



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC. 2007-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Providence Marriott Hotel
Providence, RI

Saturday, October 4, 2008
9:00 A. M.

79th Fall Meeting of Board of Directors

Call to Order

The President, Barbara D. May, called the meeting of the 2007-2009 Board of Directors to order at 9:05 A. M. on October 4, 2008 at the Providence Marriott Hotel, Providence, Rhode Island.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Elected Officers 2007-2009 present: Barbara D. May, President; Renee Blaschke, First Vice President; Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President; Linda Nelson, Third Vice President; Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary; and Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer.

Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President, Scholarship Chairman, was not in attendance.

Regional Directors 2007-2009 present: Sonia Chianchette, New England; Marilyn Whitmore, Central Atlantic; Karen Hix, Central; Linda Whetsell, South Central; Louise Greenberg, Rocky Mountain; and Jeanette Pruin, Pacific.
Anne Brown, South Central and Mary Summerville, Deep South Directors were not in attendance.

Appointed Officers 2007-2009 present: Virginia GrandPré, Corresponding Secretary; Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian; and Kitty Larkin, PH&E Trustees Director.

Colleen Weiler, Historian was not in attendance.

Opening Exercises

Mary Warshauer, Water Quality and Conservation Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Helen Pritchard, Horticulture Study Unit Lessons Chairman gave the inspirational reading.

Welcome to Region was given by Sonia Cinchette, New England Region Director.

Welcome to State was given by Lynne Merrill, President of Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Introductions

President May welcomed former presidents: Deen Day Sanders, June Wood and Kitty Larkin, the Immediate Past President and PH&E Trustees Director. Deen Day Sanders serves as NGC Honorary Life President.

President May presented the Regional Directors: Sonia Chianchette, New England; Marilyn Whitmore, Central Atlantic; Karen Hix, Central; Linda Whetsell, South Central; Louise Greenberg, Rocky Mountain; and Jeanette Pruin, Pacific. Anne



Brown, South Central and Mary Summerville, Deep South Directors were not in attendance.

Credentials Phyllis Steele, Credentials Chairman gave the Preliminary Credentials Report as of 7:00 A.M., October 4, 2008 and moved its adoption:

National Garden Clubs President	1
National Garden Clubs Honorary President	1
National Garden Clubs Elected Officers	6
National Garden Clubs Appointed Officers	3
Regional Directors	6
Advisory Committee (former NGC Pres)	4
Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees	6
State Presidents	42
Representatives of State Presidents	0
National Garden Clubs Chairmen	133
National Garden Clubs Committee Members	81
Subtotal	282
Less duplicates	56
Total Voting Strength	226

ADOPTED

Quorum The Chair declared a quorum was present.

Registration Report Sue Redden, 2008 Fall Board Meeting Registrar gave the Preliminary Registration Report as of 7:30 A.M., October 4, 2008. Report filed.

Voting Strength	226
Registered Guests	30
Total Attendance	256

Standing Rules Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules of the Board of Directors meeting.

ADOPTED by 2/3 Vote

Appointment of Committee to Approve Minutes The Chair appointed the following to approve minutes of the Fall Board of Directors Meeting:

Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President, Chairman
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President
Virginia GrandPré, Corresponding Secretary

Appointment of Timekeepers The Chair appointed the following to serve as Timekeepers:

Jimmie Meinhardt, Blue Star Memorial Chairman
Elise Haymans, Calendar Promotions Chairman

Report of Committee to Approve Minutes Shirley Nicolai, Chairman of the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the Pre-Convention Board of Directors meeting, April 26, 2008 in Memphis, TN, reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

Resignation The resignation of Phyllis Andrew, Calendar Committee, Central Region was submitted.

