

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.**  
**2021 – 2023 FALL BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

**Thursday, September 22, 2022**

**Call to order and welcome:** President Mary Warshauer called the ninety-third fall Board of Directors of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:00 PM, CDT on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

**Inspiration:** Diane Dawson - member, Membership Committee presented the Inspiration.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Barbara Baker Member, PH & E Trustees

**Conservation Pledge:** Phyllis White, NGC Historian

**Introductions:** The President introduced the former Presidents of NGC who were with us today: Kitty Larkin (2005-2007) and Gay Austin (2019- 2021)

**Region Directors attending today:** Carol Yee - Central Region; Betty Cookendorfer - Central Atlantic Region; Carol Hall - Deep South Region; Suzanne McCance - New England Region; Lana Finegold - Pacific Region; Margie Soileau - Rocky Mountain Region; Marty Bowers - South Atlantic Region, and Rose Knight - South Central Region.

**Credentials Report/Quorum:** Suzanne Potts, Credentials Chair  
Total voting strength is 141.

**Registration Report:** Gina Jogan - total attendance is 160.

**Approval of Rules of The Board of Directors Meeting:** Patty Arndt, Parliamentarian  
The Convention Rules were read and adopted.

**Adoption of agenda with appendices A and B:** The agenda with appendices A and B was adopted as amended.

**Committee to approve minutes:** The President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting -

Donna Rouch, Second Vice President, Chair  
Donna Marie Donnelly, Third Vice President  
Gerianne Holzman, Corresponding Secretary

**Timekeepers:** The President appointed Terri Waterman, President, Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and Linda Harkleroad, President, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc. to serve as timekeepers.

**Appointment of Tellers:** The President appointed Shirley Pursel, President, Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. and Monica Taylor, President, Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. to serve as tellers.

**Report of the committees appointed to approve the minutes:**

Donna Rouch, reported that the minutes of the May 17, 2022, Board of Directors' meeting were approved and circulated.

**Acceptance of Resignations:**

Victoria Schmidt - as Chairman, NGC 2024 Convention  
Jane Waugh - as Chairman, Website Committee  
Gaye Stewart - as a member of the Membership Committee  
Sara Hemphill - as Chairman, National Garden Week  
Gail Corle Manna - as a member of the Membership Committee  
Cynthia Pennell - as a member of the Website Committee

**ACCEPTED WITH REGRET**

**Ratification of Appointments:**

Nancy Griffin – Chairman, 2024 NGC Convention Committee **APPROVED**

**Ratification of Special Committees:**

NGC Policy and Procedure Manual - Donna Donnelly, Susan Yoder, and Robin Pokorski **APPROVED**

Special Committee to Explore the Concept of forming a separate charitable foundation - Bill Trapp, Gay Austin, Joyce Milberg and Susan Yoder. **APPROVED**

**Reports of Officers:** Copies on reports given are on file.

**Other Reports:** Bill Trapp, Executive Director, copy on file.

**Report on the 2021-2022 audit:** Donna Rouch, Chair - the audit draft from Mueller Prost/Wipfli has not yet been received.

**Adoption of the proposed budget and presentation of the tentative program for the 2023 Convention, which were distributed by email earlier.** **APPROVED**

**Recommendations from Executive Committee:**

A. That the amount for each of the 44 NGC Scholarships available for 2022-2023 be set at \$3800.

*Rationale: to set scholarships based on history of applications and approved budget amount.* **APPROVED**

- B.** That a Named Scholarship to honor Mary Warshauer, NGC President 2021-2023, be added to the By-Laws list of Scholarships. The Mary Warshauer Scholarship will be available for award annually, beginning May 2023.  
*Rationale: Addition of scholarship for current President per Bylaws, Article XVII, Section C, 4.* **APPROVED**
- C.** A Plant Society Show or a Major Flower Show, as described in the Handbook for Flower Shows, will determine which divisions NGC Accredited Judges may judge in their shows and qualifies as a Judging Credit for all NGC Accredited Judges. (Effective Immediately)  
*Rationale: These gardening groups have their own judging criteria. Judging these shows affords experience and opportunities for all NGC Accredited Judges.* **APPROVED**
- D.** That the budget for the February 2023 Instructors' Symposium be adopted as presented. **APPROVED**
- E.** That, on behalf of NGC, a Blue Star Marker be gifted to the Town of Sainte Mere Egilse, France June 4, 2023, 79th anniversary of D-Day.  
*Rationale: To begin the process of adding a Blue Star Marker to site of the existing Gold Star Marker.* **APPROVED**
- F. Bylaws: As listed on your agenda, please refer to the attached Appendix A. Amendments to Bylaws approved by the Board of Directors, will be printed in the winter issue of *The National Gardener* and brought to the convention delegates at the 2023 NGC Convention for ratification.**

