

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**2017-2019 POST-CONVENTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

**Richmond Marriott Downtown**

**Sunday May 21, 2017**

- Call to Order                      President Nancy Hargroves called the meeting of the 2017-2019 NGC Board of Directors to order at 8:02 a.m. on May 21, 2017 at the Richmond Marriott Downtown in Richmond, Virginia.
- Mary Owen, Recording Secretary, was present.
- Welcome                              The President extended a special welcome to new board members.
- Blessing                              Shirley Tetreault, Calendar Committee member, gave the blessing.
- The Board recessed for breakfast at 8:06 a.m. and reconvened at 8:48 a.m.
- Introductions                      The President introduced the 2017-2019 Officers and Region Directors. Susan Hinkel, New England Region Director, was not present.
- Introduction of Convention      The President thanked Convention Chairman Judy Binns, Co-Chairmen Marilyn Mason and Committee                              Lisa Robinson, Janice Clem Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., President, and the entire convention committee for their hard work in hosting the 2017 NGC Convention.
- Guest Introduction                Bonnie Satterthwaite and John Harrison of ESPOMA Organic Gardening Products spoke on the ESPOMA grants and educational programs for garden clubs for the 2017-2019 administration and left the meeting.
- Pledge of Allegiance to the      The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of American was led by Kitty Larkin, Flag of the United States      President 2005-2007, Four & Five Star Members Chairman and Golden Circle Member. of America
- Quorum                                The Chair declared a quorum present.
- Agenda                                The agenda was adopted.
- Committee to Approve            The President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2017 Post- Minutes                                Convention Meeting:  
  Mary Warshauer, Second Vice-President, as Chairman  
  Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President  
  Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary
- Timekeeper                         The President appointed Susan O'Donnell, Social Media Committee Member, to serve as timekeeper.
- Recognition of former NGC      The President welcomed former NGC Presidents: Kitty Larkin (2005-2007), Barbara May Presidents                                (2007-2009), Renee D. Blaschke (2009-2011), Shirley S. Nicolai (2011-2013), Linda Nelson Bentson (2013-2015), and Immediate Past President Sandra H. Robinson (2015-2017).
- Chairmen and Committees        The President announced the following chairmanships and committee members as designated in Designated in Bylaws              NGC Bylaws by virtue of office for information only.
- Gay Austin, First Vice-President as Liaison to the State Garden Club Presidents and Region Directors

Mary Warshauer, Second Vice-President as Finance Committee Chairman with members Gay Austin, First Vice-President; Betty Grimes, Treasurer; and Sandra Robinson, Director of the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees

Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President as Organization Study Committee Chairman

Scholarship Committee composed of the eight Region Directors as members (Chairman, Nancy Voyles, Region Director 2013-2015)

Betty Grimes, Treasurer, Budget Committee Chairman with members Mary Warshauer, Finance Committee Chairman and Sandra Robinson, Director of the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees

Mary Warshauer, Second Vice-President (Finance Committee Chairman), Internal Audit Committee Chairman with members Nancy Hargroves, President; Gay Austin, First Vice-President; and Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President.

Ratification of Vice-Presidents as Chairman of Committees with Committee Members

The President reported the Vice Presidents appointed to serve as Chairmen of Committees with appointed members as follows:

Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President, as Award of Excellence Chairman with members Shane Looper and Mary Owen.

Finance Committee members: Judy Binns, Barbara Campbell, Betty Cookendorfer, Debi Harris, Julie West and Pat Westgard.

Organization Study Committee members: Marion Books, Wanda Davis, De Feldman, Janice Miller, Betsy Steele, Emily Stephens, and Kathy Thomas.

**RATIFIED**

Ratification of 2017-2019 Chairman, Vice-Chairmen and Members of Committees

A list of Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and members of Standing Committees appointed by the President for the 2017-2019 administration and approved by the Executive Committee was distributed.

**RATIFIED**

Appointed Officers

For the information only, the following appointments by the President for the 2017-2019 administration were approved by the Executive Committee.

Corresponding Secretary – Robin Pokorski

Historian – Shane Looper

Parliamentarian – Joan Corbisiero, PRP

Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees Director –Sandra Robinson.

Appointed Trustees

The appointment of Barbara Baker and Sandra Robinson as Trustees of the Permanent Home & Endowment Trustee for six-year (6) terms were approved by the Executive Committee.

**RATIFIED**

Executive Director Editor, *TNG*

For information only, the following appointments by the President for the 2017-2019 administration were approved by the Executive Committee:

Michelle Smith, Executive Director

Pat Binder, Editor of *The National Gardener*.

Treasurer as Fiscal Agent

Betty Grimes was designated as the fiscal agent for National Garden Clubs, Inc. for the 2017-2019 administration without objection.

Legal Counsel

The appointment of the firm of Husch Blackwell to serve as NGC legal Counsel for the 2017-2019 administration was approved by the Executive Committee.

**RATIFIED**

Auditors The appointment of the Certified Public Accounting Firm of Mueller Prost PC to serve as auditor for the 2017-2019 administration was approved by the Executive Committee.

**RATIFIED**

Public Relations Firm The appointment of Binder PR & Marketing Communications to serve as the public relations firm representing NGC for the 2017-2019 administration was approved by the Executive Committee.

**RATIFIED**

Presentation of State Garden Club Presidents Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary, announced the 2017-2019 Presidents for State Garden Clubs already elected. The President presented each State President with a certificate. (List filed)

Program/Budget 2015 Fall Board Meeting The tentative program and proposed budget for the 2017 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri were presented. The proposed budget was reviewed by the 2015-2017 Finance Committee as well as the 2017-2019 Executive Committee.

**ADOPTED**

Future Fall Board Meetings Fall Board Meetings Coordinator Joyce Milberg and Vice-Coordinator Pat Wania reported.

The invitation to attend the 2017 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri was issued by Jackie Reynolds, Chairman.

President's Report Nancy Hargroves, President reported.

Committee Chairmen's Reports The following Chairmen reported :  
Poss Tarpley, Website Chairman,  
Jacqueline Connell, Environmental Concerns & Conservation Coordinator  
Betty Cookendorfer, *PLANT AMERICA* Community Grants Project Chairman  
Phyllis White, *Keeping in Touch* Editor  
Lynne Ehnert, Youth Coordinator  
Carolyn Patterson, School Gardens Chairman  
Arabella Dane, Photography Contest Chairman  
Greg Pokorski, Landscape Design Schools Chairman, GSS Advisor, and Textbook for Landscape Design Schools Advisor  
Mary Ann Bryant, Tours Chairman  
Becky Crow, Conventions Coordinator

New Business Motion that the President's **PLANT AMERICA** Community Project Grant program approved by the Executive Committee be ratified.

**ADOPTED**

Motion that the ESPOMA partnership approved by the Executive Committee be ratified.

**ADOPTED**

Announcements Members' website password – pumpkin  
Board members' password – sprout  
All website information should be sent to: [ngcwebsite@aol.com](mailto:ngcwebsite@aol.com)

Future Board of Directors Meetings The President announced future Board Meeting dates as follows :  
September 15 (Friday), 2017 – St. Louis Airport Marriott, St. Louis, Missouri  
May 22 (Tuesday), 2018 – Loews Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
September 28 (Friday), 2018 – Rosen Plaza Hotel, Orlando, Florida  
April 30 (Tuesday), 2019 – Beau Rivage, Biloxi, Mississippi