ACCEPTED WITH REGRET

Appointments The following appointments were submitted for ratification:

Ruth Layton, Chairman 2010 Fall Board Meeting in Montana
Darlene Skari, Vice Chairman 2010 Fall Board Meeting in Montana
Phyllis White, Vice Chairman 2010 Fall Board Meeting in Montana
Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President, as "Plant it Pink" Project Chairman
Karen Booker, FSS Accrediting Committee Vice Chairman

Jim Schmidt, FSS Accrediting Chairman, Central Region

RATIFIED

Reports of Officers
President Barbara D. May, President. Report filed.

First Vice President Renee Blaschke, First Vice President, Liaison to State Garden Club Presidents and Regional Directors and Membership Chairman. Report filed.

Second Vice President Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President, Finance Committee Chairman. Report filed.

Third Vice President Linda Nelson, Third Vice President, Organization Study and Award of Excellence Chairman. Report filed.

Recording Secretary Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary had no report.

Treasurer Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer gave financial report. Report filed.

Corresponding Secretary Virginia GrandPre, Corresponding Secretary. Report filed.

Historian The report by Colleen Weiler, Historian, was read in her absence by Barbara Baker. Report filed.

Parliamentarian Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian. Report filed.

PH&E Trustees Director Kitty Larkin, PH&E Trustees Director. Report filed.

Executive Director Fran Mantler, Executive Director. Report filed.

Report of Auditor The report of the Auditor, MPP&W Certified Public Accountants, was read by Recording Secretary, Barbara Baker.

ADOPTED

Chairman Report Patrice Lineberger, Girl Scout Liaison reported. Report filed.

Recommendations for Adoption Barbara Baker, Recording Secretary, presented recommendations from the Executive Committee for adoption:

1. That permission be granted to use NGC logo for Girl Scouts USA "Native Plant" patch.

ADOPTED

2. That funds in the amount of \$115,835 be allocated from unused return on investments from the Wildflower Fund for the purpose of initiating online educational programs.

ADOPTED

3. That *Outlines of Period Flower Arranging* sell for \$5.00 per copy.
4. That the large sparkle snowflake pin sell for \$15.00, sparkle earrings for \$12.00 and small snowflake pin with bail for \$8.50.

#3 & #4 ADOPTED

5. That in 2010, NGC order only the large "Vision of Beauty" calendar.

ADOPTED

6. That a National Garden Clubs Scholarship be named for Barbara D. May beginning with the 2009 convention in Houston, TX.

ADOPTED

7. That the Proposed Budget for 2009 Convention, Houston, TX be approved.

ADOPTED

8. That a new competitive Flower Show Achievement Award #12 Regional

Standard Flower Show be approved.

Award #12 A, B Regional Standard Flower Show, Rosette of Turquoise or Teal ribbons

A. Small Region, 649 or less member clubs within the region with ten percent (10%) of adult clubs participating. Minimum of five (5) Special Exhibits required.

1. Horticulture Division: Minimum of 12 classes required with at least 70 exhibits with any number per class.

2. Design Division: Minimum of 12 classes required with at least 4 exhibits in each class for a minimum of 48 overall exhibits.

B. Large Region, 650 or more member clubs within the region with ten percent (10%) of adult clubs participating. Minimum of fifteen (15) Special Exhibits required.

1. Horticulture Division: Minimum of 20 classes required with at least 100 exhibits, any number per class.

2. Design Division: Minimum of 20 classes with at least 4 exhibits in each class, minimum of 80 overall exhibits.

The runner-up Regional Standard Flower Show in each category scoring 95 or above in the national evaluation will receive a Certificate of Excellence.

ADOPTED

9. That Flower Show Achievement Award #34-3 Plant Society Standard Flower Show offer a Rosette of Orange and White ribbons in addition to Certificate of Merit.

ADOPTED

10. That *Creative Designs* be removed from the Flower Show Schools Required Reading List.
11. That the following be added to the Flower Show Schools Required Reading List: *Designing by Types*, Plant Family List (available on NGC website), and *Bulb Expert* by Hessayon.

