

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
2011-2013 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' FALL MEETING
MINUTES

St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel

Saturday, September 24, 2011

Call to Order President Shirley S. Nicolai called the eighty-second fall meeting of the 2011-2013 NGC Board of Directors to order at 9:32 A.M. on September 24, 2011 at the St. Louis Airport Marriott Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, and welcomed those in attendance.

Recording Secretary, Gay L. Austin, was present.

Opening Exercises Angela Raitano, NGC Chaplain and Infrastructure Committee Chairman, gave the invocation.

Greg Pokorsky, Environmental Study, Gardening Study, and Landscape Design Schools Coordinator led in the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Florence Smith, Central Region Director welcomed the Board of Directors to the Central Region.

Judy Sheets, President of the Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc., welcomed the Board of Directors to the state of Missouri.

Recognition of former NGC Presidents President Nicolai welcomed the former Presidents of National Garden Clubs, Inc.: Lois Dupre' Shuster (2001-2003), June Wood (2003-2005), Kitty Larkin (2005-2007), Barbara D. May (2007-2009) and Renee D. Blaschke, Immediate Past President and PH&E Trustees Director.

Introduction of 2011-2013 Regional Directors President Nicolai recognized the Regional Directors: Florence Smith, Central; Jeanne T. Nelson, Central Atlantic; Betty Grimes, Deep South Alternate Director; Joyce A. Kimball, New England; Debbie Hinchey, Pacific; Terry Kroke, Rocky Mountain; Mary Dixon, South Atlantic; and Judy Grotts, South Central.

Credentials Report Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, presented the Preliminary Credentials Report.

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| NGC Appointed Officers | 4 |
| Regional Directors | 7 |
| Alternate Director | 1 |
| Advisory Committee | 5 |
| PH&E Trustees | 6 |
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| Representatives of State Presidents | 0 |
| NGC Chairmen | 103 |
| NGC Standing Committee Members | <u>147</u> |
| Subtotal | 326 |
| Less Duplications | <u>52</u> |
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ADOPTED

Quorum The Chair declared a quorum present.

Registration Report Jackie Reynolds, 2011 Fall Board Meeting Chairman, gave the Registration Report as of 8:00 a.m. September 24, 2011, for information only.

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| Total Voting Strength | 274 |
| Guests | <u>7</u> |
| Total Registration | 281 |

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| Standing Rules of the Board of Directors | Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, presented the Standing Rules of the Board of Directors. ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE |
| Committee to Approve Minutes | The President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2011 Board of Directors' Convention Meeting: Sandra H. Robinson, Second Vice-President as Chairman Nancy L. Hargroves, Third Vice-President Poss Tarpley, Corresponding Secretary |
| Timekeepers | The President appointed the following to serve as timekeepers: Elene Combs, Calendar Committee Representative (South Atlantic Region) Debby Cooper, Calendar Committee Representative (Deep South Region) |
| Report of the Committees to Approve the Minutes | Linda Nelson, Chairman of the committee to approve the minutes of the Pre-Convention Board of Directors' Meeting, May 27, 2011 in Washington DC reported that the minutes had been approved and circulated. ADOPTED Sandra H. Robinson, Chairman of the committee to approve the minutes of the Post-Convention Board of Directors' Meeting, May 30, 2011 in Washington, DC, reported that the minutes had been approved and circulated. ADOPTED |
| Resignations | The following resignations were presented: June Kummer, Nominating Committee, Central Region Jennifer Boyenga, Roadside Beautification Chairman ACCEPTED WITH REGRET |
| Announcement | The President announced that the new Nominating Committee Member from the Central Region was Joan Hood of Missouri. |
| Ratification of Appointments | The following appointments were made by NGC President Nicolai and approved by the Executive Committee: Kay Schaefer, Chairman - 2013 Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO Ivy Baebler, Vice-Chairman - 2013 Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO Sophie Connor, Vice-Chairman - 2013 Fall Board Meeting, St. Louis, MO Gertrude Chandler, Grants/Gifts/Bequests Committee Carol R. Keefe, Roadside Beautification Chairman Idalia Aguilar, International Affiliate Liaison RATIFIED |
| Presentation of State Garden Club Presidents | Poss Tarpley, Corresponding Secretary, presented the certificates to the Presidents of the State Garden Clubs who had taken office since the Washington Convention. Becky Hassebroek, Alaska Garden Clubs Darla Kay Kickbush, Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc. Robin McCarthy, Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. Floanna Crowley, Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc. Heidi Kost-Gross, The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc. Kathleen Marty, The Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc. Nancy D. Stark, Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Barbara Halverson, Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc. Phyllis C. White, Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Linda Bellemare, North Dakota State Federation of Garden Clubs Vivian C. Morrison, The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc. Victoria (Vicki) Yuen, Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc. Pamela S. Foehser, Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. Ms. Garnet L. Ascher, The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Darlene Pearson, South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Kathryn Cox, Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. |

