

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
85th ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING
MINUTES

Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma

May 2 – 3, 2014

Call to Order President, Linda G. Nelson, called the meeting of the 85th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:18 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma and welcomed those in attendance.

Opening Exercises The Recording Secretary, Carol L. Hall was present.

Sara F. Brooks, Chaplain, gave the invocation.

The colors were presented by the University of Oklahoma Army ROTC Color Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Andrea Little, Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman.

Nancy C. Voyles, South Central Region Director gave the welcome to the Region.

Roberta Burns, President of Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. welcomed all to the state of Oklahoma.

Joanna Kirby, President of the Garden Clubs of Kentucky, Inc. gave the response.

Preliminary
 Credentials Report

Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Preliminary Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. May 2, 2014 with a voting strength of 276 and moved its adoption.

NGC President	1
NGC Honorary President	0
NGC Elected Officers	5
NGC Appointed Officers	4
Region Directors	8
Advisory Committee	5
PH&E Trustees	4
State Presidents	39
Representatives of State Presidents	2
NGC Chairmen	109
NGC Standing Committee Members	91
Delegates	<u>42</u>
Subtotal	310
Less duplications	<u>34</u>
Total Voting Strength	276

ADOPTED

Quorum The Chair declared a quorum present.

Standing Rules of the 2014
 Convention Joan H. Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules of the 2014 Convention for adoption.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Convention Program Donna Marsheck, 2014 Convention Chairman, moved the adoption of the convention agenda as corrected.

ADOPTED

Preliminary Registration
 Report Bettie Cooper, 2014 Convention Registration Committee Chairman, gave the registration report as of 10:00 p.m. May 1, 2014 for information only.

Registration	358
Spouses	23
Guests	33
Packets not picked up	<u>91</u>
Total Registration	505

- Committee to Approve Minutes President Nelson appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2014 Convention Meeting:
Nancy L. Hargroves, Second Vice-President as Chairman
Gay Austin, Third Vice-President
Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary
- Timekeepers President Nelson appointed the following to serve as timekeepers:
Barbara Mikkelson, NGC Nominating Committee Member (Central Region)
Doris Duckworth, Environmental Studies Schools Accrediting Chairman (CA, SC, RM, P)
- Pages President Nelson acknowledged the pages present.
- Welcome The President welcomed the former NGC Presidents: Lois Dupre' Schuster (2001–2003); June P. Wood (2003–2005); Kitty Larkin (2005–2007); Barbara D. May, (2007–2009); and Shirley S. Nicolai, Immediate Past-President (2011–2013).
- President Nelson recognized the Region Directors:
Maria Nahom, New England; Mary Warshauer, Central Atlantic; Martha Morgan, South Atlantic; Gloria Blake, Deep South; Gerry Ford, Central; Nancy C. Voyles, South Central; Beverly Heidelberger, Rocky Mountain; Elaine Gunderson, Pacific
- President Nelson presented the PH&E Trustees:
Les Westgard, Marge McGoff, Jeanette Pruin, Barbara D. May and Shirley S. Nicolai, Director.
- Report of the Committee to Approve the Minutes Sandra H. Robinson, Chairman of the committee to approve the minutes of the May 2013 Convention meeting in Seattle, Washington reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.
- Reports of Officers The following officers reported (copies on file):
Linda G. Nelson, President
Sandra H. Robinson, First Vice-President, Liaison to State Garden Club Presidents and Region Directors, Membership Chairman
Nancy L. Hargroves Second Vice-President, Finance Committee, and Internal Audit Committee Chairman
Gay Austin, Third Vice-President, Organization Study and Award of Excellence Committee Chairman
Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary
Betty Grimes, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairman
Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary
Pamela C. Hebert, Historian
Joan H. Corbisiero, Parliamentarian
Shirley S. Nicolai, PH&E Trustees Director
- Reports of Region Directors and State Presidents The following Region Directors and State Presidents reported (copies on file):
South Atlantic Region – Martha Morgan, Director
Joanna D. Kirby The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Jenene Smith The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Judith Johnson Dill The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Marilyn J. Mason Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Patricia Arndt West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

Rocky Mountain Region – Beverly Heidelberger, Director

Trudie Layton Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Jo Ann Schroller Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Denise A. Fink Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Donna R. Rouch Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska
Angie Maetzold North Dakota State Federation of Garden Clubs
Mary K. Lerssen South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Doug Olson Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Darla Anderson The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Adjourn The opening business session adjourned at 3:52 p.m. to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Call to Order President Nelson reconvened the business meeting of the 85th Annual Convention at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Invocation Joan Wiperman, 2015 NGC Convention Vice-Chairman and Golden Circle member, gave the invocation.

Interim Credentials Report Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Interim Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. May 3, 2014 with a voting strength of 317 and moved its adoption.

NGC President	1
NGC Honorary President	0
NGC Elected Officers	5
NGC Appointed Officers	4
Region Directors	8
Advisory Committee	5
PH&E Trustees	5
State Presidents	48
Representatives of State Presidents	2
NGC Chairmen	114
NGC Standing Committee Members	98
Delegates	<u>61</u>
Subtotal	351
Less duplications	<u>34</u>
Total Voting Strength	317

ADOPTED

Interim Registration Report Bettie Cooper, 2014 Convention Registration Chairman, gave the registration report as of 9:00 a.m. May 3, 2014 for information only.

