

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
2013-2015 POST-CONVENTION BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MINUTES

Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, Washington

Monday, May 27, 2013

- Call to Order The President, Linda G. Nelson, called the meeting of the 2013-2015 NGC Board of Directors to order at 8:03 a.m. on May 27, 2013 at the Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, Washington, and welcomed those in attendance.
- The Recording Secretary, Carol L. Hall, was present.
- Introductions The President introduced those seated at the head table.
- Blessing Valarie C. Tipps, Vice-Chaplain presented the blessing.
- The Board recessed for breakfast.
 The meeting reconvened at 8:25 a.m.
- Introduction of Convention The President thanked Jeanette Pruin, Convention Chairman, Sally Priebe and Carolyn
Committee Erickson, Co-Chairmen, and the entire Seattle Convention Committee for their hard work in
 hosting the 2013 NGC Convention.
- Quorum The Chair declared a quorum present.
- Committee to Approve The President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2013 Post-
Minutes Convention Meeting:
 Nancy L. Hargroves, Second Vice-President as Chairman
 Gay L. Austin, Third Vice-President
 Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary
- Timekeepers The President appointed the following to serve as timekeepers:
 Julie A. West, Educational Schools Vice-Coordinator
 Jennifer Moreno, Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman
- Introduction of 2013-2015 The following 2013-2015 Regional Directors were recognized:
Regional Directors Maria Nahom, New England Region
 Mary Warshauer, Central Atlantic Region
 Martha Morgan, South Atlantic Region
 Gloria Blake, Deep South Region
 Nancy C. Voyles, South Central Region
 Beverly Heidelberger, Rocky Mountain Region
 Elaine Gunderson, Pacific Region
- Gerry Ford, Central Region Director was excused.
- Recognition of former NGC The President welcomed former NGC Presidents: Kitty Larkin (2005-2007), Barbara May
Presidents (2007-2009), Renee D. Blaschke (2009-2011), and Shirley S. Nicolai, Immediate Past President
 (2011-2013).
- Chairmen and Committees The President announced the following chairmanships and committee members as designated in
designated in Bylaws our NGC Bylaws by virtue of office for information only:
- Sandra H. Robinson, First Vice-President, as Liaison to the State Garden Club Presidents and
 Regional Directors

Nancy L. Hargroves, Second Vice-President, as Finance Committee Chairman with members:
Sandra H. Robinson, First Vice-President
Betty Grimes, Treasurer
Shirley S. Nicolai, Director of the PH&E Trustees

Gay L. Austin, Third Vice-President, as Organization Study Committee Chairman

Scholarship Committee composed of the eight Regional Directors as members and
Chairman Bonnie Borne.

Betty Grimes, Treasurer, as Budget Committee Chairman with members:
Nancy L. Hargroves, Finance Committee Chairman
Shirley S. Nicolai, Director of the PH&E Trustees

Nancy L. Hargroves, Second Vice-President and Finance Committee Chairman, as Internal
Audit Committee Chairman with the following as members:
Linda G. Nelson, President
Sandra H. Robinson, First Vice-President
Gay L. Austin, Third Vice-President

Ratification of
Appointments

The President asked for ratification of the Vice-Presidents to serve as appointed Chairmen of
Committees with appointed members as follows:

Sandra H. Robinson, First Vice-President, as Membership Chairman with the following to serve
a members of the Committee:

Judy B. Binns
Sandra Dennis
Pat Haering
Diane B. Herman
Ginger Knutsen
Kitty Larkin
Brenda Moore
Jo Ann Wade

Gay L. Austin, Third Vice-President, as Chairman of the Award of Excellence Committee with
the following to serve as Members:

Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary
Nancy C. Voyles, South Central Region Director

Finance Committee members:

Regina I. Brown
Barbara M. Campbell
Dale DeFeo
Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich
Jeanette B. Pruin

Organization Study Committee members:

Betty Cookendorfer, Bylaws Chairman
Linda Lawson, Standing Rules Chairman
Barbara S. Baker
Elva Davidson
Julie Schoenike
Veva J. Schreiber
Estelle Woodcock

