

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
MINUTES

Marriott Airport Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri

Saturday, October 3, 2009

Call to Order The President, Renee D. Blaschke, called the meeting of the 2009-2011 NGC Board of Directors to order at 9:00 A.M. on October 3, 2009 at the Marriott Airport Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri and welcomed those in attendance.

The Recording Secretary, Robin Pokorski, was present.

Opening Exercises Nell Denman, Chaplain & Installation Book Coordinator, gave the invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Canny O'Donnell, Organization Study Committee Member.

Joan Hood, Central Region Director, welcomed NGC to the Central Region.

Jean Roseman, President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc., welcomed NGC to Missouri.

Introductions President Blaschke welcomed former presidents Deen Day Sanders and Barbara D. May, the Immediate Past President and PH&E Trustees Director. Deen Day Sanders also serves as NGC Honorary Life President.

President Blaschke presented the Regional Directors:

Kathy Thomas, New England
Carmie DeVito, Central Atlantic
Carolyn Patterson, South Atlantic
Mary Sue Colvin, Deep South
Joan Hood, Central
Mary Ann Moreno, South Central
Sandy Dennis, Rocky Mountain
Sandy Ford, Pacific

Credentials Report Sally Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Preliminary Credentials Report as of 7:30 A.M. October 3, 2009 showing a voting strength of 246 and moved its adoption.

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| NGC President | 1 |
| NGC Honorary President | 1 |
| NGC Elected Officers | 6 |
| NGC Appointed Officers | 4 |
| Regional Directors | 8 |
| Advisory Committee | 1 |
| PH&E Trustees | 4 |
| State Presidents | 50 |
| Representatives of State Presidents | 0 |
| NGC Chairmen | 118 |
| NGC Standing Committee Members | <u>93</u> |
| Subtotal | 286 |
| Less duplications | <u>40</u> |
| Total Voting Strength | 246 |

ADOPTED

Quorum The Chair declared a quorum present.

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| Central Region Nominating Committee Member | The President announced A.J. (Jody) Bailey from Illinois as the Central Region Nominating Committee Member, replacing Gerry Ford. |
| Presentation of State Garden Club Presidents | The 2009-2011 Presidents of State Garden Clubs elected since the NGC Convention in Houston in May were presented their certificates by the NGC President. (List filed) |
| Reports of Officers | The following officers reported (copies on file) : Renee D. Blaschke, President Shirley S. Nicolai, First Vice-President Linda Nelson, Second Vice-President Sandy Robinson, Third Vice-President Nancy Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer Virginia GrandPrè, Corresponding Secretary Judi Davis, Historian Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian Barbara May, PH & E Trustees Director |
| Executive Director Report | Michele Smith, Executive Director, reported. (Copy on file) |
| Auditor's Report | The Recording Secretary read the report of the auditor, MPP&W Certified Public Accountants. ADOPTED |
| Recommendations for Adoption | On behalf of the Executive Committee, Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations for adoption: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Kingery Printing Company Option #4 for printing <i>The National Gardener</i> magazine through December 31, 2010 be approved. Per issue quantity: 18,000 copies for \$5,609.00. Additional 1000 copies at \$168.69. ADOPTED 2. That NGC offer 34 scholarships of \$3,500.00 each for the 2010-2011 academic year. ADOPTED 3. That NGC accept a new birdhouse designed by Jon Carloftis and manufactured by Louisville Stoneware to be launched Spring 2010 for NGC's Plant It Pink program. ADOPTED 4. That the service-wide Memorandum of Understanding Forest Service Agreement Number 08-SU-11132564-224 between National Garden Clubs, Inc. and the U.S. Forest Service be accepted as amended with the proviso that the U.S. Forest Service agrees to the amendments. ADOPTED 5. That the 50TH anniversary NGC/ U.S. Forest Service partnership logo as presented by the U.S. Forest Service be approved. ADOPTED 6. That all time restrictions for students between courses for Gardening Study Schools, Environmental Studies Schools, and Landscape Design Schools be removed from all these schools course materials. ADOPTED AS AMENDED |

7. That Environmental Studies Schools, Gardening Study Schools, and Landscape Design Schools be permitted to have the option of conducting back-to-back courses.

ADOPTED

8. That a new youth sculpture contest be approved, effective January 1, 2010, using as main components recyclable, reused or reduced materials to create a sculpture.

ADOPTED

9. That a Twitter site and Facebook page be designed, launched and supported by Michael O'Loughlin of Portland, Oregon, at a cost of \$114.00 per week, with a two-week cancellation clause. This cost to be charged to the Public Relations budget line.

ADOPTED

10. That the special NGC award, to be presented at the World Flower Show, "This Glorious Earth," in June 2011, be for the most creative use of space and plant materials in a design.

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

11. That descriptive changes in the Point Scoring of Culinary– Fruits, Vegetables & Nuts and Collections of same in the "Handbook for Flower Shows" be approved.

ADOPTED

Recess
Reconvene

The meeting recessed at 10:45 A.M.
The meeting reconvened at 11:03 A.M.

Recommendations for
Ratification

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

1. That NGC sponsor a tour to Mexico City and Acapulco in March 2010.

RATIFIED

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 Finance, page 8, 7.c. **Strike** "mailed" **and insert** "made available by electronic device or postal mail."