#10 & #11 ADOPTED

12. That the following *Handbook for Flower Shows* additions and corrections read: Page 119 Trained Plants ...insert: #3 "Bonsai: Although a horticultural accomplishment, authentic Bonsai is never judged. It may, however, be included in an Educational Exhibit in the Special Exhibits Division where it is judged as part of whole rather than solely on its merits." Renumber #3 to #4. Page 132b Fern, add: Exhibited as a container-grown plant or cut specimen. Page 139 Holly A, add: "Exhibited as arboreal specimen. If cut, the maximum....And Holly D. Delete #1 and substitute: "Exhibited as container-grown plants or cut branches. All specimens are judged on Arboreal Scale of Points" (also change pages 43, 44, 124, 300, 314 to remove "cut") Page 218 Tray, add: for one or more persons.

ADOPTED

13. That the manual "Program Ideas for Garden Clubs" be approved. Content has been approved by the Publications Chairman and price of \$10.00 per copy has been set by the Finance Committee.

ADOPTED

14. That NGC endorse the following Water Conservation Platform: "National Garden Clubs, Inc. believes it is imperative that we support and undertake proactive initiatives for the protection, conservation and restoration of the quality of the nation's coastal waters, wetlands, aquifers, watersheds, lakes, rivers and streams, through educational programs, conservation efforts, increased advocacy and partnerships with related government agencies, and state and national grassroots water coalitions."

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

Recommendations for Ratification

Barbara Baker, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations from the Executive Committee for ratification:

1. That the action of the Finance Committee in authorizing the Membership Committee to spend up to \$500 for promotional materials to promote the Membership Contest be ratified.
2. That the action of the Finance Committee in purchasing 500 copies of *Outlines of Period Flower Arranging* from Gateway Business Forms, St. Louis, at unit price of \$1.99 be ratified.

#1 & #2 RATIFIED

3. That the following be ratified for the 2009-2011 Nominating Committee: Marilyn Whitmore, Chairman and Arabella Dane, Vice-Chairman.

RATIFIED

Standing Rules Amendments

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES

Under Headquarters-Executive Director, page 12

a.) New Standing Rule #8 to read:

“All correspondence, including minutes and “Keeping in Touch”, to members of the Board of Directors, including State Presidents, shall be sent by electronic device. Hard copy available from Headquarters by request only.

ADOPTED by 2/3 Vote

b.) #8 renumbered #9 and amended as follows: In first sentence following word “be” strike “duplicated at Headquarters and mailed” and insert: “distributed by Headquarters by electronic device”.

To read: “Minutes of Meetings shall be distributed by Headquarters by electronic device as follows:” Add last sentence following listing of Committees: “Hard copy available from Headquarters by request only.”
Renumber 9 to 10, etc.

ADOPTED by 2/3 Vote

Under Conventions, Fall Board Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings, page 7

Rule 19. Add last sentence: “Exception: The Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs may alternate the office of State President between the islands of Maui and Oahu in one administration.”

ADOPTED by 2/3 vote

Report of Nominating Committee

Judi Davis, Chairman of the NGC Nominating Committee, presented the report of nominees for the 2009-2011 administration:

Shirley Nicolai, First Vice President

Linda Nelson, Second Vice President

Sandra Robinson, Third Vice President

Nancy Hargroves, Fourth Vice President

Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary

Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer

Renee Blaschke, First Vice President, becomes President-Elect at the conclusion of the 2008 NGC Fall Board Meeting.

Future Conventions

Joan Hood, NGC Convention Coordinator reported on upcoming NGC Conventions. Full report on file.

May 14-16, 2010 Atlanta, GA at Omni Hotel

May 27-29, 2011 Washington DC at Marriott Hotel

May 18-20, 2012 Buffalo, NY at Adam’s Mark Hotel (now under new name)

2013 Seattle, WA

2014 tba

2015 tba (Kentucky is under consideration)

Sue Durrett, 2009 Convention Chairman and Pat Graber, Vice Chairman invited members to the 2009 Convention in Houston, TX.

