

RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS in the early decades of the 20th century the Native Sons of the Golden West often took stands on public issues affecting the preservation and safekeeping of California's historic landmarks and objects; and

WHEREAS in more recent times, this practice has occurred less frequently, and by failing to add its voice to those interested in such topics of public policy, the Native sons of the Golden West has relinquished the position it once held as one of the foremost champions of the preservation of California history; and

WHEREAS the time is long overdue for this Order to recapture the degree of influence it once held in those forums; and

WHEREAS the NSGW Constitution, as presently written, severely limits the ability of the Order's leadership to respond in an effectively timely manner to rapidly changing legislative/administrative events that, in the electronic age of the 21st century, can fluctuate in a matter of hours, if not minutes; and

WHEREAS the Constitution should allow the Order's leadership realistic and practical room to operate to respond to rapidly changing developments in the public forum;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article IX, Section 12, Part C6 of the Constitution shall be amended to read:

The Committee on Special Legislation shall:

(a) Upon approval of the Board of Grand Officers, take a stand before any governmental official, legislative body or administrative panel and act on behalf of the NSGW on any matter so approved. Provided that, in the interim between meetings of the Board of Grand Officers, the Grand President, with the concurrence of the Grand Vice Presidents and with written or electronic notification to the full Board of Grand Officers, may authorize the committee to take a stand on a public issue if the Grand President and Grand Vice Presidents determine that expeditious action is essential to uphold the mission and objects of the Order.

Submitted by

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RESOLUTION #2

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WEEKEND DATE

WHEREAS annual events such as the Discovery of Gold Banquet, Joe Oeschger Weekend in the Redwoods and 49'er Days are each held respectively on the third weekend in January, the second weekend in February and the second weekend in March and these are considered set dates; and

WHEREAS holding these events on set dates allows for advance planning, scheduling and advertising of these events and to allow members to better schedule attending these events; and

WHEREAS the Annual Southern California Weekend is not held on a set date; and

WHEREAS if the Southern California Weekend was held on a set date, it would allow for advance planning, scheduling and advertising of the event, and allowing for members to better schedule attending the event;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the last weekend in October be chosen for the set date for the Southern California Weekend.

Submitted by

Duane R. Gavin, Grand 1st VP, Redwood #66

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#### RESOLUTION #3

##### NSGW ARTIFACT AND ARCHIVE DRIVE

WHEREAS there is a great and urgent need to locate, gather, catalog, stabilize and preserve the Native Sons of the Golden West artifacts and archives; and

WHEREAS the Native Sons of the Golden West artifacts and archives are of significant historical value and importance to the Native Sons of the Golden West and to the history of the State of California; and

WHEREAS many of these artifacts and archives are in the possession of parlors, individual members and others who do not have the resources to properly store or preserve these items; and

WHEREAS the Native Sons of the Golden West Curator of Artifacts, Director of Historical Research, Columbia Museum and the Native Sons of the Golden West Historical Preservation Foundation have made great strides to establish a program for the preservation of the Native Sons of the Golden West Artifacts and Archives;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a Native Sons of the Golden West Archive and Artifact drive be held on Monday, the first day of session at 1:30 p.m. at the 132nd session of Grand Parlor in 2009 so that parlors, individual members and others may donate Native Sons of the Golden West Archives and Artifacts and/or memorabilia, including but not limited to pins, campaign buttons, photographs, banners, cemetery markers, ribbons, band uniforms, drum & bugle corps uniforms, regalia and other items related to Native Sons of the Golden West etc., to the Native Sons of the Golden West Curator of Artifacts for proper care and preservation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that parlors and individual members who wish to financially support the preservation of Native Sons of the Golden West Archives and Artifacts may do so by making tax deductible donations to the Native Sons of the Golden West Historical Preservation Foundation specifically for that purpose.