Gay Gaston, Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.
Judith A. Juno, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs
Roberts Bolton, Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

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| Reports of Officers | The following officers reported: (Copies on file.) Shirley S. Nicolai, President Linda Nelson, First Vice-President Sandra H. Robinson, Second Vice-President Nancy Hargroves, Third Vice-President Gay L. Austin, Recording Secretary Patsy Ruth Miller, Treasurer Poss Tarpley, Corresponding Secretary Pam Hebert, Historian Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian Renee D. Blaschke, PH&E Trustees Director |
| Presentation of bound copies of <i>The National Gardener</i> | The President presented a bound copy of <i>The National Gardener</i> published during the 2009-2011 Administration to Renee D. Blaschke, NGC President 2009-2011. |
| Executive Director Report | Executive Director, Michelle Smith reported. (Copy on file.) |
| Auditor's Report | The Recording Secretary read the report of the auditor, Mueller Prost, PC, Certified Public Accountants. ADOPTED |
| 2012 Convention Program and Budget | The tentative program and proposed budget for the 2012 NGC convention in Buffalo, New York was presented. ADOPTED |
| Recommendations for adoption | On behalf of the Executive Committee, Gay Austin, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations for adoption: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. That Marion Caldwell be reimbursed \$331.73 for Blue Star Memorial Marker, Washington, DC, supplies. ADOPTED2. That the Member Services Chairman be allowed to give away or dispose of items that are no longer selling or are outdated in member service inventory. ADOPTED3. That the NGC President be given permission to appoint two Special Committees, composed of three members each, with instructions to report back to the Executive Committee at its Winter Executive Committee meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. Website Upgrade Committee – Nancy Hargroves, Third Vice President as Chairman, with members Robin Pokorski, Flickr Chairman and Poss Tarpley, Corresponding Secretary.b. <i>TNG</i> Future Distribution Committee – Sandra Robinson, Second Vice-President as Chairman, with members Idalia Aguilar, IA Schools Liaison and Sue Newhart, Great Ideas Coordinator. ADOPTED4. That the concept of printing a floral design book, which will include portions of Hamel's <i>Encyclopedia of Judging</i>, Bob Thomas' <i>Essense of Creativity</i> and newly written material, be approved. This book is to be used as a teaching tool for Flower Show School Instructors. ADOPTED |