Recess Meeting recessed at 11:45 A.M. to reconvene at 2:30 P.M.

Reconvene The President, Barbara D. May, called the Board of Directors meeting to order at 2:30 P.M. on October 4, 2008.
The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Memorial Service Angela Raitano, NGC Chaplain conducted a Memorial Service.

Future Fall Board Meetings Diane Bullock, NGC Convention Vice-Coordinator reported.

2008 Convention Final Report Anne Bucher, Fall Board Meeting Coordinator reported on future Fall Board Meetings.

Reports of Chairmen
Annette Shrader, President Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. presented the Final Report for the April 2008 Convention in Memphis: 718 registered, revenue over expenses of \$8980 with 60% given to NGC, 40% to Tennessee Federation.

Maureen Colton, Strategic Planning Committee Chairman reported on Round Table discussions held earlier at this Fall Board Meeting. Report on file.

Barbara Wesley, World Gardening and International Natural Disasters Chairman reported on completion of the Global Partners-Running Water project.

Mae Scott, Bylaw Revision Committee Vice Chairman reported. Report filed.

Deana Roberts, Tour Chairman reported earnings of \$4300.00 from Panama-Sao Paulo tour. Report filed.

Candace Morgenstern, Natural Disasters USA Vice Chairman reported approximately \$52,000 was available.

Judy Binns, NGC Non-Print Coordinator/Public Website Chairman reported.

Additional reports filed:
Deen Day Sanders, National Botanic Garden Butterfly Garden Coordinator
Deen Day Sanders, New Design Book Publication Chairman
Claudia Chopp, Calendar Chairman

Recommendation Joan Franson, Container Gardening Chairman moved to Amend Something Previously Adopted at the 79th Annual Convention in Memphis on April 26, 2008, concerning eligibility criteria for Member Award of Honor by adding: "in the past ten (10) years" to original motion. To read:
"Any member of a State Garden Club who has never served as a member of the NGC Board of Directors, including State President, in the past ten (10) years."
200 votes cast, 132 for, 68 against
DEFEATED

Date of Future Board Meeting The Chair announced date of next meeting of the Board of Directors as May 15, 2009 in Houston, TX.

Final Credentials Report Phyllis Steele, Credentials Chairman presented the Final Credentials Report as of 12:00 noon, October 4, 2008 and moved its adoption:
National Garden Clubs President 1
National Garden Clubs Honorary President 1
National Garden Clubs Elected Officers 6
National Garden Clubs Appointed Officers 3

Regional Directors	6
Advisory Committee (former NGC Pres)	4
Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees	6
State Presidents	46
Representatives of State Presidents	0
National Garden Clubs Chairmen	137
National Garden Clubs Committee Members	81
Subtotal	291
Less duplicates	60
Total Voting Strength	231

ADOPTED

- Registration Sue Redden, 2008 Fall Board Meeting Registrar gave the Final Registration Report as of 12:00 noon, October 4, 2008. Report filed.
Voting Strength 231
Registered Guests 30
Total Attendance 261
- Recess The Business Meeting recessed at 3:30 P.M to reconvene at the evening dinner.
- Reconvene The President, Barbara D. May, called the meeting to order 9:15 P.M. on October 4, 2008.
- Courtesy Resolution The Courtesy Resolution was presented by Florence Smith, Resolution Vice Chairman, at the banquet and adopted by those present.
- 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 79th Fall Board of Directors Meeting of National Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned at 9:25 P. M.

Barbara S. Baker November 30, 2008
Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary

Barbara D. May November 30, 2008
Barbara D. May, President

Shirley Nicolai November 19, 2008
Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President

Linda Nelson November 20, 2008
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President

Virginia GrandPré November 30, 2008
Virginia GrandPré, Corresponding Secretary