

Registration Report

Apryl Reisch, Registration Chairman, presented the preliminary registration report as of 5:30 P. M. September 28, 2007 for information:

Board of Directors 243
Guests 12

Total registration of 255.

Standing Rules

Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules of the Board of Directors' Meeting for adoption

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Committee to Approve Minutes

The Chair appointed the following to approve the minutes of the 2007 Fall Board Meeting:

Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President as Chairman
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President
Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President

Timekeepers

The Chair appointed the following to serve as Timekeepers:

Mary Sue Colvin, Endangered Species Chairman and Environmental Education Coordinator

Dr. Clair Hunt, Gardens Coordinator and Public Gardens Chairman

Report of Committees to Approve Minutes

Renee Blaschke, Chairman of the Committee to approve the minutes of the Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting, May 25, 2007, Boston, MA reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

Shirley Nicolai, Chairman of the Committee to approve the minutes of the Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting, May 28, 2007, Boston, MA, reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

Resignations

The following resignations were accepted by the Executive Committee:

Karen Hix, Energy Conservation Chairman
Judy Fornshell, Calendar Committee Member

ACCEPTED WITH REGRET

Notifications

The Chair announced the loss of:

Jerry T. Tubb, Golden Circle Member
Patricia Olson, Central Atlantic Region Alternate Director

Appointments

The Chair asked for ratification of the following appointments, previously approved by the Executive Committee:

Jackie Reynolds, Chairman, 2009 Fall Board meeting, St. Louis, MO
Jeanette Holland, Vice Chairman, 2009 Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO
Joan Hood, Vice Chairman, 2009 Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO

Arthur Loesch, Reforestation and Restoration Chairman
Nancy Lee Loesch, Reforestation and Restoration Vice Chairman

Patricia Babcock, Energy Conservation Chairman

Beth Frost, IA Membership (English) Vice Chairman

Sara V. Lambardi, IA Landscape Design Schools Chairman

Phyllis Wood, Chairman of Committee to Review the Bylaws with members: Joan Franson, Joan Bonine, Betty Alloway and Greg Pokorski.

RATIFIED

Recognition

The Chair announced the election by the Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. of Ruth Moorhead as Central Region Alternate Director and the election by the Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania of Judy Vehse as Central Atlantic Region Alternate Director.

Presentations to State
Presidents

Presidents of State Garden Clubs for 2007-2009 elected after the Post Convention Board Meeting, May 28, 2007 were presented by Virginia GrandPré, Corresponding Secretary and given their certificates by the President. (List filed)

Reports of Officers

The following officers reported and copies of written reports are on file:
Barbara D. May, President May
Renee Blaschke, First Vice President and Liaison to State Garden Clubs Presidents and Regional Directors and Membership Chairman
Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President and Finance Committee Chairman
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President and Organization Study Chairman and Award of Excellence Chairman
Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President and Scholarship Chairman
Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary
Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer
Virginia GrandPré, Corresponding Secretary
Colleen Weiler, Historian
Joan H. Corbisiero, Parliamentarian
Kitty Larkin, Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees Director

Executive Director

Fran Mantler, Executive Director reported.

Suspension of Standing
Rule

The Chair read and asked for unanimous consent to suspend Standing Rule #1 under Personnel Committee Duties.

ADOPTED by 2/3 VOTE

Recommendations for
Adoption

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Barbara Baker, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations for adoption:

1. with regard to the referral back to the Executive Committee of the recommendation at the 2007 Post Convention Board of Directors Meeting that "the winners of the previous year are ineligible to enter the Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Contest" along with the pending amendment to insert "on the NGC level" following the word "year: and insert "on the national level" after the word "enter", the Executive Committee recommended that both the amendments and the original recommendation be defeated.

**AMENDMENTS DEFEATED
RECOMMENDATION DEFEATED**

2. that the motion adopted at the May 2007 Pre-Convention Board of Directors Meeting in Boston, MA that "the New England Flower Show CD sell for \$6.00" be rescinded.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

3. that the 2009 "Vision of Beauty" calendars be priced as follows:

Large Calendars

1	5.95 shipping included
2-49	4.50 each, plus shipping
50-99	3.95 each, plus shipping
100+	3.50 each, plus shipping

Small Calendars

1	3.95 shipping included
50	150.00, shipping included

4. that the proposed contract presented by Kingery Printing Company for the printing of TNG for 2008-2010 in the amount of \$8197 (base cost) for 21,000 copies, with additional 1000s at the price of \$228.17.

