

Linda Nelson, Second Vice-President, Finance Committee Chairman, Internal Audit Committee Chairman, deferred her report.

Sandra H. Robinson, Third Vice-President, Organization Study and Award of Excellence Committee Chairman, Plant It Pink Project Chairman, deferred her report.

Nancy L. Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President, Scholarship Committee Chairman, Coordinator for Outreach Committees, deferred her report.

Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary, deferred her report.

Barbara J. Mikkelson, Treasurer, Budget Committee Chairman, presented a financial report. Report on file.

Virginia Grandprè, Corresponding Secretary, deferred her report.

Judi Davis, Historian, deferred her report.

Joan H. Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, deferred her report.

Barbara D. May, PH&E Trustees Director, deferred her report.

Executive Director Report Michelle Smith, Executive Director, reported. (Copy on file)

Conventions Report Anne Bucher, Conventions Coordinator, and Phyllis Steele, Conventions Vice-Coodinator, reported on future conventions:
2012 Buffalo, New York – Adams Mark Hotel, May 14-21
2013 Seattle, Washington – May 21-27
2014 Oklahoma TBD
2015 Kentucky TBD
2017 Virginia TBD

Future Fall Board Meetings Diane Bullock, Fall Board Meeting Coordinator, and Helga Frazzette, Conventions Vice-Coodinator, reported on future Fall Board of Directors' Meetings:
2011 St. Louis, Missouri – September 20-25
2012 Little Rock, Arkansas – September 25-29
2013 St. Louis, Missouri
2014 Des Moines, Iowa
2015 St. Louis, Missouri
2016 Portland, Maine

2010 Atlanta Convention Final Report Betty Grimes, President of the Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., read the final report of the 2010 NGC Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Revenue over expenses was \$2,067 with 60% given to NGC and 40% to The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. Report on file.

ADOPTED

2010 Fall Board Meeting Final Report Phyllis White, Vice-Chairman of the 2010 Fall Board Meeting, presented the final report of the 2010 Fall Board Meeting in Great Falls, Montana. An excess of receipts over expenses in the amount of \$21,352 was reported with 60% given to NGC and 40% to Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Report on file.

ADOPTED

Amended Auditor's Report The amended audit report of Mueller Prost, Certified Public Accountants, for fiscal years ending May 31, 2009 and May 31, 2010 was presented. Report on

file.

ADOPTED

Budgets

The annual budgets of the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund, Operation Wildflower Fund and the PH & E for 2010-2011 were presented by the Treasurer.

The budgets of the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund, and the Operation Wildflower Fund were **APPROVED** and will be submitted to the Convention body for adoption.

The PH&E budget was **RATIFIED**.

Recommendations

Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations on behalf of the Executive Committee:

For Adoption

1. That the bid from Chris Scherer to serve as editor for the *Horticulture by Types* book be accepted as follows:

Editing and project coordination, two rounds of revisions - \$4,000

Design and layout, two rounds of revisions - \$6,000

A 33% deposit for editing and layout is required, other specifics outlined in his written bid.

ADOPTED

2. That all new Life Member attendees at the annual NGC Convention Life Member Banquet be given a Life Member charm or lapel pin, cost to be expended through Member Services.

ADOPTED

3. That the Natural Disasters USA Committee be authorized to increase grants of money from \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000 per natural disaster project.

ADOPTED

4. That the deadline for Award of Excellence applications be changed from November 15 to January 1.

ADOPTED

5. That the name of Landscape Design Study Program be changed to Landscape Design Schools.

ADOPTED

6. That a clarification/ruling for conditions of criteria and timelines in Environmental Studies, Gardening Study and Landscape Design Schools be adopted as follows:

- a. ES, GS, and LD Schools held back-to-back must consist of at least a two (2) day minimum for each course.

- b. All requirements as stated in the ES, GS and LD Handbooks must be maintained; i.e., number of subjects and time allotment for each subject--ten (10) hours per course--exclusive of the examination time allotment.

- c. Unless these requirements are met, the NGC Schools Chairmen have the final authority to grant or not grant approval or accreditation for a state school course or event.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Referred to Committee

The recommendation that "No more than two back-to-back

courses may be held during one time period.” was referred back to the ES, GS, and LD Schools Committee.

7. That the following be added to the Handbook, page 112, G.2. d. Trough:
Other accessories such as plastic or ceramic animals, mirrors, miniatures, trellises, garden tools, figurines, etc. are not permitted.

ADOPTED

For Ratification

Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations on behalf of the Executive Committee for ratification:

8. That the contract with Pineapple Press for printing 5,000 copies of *Horticulture by Types* at a cost not to exceed \$60,000 be ratified.
RATIFIED
9. That the purchase of 300 Life Membership charms @\$1.18 each and 100 Life Member tie tacks at \$2.69 each, both items to sell for \$6 each be ratified.
RATIFIED
10. That the Amendment to the Pineapple Press Publishing Agreement, drawn up by legal counsel Saraann Parker and agreed to by June Cussen, partner in Pineapple Press, be ratified.
RATIFIED
11. That NGC accept a personal donation of \$10,000 to be designated for the printing of a butterfly/children’s book copyrighted in the name of NGC to be used at the 10th World Flower Show be ratified.
RATIFIED
12. That the following be ratified for the applicable affiliate membership:
American Rhododendron Society, New York
Native Plant Center, New York
Crosby Arboretum, Mississippi
RATIFIED
13. That the purchase of the following Member Service items for sale at Convention in Washington be ratified:
48 Scala hats (#LC399) at \$10.50 per hat (plus S/H) to be sold for \$30 each (promotional discount of 10% will apply).
Club embroidery (all same logo or club name) available on orders of 48-71 hats to be offered at an extra of charge \$2.75 per hat.
12 short handle Cobra Head Garden Tools at \$11.75 (plus approximate \$1.75 S/H) to retail for \$22.00 (plus S/H).
18 Leighton eco -friendly leaf pattern umbrellas (#20002) at \$11 to retail for \$22. (plus S/H). Additional orders will be based on response to initial offerings
RATIFIED

