



**NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA HAWAII DISTRICT (NCNH)
OF THE AMERICAN ROSE SOCIETY (ARS)
Spring Business Meeting Minutes- March 23, 2024
Hosted by North Bay Rose Society
Blue Rock Springs Golf Club
655 Columbus Parkway, Vallejo, CA**

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME- SUE BENNETT

- The meeting was called to order by Sue Bennett, District Director at 9:40am
- No additional Agenda items or changes were requested.
- Sydney Allen, “Miss Vallejo, Tri-City” welcomed attendees.

ROLL CALL- CINDY PHIPPS

- Roll Call was conducted by Cindy Phipps, Secretary.
- Rose Societies present: Butte, East Bay, Gold Country, Humboldt, Marin, Monterey Bay, Mount Diablo, North Bay, Peninsula, Redwood Empire, Reno, Sacramento, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Sierra Foothills, Southwestern Oregon, Woodland Library.
- Rose Societies absent: Honolulu, Lodi-Woodbridge, Mother Lode.
- A Quorum was established.
- Sue welcomed rose society members who were attending the Business Meeting for the first time.

MINUTES OF FALL BUSINESS MEETING, OCTOBER 8, 2023- CINDY PHIPPS

- Minutes from the Fall Business Meeting were emailed to everyone ahead of the meeting (Local Rose Society Presidents and Board Members).
- Sue asked the delegates if there were any corrections, additions or deletions. Barbara Gordon had corrections to the minutes under Arrangement Co-Judges.
 - Barbara announced
 - that Karen Flores took the Arrangement Judges test and
 - the winners of the Arrangement Section of the Rose Show, not Lesa Lane. Barbara Gordon won Best of Show with her design, which was the Martin J. Martin trophy and ARS Gold Certificate.
- Under Additions to the Agenda, Martine LaBelle asked if anyone uses on line payments. Jan Burnham stated that Butte Rose Society does not have on line payments. With these corrections made, the minutes will be filed and posted on the NCNH website.

TREASURER’S REPORT- LOU EVANS

- The Year End 2023 report was emailed to all local rose society Presidents and Board members and shown on the screen at the meeting. Lou stated that NCNH is in a strong financial position due mainly to the \$18,000 donation received last January from the

closure of the Shasta Rose Society. Spring and Fall raffle donations were the largest since 2019. We spent money in good ways this past year, in particular, three exhibition seminars: two for arrangements and one for horticulture. However, NCNH incurred a loss of approximately \$6,600 from the Fall Conference sponsored by NCNH.

The 2023-year end report will be filed for audit.

- The 2024 Proposed Budget was emailed to all local rose society presidents and board members prior to the meeting. The proposed budget had been reviewed and preliminarily approved at the board meeting in January. It is now ready for final approval by the delegates at the Business Meeting. Added a line item for the Incoming District Director of \$1,000. It had originally been \$0. A question was raised about \$1,500 income for Horticulture Judging. Lou explained that with various seminars, etc. we could achieve this amount in donations. As there were no other questions a vote was taken to accept the 2024 budget. All delegates raised their wands in approval. There were no abstentions or No votes. Therefore the 2024 budget was passed.
- So far in 2024, Lou has received payment from 13 local clubs for The Criterion/Trophy maintenance fund.
- Checking account at Bank of the West seamlessly transferred to Bank of Montreal (BMO) in early September. BMO acquired Bank of the West. They started charging us a \$3 monthly fee for paper statements. Lou will ask for emailed statements, so NCNH is not charged this fee.
- Our Certificate of Deposit (CD) at First Republic Bank is unaffected by the acquisition of the bank by J.P. Morgan Chase earlier in the year. In May, Lou renewed the CD for 4.95% for a 9-month term. It's due for renewal again and he will renew for another 9-month term for approximately 5%.

NOMINATIONS AND AWARDS REPORT- JAN BURNHAM

- The Silver Honor Medal requests have been sent in. The due date for nominations is March 30. Jan has received 3 nominations so far.
- ARS nominated District Director for 2025 will be installed at the fall meeting.
- Jolene Adams is continuing as the Regional Director.

