

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
NINETY-THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION**

The Westin Westminster, Westminster, CO Wednesday, June 5, 2024, 8:30 AM

Call to order and welcome: President Brenda Moore called the ninety-third Convention of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, June 5, 2024.

Inspiration: The Inspiration was given by Chris Wood, Wildflower/Native Plant Educational Grant, Chair.

Introductions: President Moore introduced those seated on the dais.

Pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States: Led by Lisa Hall, President The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc

Welcome to State: Victoria Schmidt, President of the Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. welcomed us to the state.

Memorial Ceremony: Gay Austin, NGC President 2019-2021 and PH&E Trustee, presented a memorial ceremony honoring members of NGC who have passed on.

Preliminary Credentials Report: Suzanne Potts, Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported that as of 8:30 AM on Wednesday June 5, 2024, the voting strength was 198. Report on file.

Quorum: The Chair declared a quorum present.

Adoption of Rules of the 2024 Convention: Greg Pokorski, Parliamentarian Pro Tem. The rules of the 2024 Convention were approved as stated.

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

Adoption of convention program: The program for this meeting was distributed to members present and was adopted as amended.

Registration Report: Debbie Martin, Registrar reported that as of 8:20 AM on Wednesday June 5, 2024, we had total attendees of 309.

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
Mary Warshauer, Director, Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees
Bud Qualk, Corresponding Secretary

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Timekeepers: Without objection the President appointed David Robson, and Julie West as timekeepers for this meeting.

Appointment of Tellers: Without objection, the President appointed Tina Tuttle, Suzann Stahl and Denise Thorne to serve as tellers.

Welcome: The President welcomed those in attendance - NGC former Presidents; current Region Directors; PH&E Trustees; NGC Executive Director, Bill Trapp and NGC Assistant Executive Director, Katie Roth.

Report of the committee appointed to approve the minutes of the NGC Convention held at the Greenbrier Resort and Hotel in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia May 3 - 4, 2023: Donna Donnelly, Chairman of the Committee:

The Minutes were approved and circulated.

Reports of all Elected and Appointed Officers and NGC Executive Director:
Reports given and are on file.

Report of the Board of Directors: Read by Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary
Report on file.

Adoption of the budget: The NGC 2024-2025 annual budget was included in the Convention Packet emailed to Board Members and delegates prior to this meeting.

APPROVED

Adoption of Bylaw amendments: These proposed amendments were approved by the Board of Directors at their May and September 2023 meetings. All the proposed amendments were published on the NGC website in accordance with the notice requirements of NGC Bylaws. Refer to the Appendix to this meeting agenda that was emailed to the Board of Directors and Delegates prior to this meeting.

Bylaw Proposals – Appendix A

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| 1. Article IX - Duties of officers, Section 1. President | RATIFIED |
| 2. Article IX - Duties of Officers, Appointed Officers, Section 10. Historian | RATIFIED |
| 3. Article IX - Duties Of Officers Appointed Officers, Section 12.
Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees Director | RATIFIED |
| 4. Article XVI - Committees, Section 1. Standing Committees | RATIFIED |
| 5. Article XVI - Committees, Section 5. Membership Committee | RATIFIED |
| 6. Article XVII - Finances, Section 3. Finance Committee A. Membership | RATIFIED |
| 7. Article XVII - Finances Section 3. Finance Committee, B. Duties | RATIFIED |
| 8. Article XVIII - Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees, Section 2. Duties | RATIFIED |
| 9. Article XVI – Committees, Section 6. Organization Study Committee | RATIFIED |

Reports of Committee Chairman: Reports of all are on file

Debi L. Harrington - Sponsor's Grants Chair: Ames Tool and Espoma Grants

Barbara Campbell - PLANT AMERICA, Landscape for Wildlife Chair

Virginia Schmidt - PLANT AMERICA, Plant for Pollinators Chair

Suzanne Bushnell - PLANT AMERICA, Feed America Chair

LaMar Merrill - Historic Landscape Preservation Chair

Gerianne Holzman - *The National Gardener*

Pat Rupiper - Schools Coordinator - October Environmental School on Zoom






Invitation to the 2025 NGC Convention: Details will be available shortly.

Final Credential Report: Suzanne Potts, Chairman of the Credentials

Committee reported that as of 9:48 AM on Wednesday June 5, 2024, the voting strength was 198. Report on file.

Final Registration Report: Debbie Martin, Registrar reported that as of 9:45 AM on Wednesday June 5, 2024, we had total attendees of 309.

Adjournment: There being no further business, President Brenda Moore recessed the meeting at 9:56 AM. Meeting resumed at 7:00 PM and adjourned at 9:25 PM.

 Monica Hansen	06/15/24	06/15/24
Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary	Date	
 Brenda Moore	06/19/24	06/19/24
Brenda Moore, President	Date	
 Gerianne Holzman	06/16/24	06/16/24
Gerianne Holzman, Second Vice President	Date	
 Mary Warshauer	06/16/24	06/16/24
Mary Warshauer, Director, PH & E Trustees	Date	
 Bud Qualk	06/15/24	06/15/24
Bud Qualk, Corresponding Secretary	Date	