#3 and #4 ADOPTED

5. that NGC scholarships be increased from \$3500 to \$4000 per scholarship, effective with the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

6. that NGC scholarships awarded be increased in number from thirty-four (34) to thirty-five (35), effective with the 2008-2009 fiscal year.

#5 and #6 ADOPTED

7. that NGC approve "Global Partners" as a World Gardening Project.

ADOPTED

8. that the "Grower's Choice Award", a Sectional Top Exhibitor Award for Container Grown Plants and Combination Plantings, be added to the 2007 *Handbook for Flower Shows*. (effective January 1, 2008)

ADOPTED

9. that the "Green the Gulf Coast" grants allow the inclusion of reasonable costs for landscape design plans and labor expenses.

10. that the evaluation process for "Green the Gulf Coast" grants be simplified by having the President appoint two Board Members to serve with the Green the Gulf Coast Chairman as evaluators.

#9 and #10 ADOPTED

Standing Rules
Amendments

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES

11. Under **PERSONNEL COMMITTEE DUTIES** (page 16-17) amend as follows:

1. Strike in its entirety, currently reads: "One (1) blank copy of the Personnel Recommendation Form, the Location Sheet, and completed copy of the Re-certification List (the State Garden Club's existing list of recommended members) shall be placed in a kit for each State Garden Club President and distributed at Fall Board Meeting in the odd-numbered years. These forms may also be obtained from NGC Headquarters or be downloaded from the NGC website."

Substitute the following: "One 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. Strike in its entirety, currently reads: "The State Garden Club President shall return two (2) completed copies of the Location Sheet and four (4) completed Personnel Recommendation Forms for each of the nominees to the Regional Personnel Representative before February 1 in the even-numbered years. The Regional Personnel Representative shall sign the Personnel Recommendation Forms, send one (1) copy of each to the incoming Regional Director by the Regional Meeting in the even-numbered years and send three (3) to the NGC Personnel Chairman, together with one (1) copy of the Location Sheet, before March 1 in the even-numbered years. The second copy of the Location Sheet may be kept for the Regional files."

Substitute the following: "The State Garden Club shall return three (3) completed 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. and 4. no change

5. Strike in its entirety, currently reads: "The State Garden Club President shall return the updated Re-certification List to the NGC Personnel Files Chairman by February 1 in the even-numbered years."

ADOPTED by 2/3 VOTE

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES

12. Under **WEBSITE** (page 22) amend as follows:

4. Strike "a directory update" following "Executive Director" and insert "an updated NGC Roster".

Entire paragraph to read: "The Restricted Section shall contain the following material: minutes of the NGC Conventions and Board of Directors Meetings submitted by the NGC Recording Secretary, monthly and quarterly financial statements submitted by the NGC Accountant; amended sets of Bylaws and Standing Rules submitted by the NGC Parliamentarian; membership figures, special forms, Fall Board Meeting information submitted by the NGC Executive Director; an updated NGC Roster submitted by the Administrative Assistant and any other information the President shall deem necessary. Any financial information that is more than one year old shall be deleted from the Section by this Chairman."

ADOPTED by 2/3 VOTE

5. Add second paragraph to read:

"Any information submitted for publication on the public NGC website will be accepted with the understanding that all text (names, addresses, email, telephone numbers) will be available to the general public. Acknowledgement of this policy will be requested by the webmaster from the person submitting the information." Linda Nelson, Organization Study Committee Chairman, moved to amend by striking "all text (names, addresses, email, telephone numbers) and substituting "contact information and striking last sentence "Acknowledgement of this policy will be requested by the webmaster from the person submitting the information and substituting "Consent to use this contact information must be included on school forms."