Submitted by

Duane R. Gavin, Grand 1st VP, Redwood #66

#### RESOLUTION #4

##### NSGW ARTIFACT AND ARCHIVE PRESERVATION FUND

WHEREAS over the past several years the Native Sons of the Golden West Curator of Artifacts, Director of Historical Research and the Columbia Museum have received many Native Sons of the Golden West Artifacts and Archives; and

WHEREAS the Native Sons of the Golden West, artifacts and archives, are of significant historical value; and

WHEREAS the cost to properly store, preserve and display these items far exceeds the funds allocated for this purpose in the Columbia Museum budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Parlor herewith create a NSGW Artifact and Archive Preservation Fund; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West be amended by adding a new fund item to Article X - Revenue, Section 5, to read as follows:

U. NSGW Artifact and Archive Preservation Fund, which fund shall be financed by appropriations voted at the annual session of Grand Parlor, which fund shall be used for the proper storage, preservation, restoration, display and acquisition of Native Sons of the Golden West artifacts, archives, and memorabilia. Including but not limited to, publications, pins, campaign buttons, photographs, banners, cemetery markers, ribbons, band uniforms, drum & bugle corps uniforms, regalia and other items related to the Native Sons of the Golden West. This fund shall be under the jurisdiction of the Curator of Artifacts and subject to audit and approval of all expenses by the Committee on Finance.

Submitted by

Duane R. Gavin, Grand 1st VP, Redwood #66

#### RESOLUTION #5

#### CHANGE IN GRAND PARLOR REGISTRATION FEE

WHEREAS the cost of providing the Banquet and Ball and the Picnic at the annual session of the Grand Parlor continues to increase; and

WHEREAS the delegates and guests of the annual session of the Grand Parlor should pay the full cost of the Banquet and Ball and the Picnic so that cost does not become a burden on the serving Grand President or his parlor; and

WHEREAS a study of annual conventions of several other organizations found that the registration fee for those organizations is far in excess of that charged for the Native Sons Grand Parlor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the registration fee for the annual Grand Parlor session be changed to more nearly reflect the cost of providing the events at that Grand Parlor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the fee be \$85 per person; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Article III, Section 4(a) of the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Parlor of the Native Sons of the Golden West be changed in part to read as follows: "...and upon registration shall pay a fee fixed by the local committee,

provided said fee shall not exceed the sum of eighty-five dollars (\$85.00),...."

Submitted by

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#### RESOLUTION #6

##### INFORMATION SERVICES COMMITTEE DUTIES

WHEREAS since its inception, the Information Services Committee (ISC) has become an invaluable committee to the Order; and

WHEREAS the primary duties of the ISC is to evaluate and recommend software products with the Grand Secretary for Grand Parlor and Grand Parlor Office use, be responsible for the NSGW website and prepare policy and procedure for software, internet access and email use with the Grand Secretary; and

WHEREAS the duties, services and responsibilities of the ISC have expanded beyond those stated in the constitution;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article IX, Duties of Committees, Section 1. Standing Committees, Part B. Chairman shall be a voting member of the Grand Parlor, B10. Information Services Committee shall, to be added as items (d), (e) and (f) and that original item (d) The Board of Grand Officers must approve all recommendations by this committee become item (g).

(d) Develop and maintain NSGW Information Booth(s), and assign them to geographic locations throughout the State for maximum use and exposure.

(e) Coordinate the use and maintenance of NSGW Parade Flags and Banners. Keep record of their location and assign them to events and geographic locations throughout the State for maximum use and exposure.

(f) Develop and acquire promotional items to promote the Order.

(g) The Board of Grand Officers must approve all recommendations by this committee.

Submitted by

Marcia Skelton, Chairman, ISC, Redwood #66  
Committee Members

#### RESOLUTION #7

##### NATIVE SONS PARLOR

WHEREAS Columbia Parlor #258 existed for years in Columbia, CA and held its meeting at the Native Sons Museum; and

WHEREAS Columbia Parlor #258 went out of existence and the Native Sons Parlor was moved to Columbia to keep a parlor at the Native Sons Hall and Museum; and

WHEREAS the Native Sons Parlor was formed to have a parlor for those members whose parlor consolidated, disbanded or went out of existence to have a parlor that they could belong to; and

WHEREAS these members joined a parlor because they wanted to stay in the Native Sons, but had no parlor within their local region or wanted no affiliation with a local parlor, chose the Native Sons Parlor; and

WHEREAS Columbia Parlor #258 today is a very active and upcoming parlor;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Article XI, Subordinate Parlor, Section 18, be changed to read as follows:

Section 18 ~~Columbia Parlor #258~~ Native Sons Parlor

(a) ~~Columbia Parlor #258~~ Native Sons Parlor shall not differ from any other subordinate parlor, but shall be required to accept applicants who cannot or do not wish to associate with a subordinate parlor.

(b) A member of a dissolved or suspended subordinate parlor, if in good standing at the time the parlor was dissolved or suspended may, upon application, be admitted into ~~Columbia Parlor #258~~ Native Sons Parlor.