5. Flower Show Schools - Handbook change - page 333. Contrived Form. A form constructed of plant material that must appear as an obvious “fantasy flower and/or foliage”.
6. Flower Show Schools – Handbook change - New Design - Armature Form Design – A Creative Design featuring an armature, (a skeleton and/or grid-like structure). The Armature form is created by the exhibitor, which supports plant material and other optional components. The Armature is imaginative and made from plant or made-made material, or may be a combination of both. It is greater in area than the combined other components and becomes the support system. The armature is self supported, or may relay on a container/s or other device. The design may be a floor design, staged on a pedestal, table or be suspended.
7. Flower Show Schools - New Top Exhibitor Award – Elfin Award – Horticulture Section Award - Small Rosette of Chartruese and purple ribbons.
Three (3) awards (one per section) may be offered and awarded to the highest scoring exhibit/s in an eligible section/s consisting entirely of classes of plants designated as dwarf or miniature varieties or cultivars by nurseries or plant societies, and/or plants with naturally small growth. All General and Horticulture Top Exhibitor Award requirements must be met.
 - A. Classes in an eligible section must consist of **flowering** cut and/or container-grown specimens, **foliage** cut and/or container-grown specimens, or **arboreal** specimens.
 - B. When any other Top Exhibitor Award, is offered in a section, i.e. Award of Merit, Grower’s Choice Award, Arboreal Award or Collectors Showcase Awards, **the Elfin Award may not be offered.**
 - C. Plants designated as dwarf or miniature never compete with standard-size material, but are always exhibited in a separate section, class or subclass.

#5 - #7 ADOPTED

8. That NGC sponsor a tour to Argentina from November 3-November 13, 2012 for 9 nights/11 days, cost estimated at \$3,699 based on 30 participants. (Since airline tickets can’t be purchased until December 13th, the airfare portion is based on 2011 prices. Participants who are Flower Show Judges will be invited to judge a Standard Flower Show on November 10th at Mar del Plat

ADOPTED

9. That NGC’s Award #53 which is a Certificate of Merit for National Garden Week include a privately funded \$100 cash award for 2012 and 2013.
10. That \$50 be awarded to the winner of the Junior Garden Club Horticulture Award (#65) for the most significant effort in planting and growing horticulture in an outdoor area.

#9 - #10 ADOPTED

11. That sponsors for the following existing NGC awards to be presented in 2012 and 2013 be approved. The dollar amounts and trophies have been approved during other administrations.

| <u>NGC Award name and #</u> | <u>Proposed Sponsor</u> |
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| #1 Civic Achievement | Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. (silver tray) |
| #3 Literary Horticulture Publication | Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. (silver tray) |
| #14 Youth Horticulture Achievement | Alaska Garden Clubs, (\$50) |
| #20 Roadside Beautification | California Garden Clubs, Inc. (\$100) |
| #26 Landscape Design Education | Garden Club Fed. Of Massachusetts, Inc. (silver tray) |
| #28 Landscape of a Church | Nancy Voyles, Arkansas (silver tray) |

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| #32 Youth Conservation | Judi Davis, Arkansas (\$10) |
| #33 High School Gardeners Accomplishment | June Ashworth, West Virginia (\$100) |
| #38 Vision of Beauty (designers) | Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. (silver tray) Jan Warshauer, New Jersey (silver tray) |
| #41 Conservation Education | Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc. (silver tray) |
| #46 World Gardening | The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc. (silver tray) |
| #53 National Garden Week | South Carolina Garden Clubs (\$100.00) |
| #62 Landscape Design | Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs (silver tray) |
| #65 Junior Garden Club Horticulture Award | Wisconsin Garden Clubs (\$50) |
| #76 High School Distinguished Service Project | |
| 1st place winner | Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc. (\$100) |
| 2 nd place winner | Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. (\$50) |
| INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES AWARDS | |
| #66 Civic Achievement | Esther P. de Salinas (silver tray) |
| #36B Flower Show | Bobbie Verser (silver tray) |
| #36C Flower Show Schedule | Idalia Aguilar (silver tray) |

ADOPTED

12. That \$175.00 be provided for IA School Garden Awards for the 2011 – 2013 administration, monies to come from the NGC President’s Discretionary Fund.
13. That two private donations of \$500 (for a total of \$1000) for special awards for *Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems* be accepted by National Garden Clubs, Inc for the 2011 – 2013 administration.

