



## Highlights - BOD/EC Meeting

Highlights from the California State Grange Board of Directors meeting December 20 & 21, 2014, held in Rancho Cordova, CA

### **The 140th Annual Convention to be held 4th week of June 2014 (CSGBL14, 5.3.1)**

- Vacant & Appointed Officer Positions to be voted upon (CSGBL14, 7.7.2)
- Granges in "Good Standing" (CSGBL14, 22.1.8) may submit resolutions to be considered at the Annual Convention by submitting the resolution in proper form to the office of the Master. Resolutions to amend the By-Laws must be received on or before April 23, 2015 (CSGBL14, 21.1.3). Any resolutions to amend provisions relating to Article IX Funds must be received on or before April 23, 2015 (CSGBL14, 21.1.5). All other resolutions shall be submitted by May 31, 2015. Properly submitted resolutions will be referred to the appropriate Committee Chairperson (CSGBL14, 14.1.2).
- The location has been narrowed down to Orangevale or Rancho Cordova will be finalized shortly.
- Committees are: Audit & Budget, Agriculture, Health & Education, Grange Law, Conservation, Citizenship, Growth & Development, Labor & Judiciary. If you are interested in serving on a committee, please contact Ed Kowski at [Ekowski@CAStateGrange.org](mailto:Ekowski@CAStateGrange.org)
- Sixth Degree will be conducted by Past State Master and Board Member Bob Clouse
- Fifth Degree will be conducted by California State Grange Secretary Lillian Booth
- Our tentative Schedule is 6/24/14 - 6/27/14

**Legal Updates will be coming under separate e-mail**

### **Communication Committee**

Communications Chairman - Past State Master, Bill Booth  
Bill is Editor of all California State Grange publications -

[Editor@CAStateGrange.org](mailto:Editor@CAStateGrange.org)

Carrie Behler is the Assistant Editor - [AssistantEditor@CAStateGrange.org](mailto:AssistantEditor@CAStateGrange.org)

- \* Monthly Newsletter to begin in January 2015
- \* Facebook Page to be created in January 2015
- \* New look to the CAStateGrange.org website coming January 2015
- \* We are looking for content – please submit any ideas to Bill Booth

### **Regional Meeting are being planned:**

1. Northern Ca. Inland - February
2. Central Ca. Inland - March
3. Northern Ca. Coast - April
4. Virtual - May Additional Meetings will be held schedule permitting.

### **National Grange Dues Increase**

Lillian Booth will be sending out new Dues forms, effective January 1, 2015, reflecting the dues increase voted on and approved by the National Delegates for the second time @ National Session. We will be working with our Granges to help administer this increase. Because of the Suspension and Revocation issues starting in 2012, many of you were unaware of the potential dues increase and have had little time to prepare. Any questions, please contact [Lbooth@CAStateGrange.org](mailto:Lbooth@CAStateGrange.org)

### **Corporate and non-profit Committee**

Inger Bevans is the Chairwoman and is assisting members in resolving significant suspension & revocation matters with the California Secretary of State, the Franchise State Tax Board and the Internal Revenue Service. We are also looking for an individual who would be interested in working with Inger on this committee and would be mentored by Inger.

Contact Inger with questions - [lbevans@CAStateGrange.org](mailto:lbevans@CAStateGrange.org)

### **National Grange Convention**

Report given by Ed Komski & Bob Clouse on the interaction and support given by the National Grange Delegate body in supporting the reorganized California State Grange and our efforts to harmonize the members of California

### **California State Grange EXPO is back**

Katie Squire is Chairwoman - this program is very interactive with the National Program and the California State Grange will be participating in a greater capacity in 2015 in Lincoln, Nebraska @ the 149th National Grange Convention

## **Officers Appointed**

(CSGBL14, 7.7.2)

Lecturer - Barbara Geiger – Prunedale Grange and Aptos Grange (affiliate)

Chaplain - Bill Compton - Grover City Grange

Flora - Etta Smith – Orangevale Grange

Lady Assistant Stewart - Suzi Laskowski, Rosedale Grange

Assistant Stewart - Brandon Nebbitt, Rosedale Grange

## **Distinguished Grange Committee**

Past State Master Bob Clouse is the Chairman

Bob will be working with individual Granges to assist in achieving this distinction.

Contact Bob for more details - [Bclouse@CASstateGrange.org](mailto:Bclouse@CASstateGrange.org)

## **Member Outreach**

Farm to Table

Organic Farming

Gardening

GMO Labeling

Fracking

Farm School

Water

Legal

National Grange

"Good Standing"

Let's have a conversation about your questions and passions!

We work for and represent California membership first and foremost.

Call me @ 760-310-6500 or email me @ [Ekomski@CAStateGrange.org](mailto:Ekomski@CAStateGrange.org)

\*CSGBL14 = California State Grange By-Laws 2014

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