Voting Strength	422
Spouses	24
Guests	31
Packets not picked up	<u>28</u>
Total Registration	505

Report of the Board of Directors Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary, reported that the Board of Directors had met three times since the 2013 Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington – at the Post-Convention Board meeting in Seattle, Washington; at the Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, September 2013 and prior to the 2014 Convention in Norman, Oklahoma on May 2, 2014. Informational sheets reflecting actions taken were distributed to the board members and delegates.

Budgets Betty Grimes, Treasurer, presented the 2014-2015 annual budgets of the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund and the Operation Wildflower Fund for adoption.

ADOPTED

The 2014-2015 annual budget for the PH&E Fund, adopted by the Board of Directors, was presented for information only.

Reports of Region Directors and State Presidents The following Region Directors and State Presidents (or their representatives) reported (copies on file):

Central Region – Gerry Ford, Director
Carol Yee The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.
Sarah Nahmias The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Deannie Picciotti Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rene Lynch Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.
Joyce Lewis The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.
Sylvia Lowell Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

Central Atlantic Region – Mary Warshauer, Director
Dottie E. Howatt The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs
Jacquelyn A. Handley The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
David S. Healy National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.
Barbara Mullin The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
Patricia Wania,
 First Vice-President Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
Mickie Marquis The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
Elizabeth H. Smith The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

New England Region – Maria Nahom, Director
Jacqueline L. Connell The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.
Kathleen J. Marty The Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc.
Marisa G. McCoy The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
Sandra A. Tinyk Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rita B. Langlais Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.

Reports of Chairmen The following chairmen reported (reports on file).
 Debbie Skow, NGC Native Bees/BeeGap/Crown Bees Chairman
 Mary Ann Bryant, Tours Chairman
 Marion McNabb, Butterflies Chairman
 Greg Pokorski, ES, GS and LD Schools Coordinator/Gardening Study School
 Chairman
 Mary Sue Colvin, President's Project Committee - Water
 Andrea Little, Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman
 Elaine DiPietro, National Garden Week Chairman
 Jennifer Moreno, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman

Memorial Service Sara F. Brooks, Chaplain, conducted the Memorial Service of NGC members lost during the past year. (Copy on file)

 Kimberly De Jesus, Student of University of Oklahoma, 2013-2014 Comanche Nation Princess, sang and signed The Lord's Prayer.

Recess The business session recessed at 11:13 a.m. to reconvene after luncheon.

Call to Order President Nelson called the business meeting of the 85th Annual Convention to order at 2:18 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Reports of Region Directors and State Presidents The following Region Directors and State Presidents (or their representatives) reported (copies on file).

Deep South Region – Gloria Blake, Director

Jan Thomas, The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
 First Vice-President
 Sue Angle Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Suzanne Wheeler The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
 Jeanette Gatzman , Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
 President-Elect
 Mary Lynn Powers The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
 Ann McCormick Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

South Central Region – Nancy C. Voyles, Director
 Liz Howell Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Isabel Olsen New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Roberta Burns Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Sarah E. McReynolds Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Pacific Region – Elaine Gunderson, Director
 Becky Hassebroek Alaska Garden Clubs
 Carol Mossholder Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Rita Desilets California Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Ann M. Swider Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Janet Petersen Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
 Vicki Yuen Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Peggy Olin The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
 Brynn Tavasci Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

Report of IA Activities Idalia Aguilar, Educational Schools IA Liaison, reported on the activities of the International Affiliates. (report on file)

Future Conventions Jo Ann Guise, Conventions Committee member, read the report of Anne Bucher, Conventions Chairman on future convention locations:
 2015 Louisville, Kentucky (Installation year)
 2016 Grand Rapids, Michigan
 2017 Richmond, Virginia (Installation year)
 2018 TBD
 2019 Mississippi

Invitation to 2015 Convention Ann M. Fiel, 2015 Convention Chairman, extended an invitation to the 86th Annual Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, May 15 – 17, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Louisville Airport Hotel.

Final Credentials Report Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Final Credentials Report as of 12:00 p.m., May 3, 2014 with a voting strength of 319 and moved its adoption.

NGC President	1
NGC Honorary President	0
NGC Elected Officers	5
NGC Appointed Officers	4
Region Directors	8
Advisory Committee	5
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Delegates	<u>63</u>
Subtotal	353
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Total Voting Strength	319

ADOPTED

There was no final registration report.

- Adjournment President Nelson adjourned the business session at 3:45 p.m. to reconvene at the Awards Banquet.
- Call to Order President Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:35 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014.
- Presidential Citations President Nelson presented Presidential Citations to Donna Marsheck, Chairman and Judy Grotts, Vice-Chairman of the 2014 NGC Convention.
- Courtesy Resolution Angela L. Raitano, Resolutions Chairman, read the Courtesy Resolution and moved its adoption. **ADOPTED**
- Benediction Sara Brooks, Chaplain, gave the benediction.
- Adjourn Sine Die President Nelson adjourned the 85th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. at 9:47 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014 sine die.

Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary Date

Linda Nelson, President Date

Sandra H. Robinson, Second Vice-President Date

Nancy L. Hargroves, Third Vice-President Date

Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary Date