

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS INC.  
2024 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**The Westin Westminster, Westminster, CO**

**Tuesday, June 4, 2024, 9:00 AM**

**Call to order and welcome:** President Brenda Moore called the ninety-third Convention of the Board of Directors of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, June 4, 2024.

**Inspiration:** The Inspiration was given by Debra Sorrell, President, New Mexico Garden Clubs.

**Introductions:** The President welcomed those former NGC Presidents in attendance today.

**Credentials Report/Quorum:** Suzanne Potts, Credentials Chair reported that as of 9:00 AM on June 4, 2024, the voting strength was 139.

**Registration Report:** Debbie Martin, 2024 Convention Registrar  
Interim Registration Report: As of 8:45 AM on June 4, 2024, our attendance was 283.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda for this meeting was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The agenda was adopted, (with appendices A, B, and C), as amended.

**Committee to approve minutes:** Without objection the President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of this meeting:

Gerianne Holzman, Second Vice President, Chair  
Bud Qualk, Corresponding Secretary  
Mary Warshauer, Director, Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees

**Appointment of Tellers:** Without objection, the President appointed Suzanne Stahl, President, Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs; Tina Tuttle, President Florida Federation of Garden Clubs and Denise Thorne, President Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs.

**Report of the committee appointed to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2023**

**Board of Directors meeting: Donna Donnelly, Chairman of the Committee to approve the**

**Minutes:** The Minutes were approved and circulated

**Acceptance of Resignations:**

Julie Schoenike – Gardening School Accrediting, Central and New England  
Regions

Josephine Goodenow – Gardening School Accrediting, South Central and  
Pacific Regions

Donna Rouch – NGC First Vice President, Liaison to State Presidents and  
Region Directors, Membership Committee Chair

Nancy Rana – Media Committee – Blogs Coordinator

Lauren Beck – Virtual Resources Committee Chairman

**ACCEPTED WITH REGRET**

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**Ratification of Appointments: The following appointments have been approved by the Executive Committee subject to ratification by the Board of Directors:**

Cherie LeJeune – Virtual Resource Committee  
Judy Grotts – Co-Chair to Smokey Bear/Woodsey Owl Poster Contest Committee  
James Pavelka – Gardening School Accrediting, Central and New England  
Regions and Chairman, Youth Essay Contest  
Charles McLendon, Gardening School Accrediting, South Central and Pacific  
Regions  
Trish Bender – Blogs Chairman  
Greg Pokorski – Parliamentarian Pro Tem for the 2024 Convention Board of  
Directors and General Session meetings

**RATIFIED**

**Ratification of elected NGC Third Vice President:** Patty Arndt - Third Vice  
President for remaining 2023-2025 term of office.

**RATIFIED**

**Reports of Officers:** All reports of Officers were deferred except for  
President Brenda Moore and Mary Warshauer, Director PH & E Trustees.  
Reports on file.

**Report of our NGC Executive Director Bill Trapp:** Report on file.

**Final 2023-2024 audit report:** Judy Binns, Audit Committee Chair reported that Summit  
West CPA Group, PC audited the financial statements of NGC for the year ending  
May 31, 2023, and they have stated that these financial statements present fairly  
in all aspects.

**Adoption of the NGC 2024-2025 budget:** Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer.  
This budget was sent to our Board electronically, for review, prior to the NGC Convention.

**APPROVED**

**Recommendations from Executive Committee:** Refer to Agenda Appendices A, B and C for  
complete list of Executive Committee recommendations.

**Bylaw Proposals – Appendix A**

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| 1. Article VI - Membership, Section 2. Non-Voting Membership  | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 2. Article X - Nominating Committee, Section 1. Structure   | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 3. Article XVIII - Permanent Home And Endowment Trustees, Section 1- Members  | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 4. Article X - Nominating Committee, Section 1-B Members  | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 5. Article VI - Membership Section 2, Non-Voting Membership, B. National Affiliates<br>and International Affiliates | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 6. Article IX - Duties Of Officers - Elected Officers, Section 1. President   | <b>APPROVED</b> |
| 7. Article XVIII - Permanent Home And Endowment Trustees, Section 2, Duties   | <b>APPROVED</b> |

**Recommendations of amendments to the Standing Rules:** Refer to appendices A, B and C for complete list of Executive Committee recommendations.