12 - #13 ADOPTED

Recommendations for ratification

On behalf of the Executive Committee, Gay Austin, Recording Secretary, presented the following recommendations for ratification:

1. That NGC partner with Hionis Greenhouses and offer two Amaryllis Bulbs (*Red Lion* and *Candy Cane*) to NGC members at a price of \$12 each if east of Mississippi River or \$13 each if west of Mississippi River, with all orders to be placed through Member Services. Prices include packaging and shipping. NGC will receive 25% of total sales.

RATIFIED AS AMENDED

2. That a pre-order sale be approved at 2011 Fall Board Meeting offering all Member Service Items in the catalog and on the website, with the exception of calendars and amaryllis bulbs, at a 5% discount. (Deadline for orders 9/16/11).

RATIFIED

3. That NGC authorize the following Member Services proposals as approved by the Executive Committee:
 - a. the purchase and pricing of the following for FBM:
 - 12 Pop Retro handsets (cost \$19.60 each, to sell at \$29.97 each)
 - 12 – 15 foldable canes (cost \$23.98 each, to sell at \$45 each)
 - (To also be made available in the catalog)

- b. the purchase of 150 gold plated 4 and 5 Star Pins at a cost of \$10.25 per piece. (Pin converts from 4 star to 5 star by insertion of a “diamond” in the piercing) To sell at \$21 to \$25 each.
- c. to sign up for the Bloomin’ Bucks fundraising program with Brent and Becky’s Bulb Collections
- d. To offer magnetic name badges by order from Designer Originals LLC at a cost of \$15 each with NGC receiving \$25% for each sale (samples available at HQ).

RATIFIED

4. That the following new International Affiliate Garden Clubs be ratified as affiliate members of National Garden Clubs, Inc.:

Junin Garden Club #640, Argentina
 Jardin Del Salto Garden Club #641, Argentina
 Raices Garden Club #642, Argentina
 Goicinas Garden Club #643, Argentina
 Almendros Garden Club#644, Argentina
 Club de Jardines de Vina Del Mar #646, Chile
 Candelas Garden Club #645, Uruguay

RATIFIED

5. That the following new Garden Clubs be ratified as affiliates of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Eagle Vail Community Garden, Eagle Vail, Colorado
 West Vail Community Garden, Vail, Colorado

RATIFIED

STANDING RULES

RELATIVE TO THE PUBLICATION OF *THE NATIONAL GARDENER*

Delete the following, (#1 – 9) These actions are no longer being performed:

- 1. Page 1, AFFILIATES - #2 reads: a. A list of National affiliates shall be published annually in *The National Gardener*, and a complete list with the name and address of each President or Correspondent shall be available from Headquarters.
 b. A list of International Affiliates shall be published annually in *The National Gardener*, and a complete list with the name and address of each President shall be available from Headquarters.
- 2. Page 3, AWARDS - #12: High School Speech Contest winners shall be listed in the NGC Awards Booklet and in the Summer issue of *The National Gardener*.
- 3. Page 14, MEMORIALS, #2 reads: Permanent Home contributions of \$25.00 or more, paying tribute to one honoree or memorializing one person, are listed in *The National Gardener*. Listing of two honorees or two memorials requires a gift of \$50.00 or more.
- 4. Page 21, THE NATIONAL GARDENER - # 6 reads: In odd-numbered years, the names and complete mailing addresses of the incoming Regional directors shall be published in the Winter Issue of *The National Gardener*.
- 5. Page 21, THE NATIONAL GARDENER - #9, reads: a. A list of National Affiliates shall be published annually in *The National Gardener*, and a complete list with the name and address of each President or Correspondent shall be available from headquarters.
 a. A list of International Affiliates shall be published annually in *The National Gardener*, and a complete list with the name and address of each President shall be available from Headquarters.
- 6. Page 22, THE NATIONAL GARDENER - # 14 reads: Permanent Home and Endowment contributions of \$25 or more are listed once in *The National Gardener*.