**Bylaw Proposals -**

1. Article XVII - Finances, Section 3B. **APPROVED**
2. Article XXII - Amendments, Section 3. **APPROVED**
3. Article XV - Board of Directors, Section 2. **APPROVED**
4. Article IX - Duties of Officers, Section 12. **APPROVED**
5. Article IX - Duties of Officers, Section 2. **APPROVED**
6. Article XXII - Amendments, Section 1. **APPROVED**
7. Article X - Nominating Committee, Section 1. **APPROVED**
8. Article X - Nominating Committee, Section 1A. **APPROVED**
9. Article X - Nominating Committee, Section 1B. **APPROVED**
10. Article XVI – Committees, Section 1. **APPROVED**

**G. Standing Rules: As listed on your agenda, please refer to the attached Appendix B. Standing Rules will go into effect immediately upon passage by the Board of Directors.**

**Standing Rules proposals -**

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| 1. Sponsorship Committee, new.               | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 2. Keeping in Touch.                         | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 3. Nominating Committee, #6 and #7.          | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 4. Meetings and NGC - sponsored events, #23. | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 5. Member Services, #4 and #5.               | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 6. Sponsorship Committee, #1 - #5.           | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 7. Alliances, new                            | <b>APPROVED</b> |

**Report of the 2021-2023 Nominating Committee:** Marge McGoff, Chairman  
Nominating Committee Chairman presented the slate of Officers for the NGC 2023 - 2025 term of office. Donna Rouch, First Vice President; Donna Marie Donnelly, Second Vice President; Gerianne Holzman, Third Vice-President; Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer; and Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary.

**Presentation/report of the NGC Meeting Coordinator and Vice Coordinator:**  
Pat Wilson and Gina Jogan

**Invitation to 2023 Convention and Board Meeting in White Sulphur Springs WV:**  
The report and invitation to the 2023 NGC Convention was presented by Vickie Stedman, President of West Virginia Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Preliminary report of the 2022 NGC Convention:** Gina Jogan

**Reports of Chairmen:** Reports on file  
Candace Wells - Blue Star Chairman  
Audrey Coyle - Horticulture (Trees and Shrubs)  
Trish Bender - Membership Committee Chairman  
David Robson - Plant America Chairman  
Pat Rupiper - Webinar Series






**Announcements:** Chairmen are asked to check our NGC website for needed updates. Robin Pokorski solicited submissions for the "Tool Kit".

**Date of future Board of Directors' Meeting:**  
Tuesday, May 2, 2023, White Sulphur Springs, WV.

**Final Credentials Report:** Suzanne Potts, Credentials Chairman - Voting strength 141

**Final Registration Report:** Gina Jogan - final registration 160

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, President Mary Warshauer adjourned the meeting at 4:22 PM CDT

 <i>Monica Hansen</i> <small>10/13/2022 5:59:12 PM EDT</small>	10/13/2022
<b>Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary</b>	<b>Date</b>
 <i>Mary Warshauer</i> <small>10/11/2022 5:40:21 PM EDT</small>	10/07/2022
<b>Mary Warshauer, President</b>	<b>Date</b>
 <i>Donna Rouch</i> <small>10/13/2022 12:14:56 PM EDT</small>	10/13/2022
<b>Donna Rouch, Second Vice President</b>	<b>Date</b>
 <i>Donna Marie Donnelly</i> <small>10/13/2022 3:46:03 PM EDT</small>	10/13/2022
<b>Donna Marie Donnelly, Third Vice President</b>	<b>Date</b>
 <i>Gerianne Holzman</i> <small>10/13/2022 5:33:48 PM EDT</small>	10/13/2022
<b>Gerianne Holzman, Corresponding Secretary</b>	<b>Date</b>