DEPUTY DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- LESA LANE

- Nothing to report

PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT- RICK SYDOR

- Changes to the NCNH Standing Rules, #67. Each rose society has 2 votes and must be an ARS member in good standing for the selected society. No member can vote on behalf of more than one society. Lesa Lane made the motion that they should be ARS members and Mike Myrick seconded the motion. A vote was taken, and all were in favor except for two delegates. Therefore, the motion was passed.

- Rick Sydor is the Nominations Committee chair and reported the Committee (Jan Burnham, Ann Marie Harris, Charlie Malarkey, Sue Magill, Cindy Phipps) had met and presented the following slate of nominees for the elected positions to report to the NCNH board:
 - ARS Awards and Nominations- Jan Burnham.
 - District Secretary- Lesa Lane.
 - District Treasurer- Scott Becker.
 - Deputy District Director- Open.
- Sue Bennett asked for nominations from the floor of those interested in each of the positions. Eileen Jackson nominated Karen Ernsberger (with her permission) for Deputy District Director. There were no additional candidates forwarded for the other positions and nominations were closed. Each candidate was individually voted on and approved by the delegates of the local rose societies. All candidates will be installed at the Fall Business meeting.
- The Parliamentarian shall be appointed by the District Director with the approval of the Executive Committee. Rick Sydor has been asked to continue pending Executive Committee approval.

IMMEDIATE PAST DISTRICT DIRECTOR- JOAN GOFF

- Not present

DISTRICT DIRECTOR REPORT- SUE BENNETT

- Sue thanked North Bay Rose Society for hosting the Business meeting.
- Sue is the chair of the ARS Member and Partnership Committee. Mike Myrick is also a member of the Partnership Committee. ARS has 1500 members nationally that haven't renewed. The Trial Membership program has been discontinued. Membership cost is \$55 if you have the ARS magazine digitally and \$75 for a hard copy of the magazine.
- Now that ARS has a full staff in place there will be more stability at ARS HQ. Bronze and Silver medals to be ordered are expected mid-April. Rose Show tags are also available.
- A kickoff meeting was held regarding planning for the Rambler/International Rose Trials, set for April 26-27.
- ARS rose forum has launched a soft launch at this point. The plan is to do a formal launch once we have adequate content and most likely release in line with the new website. There will be a button link on the homepage to the rose forum.
- Sue will install the new officers at the Fall Business meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

CONSULTING ROSARIANS (CR)- REBECCA SHAW

Sue Bennett read Rebecca's report:

- 195 CR's and 61 Emeritus CR's as of March 2024; 1 went Emeritus this year

- Five new CR's:
 - ❖ Heather Dalloul, Peninsula Rose Society
 - ❖ Lia Medina Osborn, North Bay Rose Society
 - ❖ Roberta McCaffrey, Sacramento and Sierra Foothills Rose Societies
 - ❖ Michael Myrick, North Bay and San Francisco Rose Societies and
 - ❖ Spring Tseng, North Bay Rose Society.
- The District Web Site has been updated. From the ARS CR school and all the local society meetings eligible for CR points my records indicate: 7 CR's are now due to renew points this year; 5 CR's are past due for points in 2023; 2 CR's are past due for 2022. Of these CR's 13 need to complete the chemical safety program to become current.
- There will be a CR school on June 15, 2024, in Citrus Heights, CA. Rebecca will be contacting the CR's that need to re-certify to attend the school. If any local society members would like to become CR's, please complete the NEW CR form on the ARS website and forward it to Rebecca. She will be sending the CR school information to the local rose society CR coordinators.
- Rebecca thanked Jolene Adams for helping her out with delivering her report and certificates for today's meeting. She had personal transportation difficulties. She apologized for not making the meeting.
- New Master Rosarians:
 - ❖ Jan Burnham,
 - ❖ Cher Frechette and
 - ❖ Gary Imhoff.

Congratulations!