7. Page 22, THE NATIONAL GARDENER - #15 reads: Unless otherwise specified by the donor, bequests to NGC will be listed as miscellaneous contributions rather than credited to any one State Garden Club.
8. Page 22, THE NATIONAL GARDENER - #22 reads: An independent auditor's report shall be published in an issue of *The National Gardener*.
9. Page 23, THE NATIONAL GARDENER - #26 reads: The compensation of the Editor of *The National Gardener* shall be defined with a written contract.

#1 - #9 ADOPTED

Substitute the following:

10. Page 21, THE NATIONAL GARDENER - #4 reads: Courtesy memorials or eulogies may be published for members of the current Board of directors or for others who have served with special distinction for a period of years, i.e., Past NGC Presidents, Past Officers who served for many years or those who have been special benefactors of NGC. Other memorials may be published through the advertising department.

Substitute: "Courtesy memorials or eulogies may be published for former NGC Presidents".

ADOPTED

CHANGES TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL AND GRAMMATICAL ERRORS

11. Page 3, BLUE STAR MEMORIAL MARKERS, #2 reads: Blue Star Memorial Highway Markers are permitted on the grounds of National Cemeteries, Veterans administration Medical Centers and any other appropriate civic location. The civic location request to be reviewed, and approved, by the NGC Blue Star Memorial Chairman.

Recommended action: Delete the word "to" following "request" and insert the word "must."

12. Page 5, CONVENTIONS, FBM, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS - #6 reads: "Members of the Executive Committee and Past Presidents..."

Recommended action: Strike "past" and insert "former".

13. Page 9, FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS AND SYMPOSIUMS AND JUDGES, #1 and #2, strike "1997", insert "2007"

14. Page 15, NOMINATING COMMITTEE, #3, delete the quotation marks at the end of the sentence.

15. Page 21, THE NATIONAL GARDENER, #1 reads *The National Gardener* shall be sent to Life Members, if requested; State Garden Club Presidents; Editors of State Garden Club Publications, Club Presidents and Affiliate Presidents. Individual winners of the Award of Excellence to receive *The National Gardener* for a period of five (5) years. .."

Delete "to" in second sentence, insert "will".

#11 - #15 ADOPTED

SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES

16. Page 2, # 3 AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Reads: "Books of Evidence for the NGC Award of Excellence applicants shall be sent to the NGC Award of Excellence Chairman, a Vice-President, designated by the President; who, with a committee from the Executive Committee, shall send a copy of the summary sheet from each Book of Evidence to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall select the NGC Award of excellence winners at the Winter Executive Committee Meeting. The Award of Excellence #23 is NGC's highest award presented to a non-member of NGC and sponsored by a State Garden Club."

Delete # 3, substitute: “Applications with supporting evidence for the NGC Award of excellence shall be sent to the NGC Award of Excellence Chairman, a Vice-President, designated by the President; who, with a committee from the Executive Committee, shall select the NGC Award of excellence winners for approval at the Winter Executive Committee Meeting. The Award of Excellence #23 is NGC’s highest award presented to a non-member of NGC and sponsored by a State Garden Club.”

ADOPTED

17. Delete Page 4, CONVENTIONS, FBM, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING - # 7 (and renumber balance) which reads: “The kit incorporating plans from each NGC Chairman shall be distributed at the first Fall Board Meeting of an administration and only additional plans may be duplicated for distribution at later meetings of the Board of Directors. Absentees shall be mailed kits from Headquarters.”

ADOPTED

18. Page 4, CONVENTIONS, FBM, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS - #8 reads: Members of the Board of Directors shall receive a copy of the minutes following the Fall Board Meeting and the NGC Convention.
Add: “Minutes of meetings shall be distributed by Headquarters by electronic device. Hard copy available from Headquarters by request only.”

ADOPTED

19. Page 4, CONVENTIONS, FBM, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS - # 11 reads: “The Fall Board Meeting shall be held during the first two (2) weeks in October when possible.”
Substitute: “The Fall Board Meeting shall be held no earlier than the third week in September and no later than the second week in October.”