**Standing Rules proposals - Appendix B**

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| 1. Nominating Committee   | <b>RATIFIED</b> |
| 2. Proposal #2 (Proviso) - Virtual Membership: Virtual Members shall pay annual dues of \$35.         | <b>RATIFIED</b> |
| 3. Meetings and NGC Sponsored Events - Conventions, Fall Board Meetings, Executive Committee Meetings | <b>RATIFIED</b> |
| 4. Headquarters - Executive Director  | <b>RATIFIED</b> |
| 5. Headquarters - Executive Director  | <b>RATIFIED</b> |
| 6. Member Services  | <b>RATIFIED</b> |
| 7. Headquarters - Executive Director  | <b>RATIFIED</b> |

**Standing Rules proposal not included in Appendix B:**

STANDING RULES Currently Reads	Proposed Changes	Would Read if Adopted
<b>Proposal #8</b>  <b>FUNDS AND INVESTMENTS</b> Insert new #5 and renumber	5. <u>The Budget Committee shall determine the available funds for the succeeding year from the quasi-endowment fund of cash and investments not to exceed 10% based on the average of the past three years as of May 31.</u>	5. The Budget Committee shall determine the available funds for the succeeding year from the quasi-endowment fund of cash and investments not to exceed 10% based on the average of the past three years as of May 31. (Renumber)

*Rationale: The Spending Policy was removed from the above Standing Rules in 2021. The Spending Policy is a guideline for how much revenue can be utilized from the investment funds each year to support the budget.*

**RATIFIED**

**Recommendations From The Executive Committee:** Refer to appendices A, B and C for complete list of Executive Committee recommendations.  
Appendix C:

- To end the practice of reimbursing State Garden Clubs, with less than 700 members, \$900 for attending NGC BOD meetings and/or annual conventions, beginning with the 2025-2027 administration. **RATIFIED**

2. To send any excess funds from the sale of the Pollinator or Wildlife Habitat signs to PLANT AMERICA. **RATIFIED**
3. That the Youth Essay Context be reinstated in 2024 incorporating all previous guidelines. **RATIFIED**
4. To expand Poetry Contest Grade Eligibility from K-9<sup>th</sup> to K-12<sup>th</sup>. **RATIFIED**
5. That the audit firm of Conner Ash, P.C. be approved to perform the audits for the year 2024, the last of this administration. **RATIFIED**
6. That the following be approved for membership to NGC as International Affiliate Clubs:  
  


#714 – Club Gran Buenos Aires Oeste – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#715 – Club Gran Buenos Aires Sur – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#716 – Club Gran Buenos Aires Norte – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#717 – Club Andino Norte 1 – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#718 – Club Andino Norte 2 – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#719 – Club Andino Sur – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#720 – Club Mediterraneo – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#721 – Club Pampeano 1 – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#722 – Club Pampeano 2 – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#723 – Club Mar Y Sierra – Argentina	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#724 – Club de Jardines Florales Chinchá – Peru	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#725 – Club de Jardinería Suculenta – Mexico	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#726 – Club de Jardinería Anturio – Mexico	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#727 – Club Juvenil Lantana – Mexico	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#728 – Club Margarita Torreon – Mexico	<b>RATIFIED</b>
#729 – Club Virtual Naturaleza y Arte – Columbia	<b>RATIFIED</b>
7. That the following be approved for membership to NGC as National Affiliate Organizations:  
  

A. West Virginia Nursery and Landscape Association – Charleston, WV	<b>RATIFIED</b>
B. Creative Floral Arrangers of the Americas (CFAA) – Marietta, GA	<b>RATIFIED</b>
C. Square Foot Gardening Association – Huntington, NY	<b>RATIFIED</b>

**Reports of Chairmen:** Betty Cookendorfer, NGC Nominating Committee Chair, reported on applications received for the 2025-2027 administration.

**Dates of future Board of Directors' meetings:**  
September 19, 2024 – St. Louis, MO

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:22AM.

 <i>Monica Hansen</i>	06/15/24	06/15/24
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Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary

Date

 <i>Brenda Moore</i>	06/19/24	06/19/24
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Brenda Moore, President

Date

 <i>Gerianne Holzman</i>	06/16/24	06/16/24
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Gerianne Holzman, Second Vice President


Date

 <i>Mary Warshauer</i>	06/16/24	06/16/24
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Mary Warshauer, Director PH & E Trustees

Date

 <i>Bud Qualk</i>	06/15/24	06/15/24
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Bud Qualk, Corresponding Secretary

Date