Class 3 Any Other
1st Katie Squire Central Union Grange
- Div 151 Yeast Bread – Senior**
Class 1 Loaf
1st Katie Squire Central Union Grange
- Div 152 Cookie - Senior**
Class 1 Bar
1st Katie Squire Central Union Grange
Class 4 Rolled
1st Katie Squire Central Union Grange
Class 5 Brownies
1st Katie Squire Central Union Grange
- Div 153 Wacky or Crazy Cake - Senior**
Class 1 Any Kind
1st Johnny Squire Central Union Grange
- Div 160 Candy – Senior**
Class 2 Soft – any kind
1st Katie Squire Central Union Grange

**BEST OF SHOW
BAKING – Senior
Katie Squire
Brownies**

FOOD PRESERVATION - CANNING

- Div 180 Fruit – Senior**
Class 1 Fruit – Whole or pieces
1st Johnny Squire Central Union Grange
3rd Johnny Squire Central Union Grange

Div 185 Jam – Senior

Class 1 Berry		
1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 nd	H.F. Tom Sawyer	Morgan Hill Grange
3 rd	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
Class 4 Any Other Kind		
1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 nd	Ann Larson	Central Union Grange
3 rd	H.F. Tom Sawyer	Morgan Hill Grange

Div 187 Other Soft Spreads – Senior

Class 1 Marmalade		
1 st	H.F. Tom Sawyer	Morgan Hill Grange

Div 188 Canned & Bottled Liquids

Class 2 Syrup or Topping		
2 nd	Johnny Squire	Central Union Grange

Div 190 Dried Foods - Senior

Class 2 Herbs		
1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange

<p>BEST of SHOW FOOD PRESERVATION - Senior Katie Squire Jam – Any Other Kind</p>
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TEXTILES

Div 210 Yarn & Thread Work – Senior

Class 2 Small item – cotton thread		
1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
Class 5 Afghan – yarn		
1 st	Marda Henry	Dixon Grange
2 nd	Marda Henry	Dixon Grange
3 rd	Sue Taylor	Central Union Grange
Class 6 Baby Blanket – yarn		
1 st	Sue Taylor	Central Union Grange
Class 8 Cap, Hat, or Scarf – yarn		
1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 nd	Linda MacCracken	Rio Linda Grange
Class 10 Any Other – yarn		
1 st	Rosemary Hanson	DeSabra Grange
Class 12 Counted Cross Stitch		
1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange

Div 230 Weaving, Misc., or Mixed – Senior

Class 1 Weaving		
1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
Class 5 Any Other Kind		
1 st	Marda Henry	Dixon Grange

Div 250 Sewing – Household Creations – Senior

Class 2 Accessories

1 st	Etta Smith	Prunedale Grange
2 nd	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange

Class 3 Any Other Kind

2 nd	Marda Henry	Dixon Grange
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<p>BEST of SHOW TEXTILES - Senior Katie Squire Counted Cross-Stitch</p>

NATURAL SCIENCES - AGRICULTURE

Div 310 Field Crops & Garden Seed – Senior

Class 2 Grain, Sheaves

1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 nd	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange

Div 312 Vegetables – Plate displays

Class 3 Tomatoes

1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
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Class 4 Summer Squash

1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
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PHOTOGRAPHY

Div 270 Photography – Senior

Class 1 Landscape/Seascape

1 st	Phyllis Duncil	Central Union Grange
2 nd	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
3 rd	Leroy Squire	Central Union Grange
4 th	Leroy Squire	Central Union Grange
HM	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange

Class 3 Macro (close-up details)

1 st	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
2 nd	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange
3 rd	Phyllis Duncil	Central Union Grange
HM	Leroy Squire	Central Union Grange

Class 4 Animals

1 st	Amy Turnquist	Aptos Grange
2 nd	Amy Turnquist	Aptos Grange
3 rd	Katie Squire	Central Union Grange

<p>BEST of SHOW PHOTOGRAPHY - Senior Phyllis Duncil</p>
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IN MEMORIAM

The Memorial Service of the California State Grange was conducted by State Grange Chaplain, William "Bill" Compton, and his wife Joan.

"We are His sheep. He is our Shepard"

Solo by Barbara Geiger, California State Grange Lecturer.
"How Great Thou Art".

Roll Call of Departed were honored.

Ann Pisenti Beach Burow – Sonoma County
90-year member of the Grange.
65 years as the Grange Secretary for Bennett Valley Grange
Passed away at age 110.

Burnis E. Stefenoni – Sonoma County
Member of Sebastopol Grange
Wife of Past Master Vic Stefenoni
Mother of Past California State Grange Master Tom Stefenoni.
Grandmother to Joseph Stefenoni.