ADOPTED

20. Page 10, FLOWER SHOW SCHOOLS, SYMPOSIUMS, JUDGED - #3 reads: Changes of Flower Show School policies and procedures, recommended by the FSS Committee to the Executive Committee and approved by the Board of Directors, shall become effective only twice a year, January 1 and July 1. Changes are published in *The National Gardener*. Recommendations approved by the Executive Committee and Board of Directors at the Pre-Convention meeting will be published in the Fall issue of *The National Gardener*, and those approved at the Fall Board Meeting will be published not later than the Spring issue of *The National Gardener*.
Insert “on the NGC Website and” following the word “published” in sentence two. Delete sentence three.

ADOPTED

21. Page 11, FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS - #6 reads: “The current policy ‘that up to 60% of the investment portfolio of each fund may be invested in equities’ be approved by the current Finance committee and current PH & E Trustees.”
Substitute: “The investment portfolio of each fund may be invested up to 60% in equities.”

ADOPTED

22. Page 12, HEADQUARTERS/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - #5 Strike “Slides of NGC Headquarters shall be available from Headquarters for Regional, State, District and Club Meetings; the only charges being insured postage or other approved insured carrier to and from St. Louis.”

ADOPTED

23. Page 13: LANDSCAPE DESIGN STUDY SCHOOLS - Delete the word “STUDY” from title of section to read Landscape Design Schools.

ADOPTED

24. Page 17, PUBLICATIONS - #3, reads: “Any books and/or material written for NGC become the property of NGC. To copyright will be the decision of the NGC Executive Committee and would be in the name of NGC.
Insert as Sentence two (2): “All submissions for publication must be sent to NGC Publications Chairman, Website Chairman, and Headquarters, electronically in editable format.”

ADOPTED

25. Page 19, PUBLICATIONS - #13. Delete: “In odd-numbered years, at a time specified by the NGC President, NGC Chairmen shall send to Headquarters a one-page typed outline of suggested goals and proposed methods for achieving them. These outlines will be duplicated and included in the information kits distributed at the first Fall Board Meeting of the administration. (Renumber balance).

ADOPTED

26. Page 19, REGIONAL DIRECTORS, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, STATE PRESIDENTS, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES - # 14 reads: At least three weeks prior to the Executive Committee Meetings, or as directed by the NGC President, recommendations must be sent in TRIPLICATE to the NGC Corresponding Secretary with a copy to the President.

Substitute: “At least three weeks prior to the Executive Committee Meetings, or by deadline designated in the “Call”, recommendations must be sent to the NGC Corresponding Secretary, with a copy to the President.”

ADOPTED

27. Page 19, REGIONAL DIRECTORS, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, STATE PRESIDENTS, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES - #15 - Delete “NGC Chairmen shall keep a procedural file for the permanent records at Headquarters: report of timed procedures, names and addresses of committee members, dated and signed reports and directives, minutes of meetings, publications, etc. A similar, but more detailed procedural file shall be transferred to the succeeding Chairman by the NGC Convention in the odd-numbered year.”

ADOPTED

28. Page 19, REGIONAL DIRECTORS, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, STATE PRESIDENTS, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES - #16 reads: “Copies of information circulated by each NGC Officer and Committee Chairman to State Garden Clubs Presidents shall be mailed at the same time to Regional Directors.”
Strike “mailed”, insert “sent electronically.”

ADOPTED

29. Page 19, REGIONAL DIRECTORS, NATIONAL CHAIRMAN, STATE PRESIDENTS, REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES #17 reads: A copy of the **BYLAWS** and **STANDING RULES** shall be provided to all members of the NGC Board of Directors.

Strike “provided”, insert “available on the NGC Website, Board Members Section. A hardcopy is available from HQ to NGC Board Members, if requested.”

ADOPTED AS AMENDED

30. Page 21, THE NATIONAL GARDENER - #3 reads: “State Garden Club Presidents shall receive a printout of Club Presidents of their State Garden Club from Headquarters biannually. These printouts should be reviewed by the state for correct local Garden Club name, president of record, mailing address, new clubs admitted and/or resigned. This corrected printout should be returned to NGC.