To read: A copy of the Audit shall be made available by electronic device or postal mail upon request and receipt of the cost of reproduction and mailing.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

2. Under Finance, page 9, 12. Line 1: **Strike** "reviewed," **and insert** "approved" Line 3: **Strike** "review," **and insert** "information only."
To read: Salary adjustments for Headquarters staff will be approved by the Finance Committee prior to the Fall Board Executive Committee Meeting and submitted to the PH&E Trustees and to the Executive Committee for information only. The adjustments will become effective the following January 1. Adjustments for added responsibilities may be considered at any time.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

3. Under *Keeping In Touch*, page 13, 1. **Insert** "by electronic device" following "sent." **Add:** "Hard copy available from Headquarters by request only."

To read: *Keeping In Touch* is a NGC quarterly publication sent by electronic device between issues of *The National Gardener* to the members of the NGC Board of Directors, local Club Presidents and District Directors. Hard copy available from Headquarters by request only.

REFERRED TO ORGANIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE

4. Under Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees, page 17, 11. **Strike** "\$500," **and insert** "\$5,000." **To read:** Approval of Executive Committee must be secured for disbursements not covered by the budget in excess of \$5,000.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

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| Future Conventions | Phyllis Steele, Conventions Vice-Coordinator reported on future convention locations: 2010 Atlanta, Georgia – Omni Hotel, May 14-16 2011 Washington, D.C. – JW Marriott Hotel, May 27-29 2012 Buffalo, New York – Adams Mark Hotel, May 16-19 2013 Seattle, Washington – May 24-26 2014 Oklahoma tba 2015 Kentucky tba |
| Future Fall Board Meetings | Diane Bullock, Fall Board Meeting Coordinator, reported on future Fall Board of Directors' Meetings: 2010 Great Falls, Montana – September 23-26 Best Western Heritage Inn and Resort and Convention Center 2011 St. Louis, Missouri 2012 Little Rock, Arkansas – September 25-29 2013 St. Louis, Missouri 2014 Des Moines, Iowa 2015 St. Louis, Missouri |
| 2009 Convention Final Report | Sue Durrett, Chairman of the 2009 Convention in Houston, Texas, presented a preliminary convention report. The final report will be presented at the Atlanta, GA Convention. Board Meeting. |
| Reports of Chairmen | The following Chairmen reported: Deen Day Sanders, Liaison to Wafa Deanna Roberts, Tours Chairman Guyneth Priem, Tours Vice-Chairman Nell Denman, Installation Book Coordinator Jeanne Nelson, President's Project "Beautify Blight" Chairman |
| Recess Reconvene | The meeting recessed at 11:50 A.M. for luncheon. The meeting reconvened at 2:12 P.M. |
| Reports of Chairmen Continued | Pat Grulke, Protocol Chairman Carol Catlin (for Lila Peterson), President's Project "Golden Days" Chairman Nancy Hargroves, Learn2Grow Liaison Maureen Colton, Strategic Planning Chairman Jean Ohlmann, Flower Show Schools Committee Chairman Kalli Norton, Conservation Chairman Phyllis Besch, Personnel Chairman Bobbi Verser, Awards Committee Chairman |

ADOPTED

REPORTS FILED

Invitation to Convention Phyllis Steele, Conventions Vice Chairman, introduced Deanne McFarlan, 2010 Convention Chairman, and Janet McGinnis, 2010 Convention Vice Chairman, who extended the invitation to Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, May 2010.

Future Board of Directors Meetings The President announced the future Board of Directors meetings as follows:
May 14, 2010 – Atlanta, Georgia – Omni Hotel
September 24, 2010 – Great Falls, Montana – Best Western Hotel & Resort
May 27, 2011 – Washington, D.C. – JW Marriott Hotel

Final Credentials Report Sally Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the Final Credentials Report as of 8:30 A.M. October 3, 2009 with a voting strength of 246 and moved its adoption.

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Final Registration Report Jackie Reynolds, 2009 Fall Board Meeting Chairman, gave the registration report as of 8:30 A.M. October 3, 2009 for information only.

Voting Strength247
Guests.....19
Total Registration 266

Adjourn

Reconvene

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M. to reconvene at the Banquet

Citations

The meeting reconvened at 8:30 P.M.

The President presented Presidential Citations to Jackie Reynolds, Chairman of the 2009 Fall Board Meeting; Jeanette Helland, Vice-Chairman of the 2009 Fall Board Meeting; Joan Hood, Vice-Chairman of the 2009 Fall Board Meeting and Adrienne Langan, Membership in Bloom Contest.

Announcement

Ruth Layton, Chairman of the 2010 Fall Board Meeting reported on a tour to be offered in conjunction with the 2010 Fall Board Meeting in Great Falls, Montana.

Courtesy Resolution

Florence Smith, Resolutions Vice-Chairman read the Courtesy Resolution and moved its adoption.

ADOPTED

Benediction

Nell Denman, Chaplain, gave the benediction.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

There being no further business and no objection, the 2009 Fall Board Meeting of National Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned at 8:50 P. M.