Erwin Fredrickson -- Humboldt County
50-year member of the Grange
Past Master of Freshwater Grange
Past Master of Southern Humboldt Pomona Grange
Past Deputy State Master, California State Grange

Lester Rougeot – San Luis Obispo County
86-year member of the Grange
Past Master of El Paso De Robles Grange
Past Master of San Luis Obispo County Pomona Grange
Past Deputy State Master, California State Grange

Richard "Dick" Dahms – Yuba County
50-year member of the Grange
Past Master Lake Francis Grange
Past Deputy State Master, California State Grange

"May the peace which passes all understanding and the ministry of the eternal Comforter and the blessing the Great Master above abide with us all now and forever more. Amen."

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

**Always Remember...to Never Forget
(A Poem for Patrons)
By: Lauren Nebitt
Rosedale Grange**

Always remember to forget...
The resolutions that didn't get passed.

But never forget to remember...
The members who worked hard to bring them back.

Always remember to forget...
The frustration we feel when our voice can't be heard—
The times we feel unnoticed, and even unsupported.

But please NEVER forget to remember...
Those few kind words
Those big bright smiles,
And snug, warm hugs
From all of those who care.

Always remember to forget...
That even when we're in a storm,
There's always peace within the GRANGE.

Because NEVER forget to remember...
That open minds, able hands, and willing hearts—
With Faith, Hope, Charity, and Fidelity
Are what makes us all one BIG happy GRANGE FAMILY

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Whereas: The success of the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange has been accomplished by the thoughtful efforts, enduring loyalty and endless determination of all the dedicated patrons; and

Whereas: It is our sincerest wish to voice our thanks and appreciation to all who have assisted in making this State session a success. Therefore, be it

Resolved: On behalf of the delegates, officers and members of the California State Grange assembled at Orangevale Grange in California, June 23-26, 2016, we extend our thanks and appreciation:

- To Worthy Master Ed Kowski, Sister Lillian Booth and the rest of the board for the countless hours that have you have given this year to ensure our continued success as a California State Grange.
- To the State Officers, ingoing and outgoing, for organizing and assisting with all of the preparations for session.
- To First Lady, Sister Cynthia Kowski, and the spouses, partners and families of our officers and members who are participating, assisting and supporting the California State Grange.
- To the Committee Chairpersons and the members who participated and volunteered to serve on a committee and put in the hard work this session.
- To the Orangevale Grange Hall for offering to open their hall to us once again and being gracious and welcoming.
- To Brother Dale Baker, Sister Shirley Baker and Brother Jerry Macklem for being ready and willing to do whatever was needed.
- To Orangevale, DeSabra, Wyandotte, and Dixon Granges for preparing meals, snacks and fellowship for our Grange members.
- To the workshop presenters that brought back our history, helped to heal our hearts, taught us skills and enriched our minds.
- To Sister Martha Stefenoni and the Fifth Degree team and the State Officers for the Exemplification of the Fifth and Sixth Degrees.
- To Sister Katie Squire for her tireless effort in organizing the Grange Expo.
- To Brother Jeff Skinner for addressing the member and providing help and guidance throughout the year for the State and local granges.
- To Sister Rosemary Hansen, Brother Dale Baker and Sister Carolyn Hill for serving as the Election committee and helping to conduct the election of officers.
- To Sister Betsy Huber, National Master, for traveling and addressing the delegate body. Your goals and wishes for the National Grange bring hope to the Granges.
- To State Lecturer Sister Barbara Geiger for providing an evening of entertainment and delight.
- To Sister Martha Stefenoni and the many members for providing the joy of music and dance throughout the convention.
- To Brother Joseph Stefenoni for keeping parliamentary procedure at the forefront.
- To all the Veterans in attendance for their service and dedication.

- To the delegates for the hard work and passion that is put into our resolution process.
- To the newly elected State Officers for continuing with the California State Grange renovation and rebirth.
- To Sister Betsy Huber and the Installation team for the installation of officers and reminding us that each day we reaffirm our obligations.
- To Brother Ed Kowski for giving us the opportunity to learn about Heliotrope and Mouflon.
- To the Granges, members and families who assisted with, and participated in the 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange. Your charity, dedication and love is apparent the acts of service that you give one another.
- And a heartfelt thanks to all those who also assisted that we may have inadvertently neglected to mention; and be it further

Resolved: We accept with appreciation the endeavors of this entire delegate body during this 141st Annual Session of the California State Grange

Respectfully Submitted
Amanda Thomas
DeSabra Grange #726