HORTICULTURE JUDGES- JUDY FREDERICK

- 34 of 36 judges have completed their end of year report; 3 requested Emeritus status (James Armstrong, San Francisco rose society, Barbara Lane Piert, Sacramento rose society and Sandy Parker, Butte rose society).
- A Horticulture Judges school was held on November 4 & 5, 2023, resulting in
- Two new Apprentice judges:
 - ❖ Michael Myrick, North Bay and San Francisco rose societies and
 - ❖ Debra Kinnick, Mother Lode rose society.
- Five of 36 judges need audit credits. A one day judging school is scheduled April 24 at Jolene Adams home. Three apprentice and four judges will be attending for audit credits.
- Rose Show Horticulture schedules need to be approved by Judy. Rose shows scheduled: 4/20 Mt. Diablo; 4/27, Sacramento; 5/4 East Bay; 5/5 Peninsula; 5/11 Marin and 5/12 San Francisco.
- An ARS Hybrid judging school is scheduled on line for May.

ARRANGEMENT JUDGES- BARBARA GORDON AND LESA LANE

- Thirteen judges are in good standing:
 - ❖ new judge, Karen Flores.
- Annual report completed by all judges
- Rose Show Arrangement schedules need to be approved by Barbara and Lesa.

PHOTOGRAPHY JUDGES- EILEEN JACKSON

- Eileen reported that more people need to enter photography in local rose shows.
- ARS webinars: Jacqui Nye did a program on how to take photos with your SMART phone.
- No formal Photography Judging school has been planned, but there are judging guidelines on the ARS website which should help exhibitors who want to enter photos in rose shows.
- Local society show schedules need to be sent to Eileen for approval.

THE CRITERION- DEBBIE ARRINGTON

- Four issues have been sent out so far. The “Elephant in the Room” by Barbara Norkus has ways to improve membership.
- Deadline for next edition is April 5th.

ROSES IN REVIEW (RIR)- DEBBIE ARRINGTON

- NCNH had the most reporters, and the most roses reviewed in the last report for 2023.
- The new list is out with 275 mostly new rose varieties. Debbie asked that we grow some of these new roses as it supports the rose nursery industry.

PROGRAMS AND SPEAKERS- CHARLIE MALARKEY

- Nothing to report

WEBSITE ADMINISTRATOR- GAIL TRIMBLE

- Nothing to report

TROPHIES AND AWARDS- DAVE COOP

- Nothing to report

RAFFLE- SUE MAGILL AND CHERILYN DUNCAN

- Buy raffle tickets.

DISTRICT DIRECTORY- SUE BENNETT

- Some changes were reported to Sue. The Directories are being printed at the Orangevale Copy Center.

HISTORIAN- ANN MARIE HARRIS

- Nothing to report.

MEMORIAL FUND- ROSE GILARDI

- Nothing to report.

MEMBERSHIP- BARBARA NORKUS

- Barbara invited the mayor of Livermore and other dignitaries to the Rose Show to get community exposure.

YOUTH-JULIE MATLIN

- Julie is working with UC Davis Medical facility, where her daughter works, to have a program centered on arranging. She hopes to work with Cherry Hoover and the Sacramento Floral Guild.

2023 ROSE SHOW CONVENTION- JAN BURNHAM AND LESA LANE

- Lesa reported that they learned a lot through planning and coordinating this conference. They didn't factor in some things like the cost of the Business meeting breakfast, taxes and city charges. Overall, it was a good experience.

2024 ROSE SHOW/CONFERENCE AND FALL BUSINESS MEETING

- The East Bay Rose Society will be hosting this event. Dates are 11/1-11/3. Details are being worked out.

NEW BUSINESS

- Convention and meetings needed for next term.
 - ARS National Convention is scheduled 9/9-9/13 at the Crown Plaza in Warwick, Rhode Island. The theme is a "Sea of Roses". Mattias Meiland is a featured speaker.
- A Felco representative was there to speak about Felco, and one was there to sharpen tools.
- Keynote speaker**, Dr. Maher Al Rwahnih - Research in Rose Viruses. The lecture was worth one CR credit

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50am

Respectfully Submitted
Cindy Phipps
NCNH District Secretary