(c) Members of a dissolved or suspended subordinate parlor may upon approval of the Board of Grand Officers, be temporarily placed into ~~Columbia Parlor #258~~ Native Sons Parlor until an application for membership into another subordinate parlor is received from such member(s).

(d) A person living within the State of California wishing to join ~~Columbia Parlor #258~~ Native Sons Parlor, but who does not want to associate with the parlor must make application to the Grand Secretary of the Native Sons of the Golden West, and if his application is approved by the Board of Grand Officers, he must then be obligated or initiated into the Order in the same manner as a member of any other subordinate parlor.

(e) If a person living outside the State of California wishes to join the Native Sons of the Golden West, he shall make application to the office of the Grand Secretary. Said applicant must provide a birth certificate or other reasonable proof of date and place of birth. If the Board of Grand Officers approves his application, the applicant must sign a copy of the obligation form to be admitted to membership. If said applicant does not specify which parlor he wishes to join, he shall then become a member of ~~Columbia Parlor #258~~ Native Sons Parlor.

(f) All applications for membership into ~~Columbia Parlor #258~~ Native Sons Parlor shall contain recommendations from three members of the Order who are in good standing. The applicant must provide one year's dues and an appropriate initiation fee, said fee being determined by the ~~active members of Columbia Parlor #258~~. ~~Should this parlor fail to operate as an active subordinate parlor, then the dues and fees amounts shall be under the control of the Board of Grand Officers.~~

~~(g) If Columbia Parlor #258 fails to operate as an active subordinate parlor it shall then be administered by the Board of Grand Officers of the Native Sons of the Golden West and shall not be entitled to delegates to Grand Parlor.~~

Submitted by

Constitution Revision Committee

## PROPOSED GRAND PARLOR BUDGET FOR 2008-2009

BUDGET 2008-09 ITEMS	ACCT. #	APPROVED 2007-2008	PROPOSED 2008-2009	DIFFERENCE
STATEHOOD DAY	6001	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
ATHLETICS	6011	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
COLUMBIA MUSEUM	6081	5,400.00	3,500.00	-1,900.00
NSGW ARCHIVE/ARTIFACT PRESERVATION		0.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
DEDICATIONS	6111	12,000.00	13,400.00	1,400.00
DISCOVERY OF GOLD	6120	500.00	500.00	0.00
G.O. MEETINGS	6151	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
G.P. COMMITTEES	6161	4,000.00	4,500.00	500.00
G.P. MEETING	6171	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00
G.P.'S EXPENSE	6191	12,000.00	12,000.00	0.00
LAPSATION	6221	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
LOTT'S LAKE	6231	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00
OFFICIAL PUBLICATION	6271	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00
ORGANIZATION	6281	21,000.00	21,500.00	500.00
PGP PRESENTATION	6291	500.00	500.00	0.00
PUBLICITY	6321	8,000.00	8,000.00	0.00
SCHOLARSHIP	6331	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00
FOURTH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST	6332	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
REGALIA	6341	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
VISITING BOARD - G.O.	6391	6,500.00	7,300.00	800.00
FLAG DAY	6501	150.00	150.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>130,800.00</b>	<b>137,100.00</b>	<b>6,300.00</b>
 <b>GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE BUDGET</b>				
AUDITING	6031	7,800.00	7,800.00	0.00
BOOKKEEPING	6041	2,400.00	2,400.00	0.00
COPIER	6091	4,100.00	4,100.00	0.00
G.P. PRINTING	6181	3,500.00	3,300.00	-200.00
INSURANCE	6211	43,000.00	43,000.00	0.00
OFFICE EQUIP/REPAIR	6251	6,300.00	6,100.00	-200.00
OFFICE EXPENSE	6261	6,100.00	6,000.00	-100.00
POSTAGE	6311	1,300.00	1,300.00	0.00
RENT	6351	8,100.00	8,400.00	300.00
SALARIES - GR SEC	6361	26,000.00	26,500.00	500.00
- OFF SEC	6361	41,322.00	42,550.00	1,228.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	6371	9,500.00	10,220.00	720.00
PAYROLL TAX	6411	5,601.00	5,825.00	224.00
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX	6431	80.00	400.00	320.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>165,103.00</b>	<b>167,895.00</b>	<b>2,792.00</b>
 <b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		 <b>295,903.00</b>	 <b>304,995.00</b>	 <b>9,092.00</b>