RATIFIED

Ratification of 2013-2015 Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and Members of Committees	A list of Chairmen, Vice-Chairman and members of standing committees who have been appointed by the President for the 2013-2015 administration was distributed. Additions are: Flower Show Handbook Revision Committee Chairman, June P. Wood, and SAGE & ROSES Vice-Chairman, Pam Braun.	RATIFIED
Appointed Officers	The Executive Committee approved the following appointments by the President for the 2013-2015 administration: Corresponding Secretary - Robin Pokorski Historian - Pamela C. Hebert Parliamentarian - Joan H. Corbisiero, PRP PH&E Trustees Director - Shirley S. Nicolai	
Appointed Trustee	The Executive Committee approved the appointment of Marge McGoff as a Trustee of the Permanent Home & Endowment Trustee for a six-year term subject to ratification by the Board of Directors. (Marge McGoff will join Shirley S. Nicolai as the two Trustees appointed for this administration.)	RATIFIED
Resignation	The President presented the following resignation: June Kummer, PH&E Trustee	ACCEPTED WITH REGRET
Executive Director Editor, <i>TNG</i>	The Executive Committee approved the following appointments by the President for the 2013-2015 administration: Michelle Smith, Executive Director Susan Davidson, Editor of <i>The National Gardener</i>	
Treasurer as Fiscal Agent	The Executive Committee approved Betty Grimes, Treasurer, as NGC Fiscal Agent for the 2013-2015 administration.	
Legal Counsel	The Executive Committee approved the appointment of the firm of Blackwell Sanders Peper Martin to serve as NGC Legal Counsel for the 2013-2015 administration.	RATIFIED
Auditors	The Executive Committee approved the appointment of the Certified Public Accounting firm of Mueller Prost PC, to serve as Auditor for the 2013-2013 administration.	RATIFIED
Public Relations Firm	The Executive Committee approved the appointment of Binder PR & Marketing Communications to serve as the public relations firm representing NGC for the 2013-2015 administration.	RATIFIED
Presentation of State Garden Club Presidents	Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary, announced the 2013-2015 Presidents of State Garden Clubs already elected. The NGC President presented their certificate to each State President. (List filed)	
Presentation of NGC Nominating Committee Members	Wanda Davis, Chairman of the NGC Nominating Committee, presented those elected to the 2013-2015 NGC Nominating Committee: Elaine Dates – Vice-Chairman Caroline Frey – New England Region Helen Pritchard – New England Region Alice E. Witterholt – Central Atlantic Region Patricia J. Cargnoni – Central Atlantic Region Barbara J. Mikkelson – Central Region Marion H. Brooks – Central Region Phebe Kirkman – South Atlantic Region	

Mary E. Owen – South Atlantic Region
 Mary Sue Colvin – Deep South Region
 Melanie S. Gousset – Deep South Region
 Mary Ann Moreno – South Central Region
 Linda Lawson – South Central Region
 Phyllis White – Rocky Mountain Region
 Lynette Jeffries – Rocky Mountain Region
 Carol T. Norquist – Pacific Region
 Garnet Ascher – Pacific Region

Program/Budget 2013 Fall Board Meeting The tentative program as amended and proposed budget for the 2013 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri were presented. The proposed budget was approved by the 2011 – 2013 Finance Committee as well as the 2013-2015 Executive Committee.

ADOPTED

Future Fall Board Meetings The report of Diane Bullock, Fall Board Meetings Coordinator, on future Fall Board of Directors' Meetings was read by Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary.
 September 24-28, 2013 – Marriott St. Louis Airport Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri
 2014 - Des Moines, Iowa
 2015 - St. Louis, Missouri
 2016 - Portland, Maine
 2017 - St. Louis, Missouri

The invitation to attend the 2013 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri was issued by Sue Reed, Chairman.