Substitute: “Annually the state garden club president shall send a current list of club presidents and district directors with contact information to NGC headquarters.”

ADOPTED

BYLAWS

Insert new **ARTICLE XIII*- ELECTRONIC MEETINGS**

“The Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees and all NGC Committees are authorized to meet by telephone conference or through other electronic communications media so long as all the members may simultaneously hear each other and participate during the meeting.”

*Renumber remaining Articles in Bylaws

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| Future Annual Conventions Report | Convention Coordinator, Anne Bucher and Vice-Coordinator, Phyllis Steele reported on dates of future NGC Conventions. 2012 – Adams Mark Hotel, Buffalo, New York, May 18-19,2012 2013 – Sheraton Hotel in Seattle, Washington – May 24-26, 2013 2014 – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – TBA 2015 – Louisville, Kentucky – TBA 2016 – Open 2017- Virginia The invitation to attend the 2012 Annual Convention in Buffalo, New York was issued by Babbidean Huber, Chairman |
| Future Fall Board Meetings | Diane Bullock, Fall Board Meeting Coordinator and Helga Frazette, Vice-Coordinator reported on future Fall Board of Directors’ Meetings: 2012 – September 25-29, 2012 - The Peabody Hotel, Little Rock Arkansas 2013 – St. Louis, Missouri - TBA 2014 – September 24-28, 2014 - Des Moines Marriott Downtown, Des Moines, Iowa 2015 – St. Louis, Missouri - TBA 2016 – September 27- October 1, 2016 - Portland, Maine 2017 – St. Louis, Missouri - TBA |
| Recess | President Nicolai recessed the Board of Directors’ Meeting at 11:48 A.M. for lunch. |
| Reconvene | President Nicolai reconvened the Board of Directors’ Meeting at 2:30 p.m. |
| Final report of 2011 NGC Convention | Dale Defeo, 2011 NGC Annual Convention Chairman in Washington D.C. gave the final report of the 2011 convention. Income over expenses was \$11,243 with 60% going to NGC and 40% going to National Capital Area. |
| Committee Chairmen’s Reports | The following Chairmen reported (copies on file): Deen Day Sanders, WAFA Liaison, read by Poss Tarpley, Corresponding Secretary Maureen Colton, Strategic Planning Chairman Mary Sue Colvin, <i>Protecting Aquatic Ecosystems</i> Project Chairman, read by Donna Pair, Committee Member Betsy Steele, Chairman - <i>Plantings for Public/Special Places</i> Project Deanna Roberts, Chairman, Tours – Argentina, November 4 – 13, 2012 Sara Brooks, Chairman, Plant It Pink Pat Grulke, Protocol Chairman |
| Future Board of Directors Meetings | The next meetings of the Board of Directors will be: May 18, 2012 – Buffalo, New York, Adams Mark Hotel September 29, 2012 – Little Rock, Arkansas, The Peabody Hotel May 24, 2013 – Seattle, Washington, Sheraton Seattle Hotel |

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Final Credentials Report

Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, presented the Final Credentials Report as of 2:00 P.M. September 24, 2011:

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Final Registration Report

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Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M. to reconvene at the Banquet.

Reconvene

The meeting reconvened at 6:30 P.M.

Courtesy Resolution

Nancy Donaldson, Resolutions Chairman read the Courtesy Resolution and moved its adoption.

ADOPTED

Benediction

Florence Smith, Central Regional Director, gave the benediction.

Adjournment of Business Meeting

There being no further business and no objection, the 2011 Fall Board Meeting of National Garden Clubs, Inc. was adjourned at 8:48 P. M.

Gay L. Austin, Recording Secretary Date

Shirley S. Nicolai, President Date

Sandra H. Robinson, Second Vice-President Date

Nancy L. Hargroves, Third Vice-President Date

Poss Tarpley, Corresponding Secretary Date