**AMENDMENTS TO RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED
RECOMMENDATION AS AMENDED ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE**

Conventions

Joan A. Hood, NGC Conventions Coordinator reported on future NGC Conventions:

2009 Houston, TX, May 13-18
2010 Atlanta, GA, tba
2011 Washington DC, tba
2012 Buffalo, NY tba
2013 Washington State
2014 Tba
2015 Kentucky tba

Kay Lee invited members to Memphis, TN, April 26-28, 2008

2007 Convention
Final Report

Diane Bullock, 2007 NGC Convention Chairman, gave the final report from May 2007 Boston Convention and moved its adoption:

1225 registered attendees
\$1259.46 net total surplus
Distribution of excess: GC Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. \$503.78
National Garden Clubs, Inc. \$755.68

ADOPTED

- Future Fall Board Meetings Anne M. Bucher, Fall Board Meeting Coordinator reported on future Board of Directors Meeting locations:
2008 Providence, RI
2009 St. Louis, MO
2010 Great Falls, MT
2011 St. Louis, MO
2012 Little Rock, AR
2013 St. Louis, MO
2014 Iowa
- Recess The meeting recessed at 11:15 A. M. to reconvene following lunch.
- Reconvene The meeting reconvened at 2:00 P. M.
- Auditor's Report The Chair announced that the Auditor Report was not available for this meeting and will be published in *The National Gardener*.
- Memorial Service Gerry Peters, Special Project Coordinator, gave a Memorial Service for Marie Potts.
- Reports The following Chairmen reported:
Martha Morgan, Green the Gulf Coast Chairman
Carol Carter, Recycling Chairman
David Pritchard, Publication/Brochure/Manual Review Chairman
Deana Roberts, Travel Chairman
Marion Hillard, Government Action/Education Chairman
Dale DeFeo, Civic Development/Gro-Well Chairman
Judy Binns, Non-Print Public Website Chairman, Non-Print Coordinator
Maureen Colton, Strategic Planning Committee Chairman
Gloria Blake, Principal Financial Grant
Carol Iuso Member Services Chairman
- Dates of Future Board Meetings The President announced dates of future Board of Directors Meetings:
April 27, 2008 Memphis, TN
October 4, 2008 Providence, RI
May 14, 2009 Houston, TX
- Final Credentials Report Phyllis Steele, Credentials Chairman, gave the final credentials report as of 9:00 A. M., September 29, 2007 and moved its adoption:
NGC President 1
Honorary NGC President 0
NGC Elected Officers 7
NGC Appointed Officers 4
Regional Directors 8
Advisory Committee (Former NGC Presidents) 4
Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees 6
State Presidents 48
Representatives of State Presidents 1
NGC Chairmen 140
NGC Standing Committee Members 82
Subtotal 301
Less Duplications 56
Total Voting Strength 245

ADOPTED

- Registration Maxine Clingan, Convention Chairman for the 2007 Fall Board Meeting, reported registration as of 2:00 P. M., September 29, 2007 was 257:
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| Registered Board Members | 245 |
| Registered Non-Members | 12 |
| Total | 257 |
- Benediction Elva Davidson, High School Service and Essay Chairman, gave the benediction.
- Adjournment of Business Meeting There being no further business and no objection, the 78th Fall Board of Directors Meeting of National Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned at 2:47 P. M.
- Courtesy Resolution The Courtesy Resolution was presented by Florence Smith, Resolution Vice Chairman, at the banquet and adopted by those present.

Barbara S. Baker
11-07-07
Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary

Barbara D. May
11-10-07
Barbara D. May, President

Shirley Nicolai
11-07-07
Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President

Linda Nelson
11-07-07
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President

Sandra Robinson
11-08-07
Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
2007-2009 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES

National Garden Clubs, Inc. Headquarters
St. Louis, MO

Friday, September 28, 2007
1:45 P. M. – Board Room

- Call to Order The President, Barbara D. May, called the Special Called Meeting of the 2007-2009 Executive Committee to order at 1:45 P. M. on September 28, 2007 in the Board Room of National Garden Clubs Headquarters, St. Louis, MO.
- The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.
- Quorum The Chair declared a quorum present.
- Recommendation Linda Nelson, Third Vice President, moved to accept the proposal presented by Finkel & Company Communications that implements a three-phase, twelve month public relations program to begin October 1, 2007.
- ADOPTED**
- Adjournment There being no further business and no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 P. M.

Barbara S. Baker
11-07-07
Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary

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11-10-07
Barbara D. May, President

Shirley Nicolai
11-07-07
Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President

Linda Nelson
11-07-07
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President

Sandra Robinson
11-08-07
Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President