Recommendations for Ratification On behalf of the Executive Committee, Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations for ratification:

1. That the following partnerships or projects be continued:
 - Youth-related:
 - Poetry Contest
 - Theme 2013 "Protecting and Conserving Natural Resources"
 - Theme 2014 "Good Stewards of our Earth"
 - High School Essay Contest
 - Theme 2013 "Choosing to Make a Difference for a Better World"
 - Theme 2014 " Today's Choices Affect Tomorrow's World"
 - Recyclable Sculpture Contest
 - Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest
 - Scouts "Native Plant" patch project

- Adult-related:
- Blue Star Memorial Marker Program
- Habitat for Humanity Landscaping
- National Garden Week
- Penny Pines/Reforestation
- Plant It Pink
- International Disasters
- SAGES & ROSES

RATIFIED

2. That the tour to Costa Rica, from November 4 – 10, 2013, that is arranged for flower show judges to judge a flower show in San Jose, Costa Rica on November 7 and as a Bi-Refresher for ESS and GSS, which was approved by the 2011-2013 administration at this Convention, be ratified.

RATIFIED

3. That a NGC sponsored tour to Ireland in conjunction with the Wafa Ireland Flower Show which takes place June 18-22, 2014 be ratified.

RATIFIED

Recommendations for Adoption

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations for adoption:

1. That the following President's Projects be approved:
States: "Does it Matter – Education for Responsible Choices"
Clubs: "Making a Difference – Protecting and Conserving our Natural Resources"
ADOPTED
2. That the agreement with Crown Bees be further modified as follows:
 - That NGC encourage community awareness for raising bees through local clubs
 - That NGC establish BeeGAP* as an ongoing NGC program
 - That NGC promote BeeGAP* to NGC garden clubs
 - That NGC work with Crown Bees to establish a "speakers bureau" or liaison with clubs nationwide
 - That NGC promote mason bee products as a fundraiser for NGC clubs*BeeGAP is a program founded by Crown Bees to increase propagation of highly efficient mason bees through backyard gardeners. Gardeners raise these rarely stinging bees to pollinate their own gardens, then sell their excel bees for use on commercial farms for food pollination.
ADOPTED
3. That authorization be given to revise the *Handbook for Flower Shows*, 2007 Edition, monies to come from NGC Publications Fund.
ADOPTED

Committee Chairmen's Reports

The following Chairmen reported:

Mary Ann Bryant, Tours Chairman
Phyllis White, *Keeping in Touch* Editor
Marge McGoff reported for SAGE & ROSES Chairman, Lois Shuster – The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania was selected as the Blue Star Memorial Marker winner
Sandra H. Robinson, First Vice-President, Membership Chairman
Mary Jacobs, reported for President's Projects Coordinator, Marion Hilliard
Mary Sue Colvin, President's Project – Water Committee, Environmental Concerns/Conservation, Chairman
Mary Jacobs, President's Projects – Wildlife Committee: Endangered Species/Pollinator, Chairman
Greg Pokorski, Educational Schools Coordinator, GSS Chairman

REPORTS FILED

Announcements

New website password for board site –(username) boardmember – (password) choices
Please send all information to this e-mail: ngcwebsite@aol.com

Future Board of Directors Meetings

September 28, 2013 – St. Louis Airport Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri
May 2, 2014 – Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma
September 27, 2014 – Des Moines Marriott Downtown, Des Moines, Iowa
May 15, 2015 – Crown Plaza Louisville, Airport, Louisville, Kentucky

Benediction

Valarie C. Tipps, Vice-Chaplain, presented the benediction.

Adjournment

There being no further business and no objection, the Post-Convention Board of Directors Meeting of National Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned at 9:50 a.m..

Carol L. Hall August 1, 2013
Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary Date

Linda G. Nelson..... August 1, 2013
Linda G. Nelson, President Date

Nancy L. Hargroves August 1, 2013
Nancy L. Hargroves, Second Vice-President Date

Gay L. Austin August 1, 2013
Gay L. Austin, Third Vice-President Date

Robin Pokorski August 1, 2013
Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary Date