

**Membership Committee Report**  
**Annual Meeting**  
**June 21, 2020**

During 2019-2020, your Membership Committee met in November 2019. The Committee members at the time were me, JoAnn Brown, Peg Moran, Marilyn Palefsky and Pam Euler Halling, who sadly passed away on February 12, 2020 after a brief illness. For those of us who had the benefit of working with and knowing Pam, who joined PGC in 2016, she was always of cheerful disposition and willing to contribute her skills and talents where and when there was a need. We will all miss her a great deal.

I wish to thank the Membership Committee members for their invaluable support, time and good counsel during this past year. Each of them brings something special to the table and I appreciate every bit of it.

2019-2020 has been a strange and surreal year for all of us. As you know from reading your PGC emails, during January and February the Membership Committee went through the normal process of recruiting new members for the 2020-2021 class. By the end of February, we had recruited three viable candidates (all their required paperwork had been submitted). But with the emergence of COVID-19, the Committee began to weigh the risks of continuing the candidates on the Membership track, versus the benefits. By early April, the Committee advised the Board of its desire to postpone the current recruitment cycle for the sake of protecting PGC members and candidates. But also, since many events and programs were being cancelled, it made all the sense to delay the process since there would be nothing for the new people to participate in or learn from.

Upon receiving the Board's concurrence, sponsors were immediately informed of this development and requested to communicate and assure their candidates that once things got back to normal they would be invited to meet with members and continue on in the process of joining the club. We are looking forward to the new year when we will have the opportunity to introduce the incoming provisionals to all that PGC has to offer.

By the end of this fiscal year, we experienced some changes and natural attrition to our membership, mostly due to relocations. The former members are: Betsey Blakeslee, Tim Covington, Marie Greener, Pam Euler Halling, Lynnette Rajala, Virginia Sirusas, Michelle Smith and James Brayton Hall.

Happily, Anne Cabot was made an Honorary Member after 60 years of membership as was Myra Endler after 45 years of membership!

As of this writing, we have 105 members, including our Honorary Members.

I would close my report by asking that you continue to remain safe and well. These are strange times, indeed, but I hope that you will stay connected with your PGC friends – we will get through this difficult time together and come out on the other end stronger for it. Thank you for continuing your membership with the PGC.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Lange  
Membership Committee Chair