

To be added to NGC *Proposed Bylaw Amendments* Article in 2021 TNG Winter Issue

Edit in first paragraph of existing TNG article

Notice is hereby given that the following bylaw amendments, approved by the Executive Committee, will be voted on by mail ballot sent to the Board of Directors due to the cancellation of the ~~2020 and 2021~~ National Convention, as per ARTICLE XII, Section 3 of the NGC Bylaws.

Amend by striking out words in the ~~striketrough~~ font and inserting or adding underlined words.

Add below to the following to the existing TNG article

From May, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting:

ARTICLE IX – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Section 12. PERMANENT HOME AND ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES’ DIRECTOR

E. The PH&E Trustees’ Director will be responsible for ensuring that all complaints about unethical or illegal conduct are investigated and resolved.

Rationale: To serve as person to investigate and resolve human relations complaints.

ARTICLE X – NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Section 1. – STRUCTURE

B. Members

2. The States from which the Members and Alternate Members are selected shall be determined in rotation, as established in the NGC Standing Rules, and must include each State Garden Club within the geographic areas designated in Article IV. If a State passes, the rotation continues forward in the rotation list.

Rationale: Clarifying the rotation when a State declines to serve.

ARTICLE XV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 3. – REGULAR MEETINGS

~~B. Hold the Fall Meeting in St. Louis in the election year, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors.~~

~~C. Hold the Fall Meeting in a member State in the even-numbered year.~~

Rationale: Adding flexibility to scheduling Fall Board Meetings.

ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES

Section 4. INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

B. The Committee shall:

3. An engagement letter shall be obtained from the independent external auditor selected by the NGC audit committee.

Rationale: The Audit Committee is responsible for recommending and appointing an independent audit firm. Accordingly, the Audit Engagement Letter (contract) should be approved by the audit Committee.

ARTICLE XVII – Finances

Section 3. Finance Committee

C. Funds

1. General Fund

The General Fund of NGC shall be derived from the payment of dues, fees, ~~subscriptions to The National Gardener~~, sales by Member Services, investments, transfers from other funds and other sources as authorized by the Board of Directors. These funds shall be used for administration and program expenses ~~and the mailing, and the printing and mailing of The National Gardener.~~

Rationale: The National Gardener will no longer be printed after 2021 Spring Issue.

ARTICLE XVII – FINANCES

Section 3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

C. FUNDS

2b. Scholarship Fund

1. Income shall be derived from ~~one-half of NGC Life Membership contributions~~, memorials, honoraria, donations from members of State Garden Clubs, and from investment.

Rationale: Scholarship Fund does not receive funding from Life Memberships.