14. That the following appointees to approve the 2009-2011 NGC History be ratified:
Sandra H. Robinson, Third Vice-President as Chairman
Nancy L. Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President
RATIFIED
15. That the distribution of the guidelines for SAGE & ROSES program (drafted by Lois Shuster and Marilyn Whitmore) to the NGC Board of Directors prior to the holiday season be ratified.
RATIFIED
16. That the permission given to proceed with the following Special Projects for the 2011-2013 administration be ratified:
Plantings for Public and Special Places, and
Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems.
RATIFIED
17. That the approval given to submit a grant application to Waste Management be ratified.
RATIFIED
18. That the permission granted to explore the concept of a mutually beneficial relationship with Vera Bradley be ratified.
RATIFIED
19. That the printing of 17,000 copies of the 2012 Vision of Beauty calendars at a cost of \$2.15 each, subject to approval of the Finance Committee, be ratified.
RATIFIED
20. That the authorization for NGC President Renee Blaschke to negotiate an extended timeline with Pineapple Press for the printing of Horticulture by Types be ratified.
RATIFIED
21. That the reprinting of 30,000 brochures at a cost of \$9,000, monies to be taken from the National Garden Project Fund, be ratified.
RATIFIED
22. That the creation of an additional section in the poetry contest called GENERATIONS OF GARDENERS be ratified. This section is for poems that grandparents have their grandchildren write and can be sponsored by the grandparent's garden club. (To be introduced at the 2011 Convention.)
RATIFIED
23. That the disqualification of ES, GS, and LD Schools/Refreshers held without prior NGC accreditation and the establishment of a six-week timeline for ES, GS, and LD School chairmen to submit rosters following the conclusion of a course, refresher or multiple refreshers be ratified. (This ruling would apply to state-sponsored, regional-sponsored and NGC-sponsored courses/events.)
RATIFIED

24. That the compilation by the Flower Show Schools Committee of a supplement of changes to the Handbook sequentially by page number to be published on the website with hard copies available from Headquarters on request be ratified. (All current inventory will have a sticker indicating changes are available on the website.)

RATIFIED

25. That the following addition to the Handbook, page 112, G. 2. Types of combination plantings be ratified:

G.2.d. Trough. Miniature naturalistic landscape in a container designed to withstand year-round outdoor conditions.

Containers are generally constructed from stone, hypertufa, or other sturdy weather resistant materials.

Containers appear dominant with soil volume and depth greater than a dish garden.

Naturalistic additions, such as weathered wood and rocks, appropriate to the specific type landscape may be included and may be an integral part of the landscape.

RATIFIED

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The following resolutions were approved regarding the 501(c)(3) status of the Regions:

Resolved, That the regions acknowledge that they are a part of NGC and do not exist as a separate entity apart from NGC;

Resolved, That NGC delegates to the Region control over the Regions' bank accounts, scholarship decisions and the general affairs of the region subject to ultimate review and control of NGC.

Amendments to Standing Rules

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary, presented the following amendments to the Standing Rules for adoption:

1. Under Personnel Committee Duties, page 17, strike:
 1. One (1) blank copy of the Board of Directors Application form shall be placed in a kit for each State Garden club President and distributed at Fall Board meeting in the odd-numbered years. This form may also be obtained from NGC Headquarters or be downloaded from the NGC website.
 2. The State Garden club shall return three (3) copies of the Board of Directors Application Form for each applicant to the NGC Personnel chairman by February 1 of the even-numbered year.
 3. There are three (3) Personnel Books. The Personnel Chairman shall distribute one (1) updated copy to the First Vice President and retain two (2) copies, one (1) for the files and one (1) to prepare for the First Vice President of the next administration.
 4. The President shall return the personnel Book to the NGC Personnel Chairman at the end of the administration.

Substitute:

1. The Board of Directors Application Form shall be placed on the NGC Website prior to the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years.

2. Immediately following the Annual Meeting in even numbered years, applicants shall electronically submit applications to the President-Elect and the Personnel Chairman.
3. At the registration table at the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years, the Personnel Chairman shall provide a form for current board members to sign indicating whether they wish to be considered for a position on the next Board of Directors. Those current board members wishing to apply for a different position shall electronically submit a new Board of Directors Application Form immediately following the Annual Meeting in even-numbered years. Existing board members who wish to be considered and are eligible for the same position need not reapply.
4. The President shall transfer Application Forms to the President-Elect.
5. The Personnel Chairman shall maintain a current list of job descriptions for Board of Directors positions and make updates as needed.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

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| Reports of Chairmen | The following Chairmen reported: Judy Binns, Website Chairman (2009-2011) Kathy Thomas, Communications Committee, Non-Print Coordinator (2011-2013) |
| Benediction | Elene M. Combs, President of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., gave the benediction. |
| Adjournment of Business Meeting | There being no further business and no objection, the 2011 Pre-Convention Board Meeting of National Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned at 11:09 a.m. |

Robin L Pokorski
Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary Date

Renee D. Blaschke
Renee D. Blaschke, President Date

Linda Nelson
Linda Nelson, Second Vice-President Date

Sandra H. Robinson
Sandra H. Robinson, Third Vice-President Date

Nancy L. Hargroves
Nancy L. Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President Date