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**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
2025 CONVENTION  
2025-2027 BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING**

**Embassy Suites by Hilton Charleston Convention Center**

**North Charleston, SC**

**Thursday, May 22, 2025**

**2:00 PM EDT**

**Call to order and welcome:** President Donna Donnelly called the Meeting of the 2025-2027 Board of Directors of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:12 PM on Thursday, May 22, 2025.

**Inspiration:** The Inspiration was given by Gale Thomas, Membership Chairman

**Introductions:** The President introduced the Executive Committee: Gerianne Holzman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Suzy Andrego, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Sue Miner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President; Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary; Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer; Laurie Churchill, Corresponding Secretary; Susan Yoder, Historian; and Mary Warshauer, PH&E Director  
**Excused:** Carolyn Lowry-Nation, Parliamentarian. Greg Pokorski is Parliamentarian Pro Tem for this Meeting.

**2025-2027 Region Directors:** Beverly Kazickas, Central Atlantic Region; Rene Lynch, Central Region; Denise Thorne, Deep South Region; Polly Brooks, New England Region; Tanja Swanson, Pacific Region; Shirley Pursel, Rocky Mountain Region; Linda Howle, South Atlantic Region and Christine Longthorp, South Central Region.

**Headquarters Staff:** Bill Trapp, Executive Director and Katie Roth, Assistant Executive Director, were introduced.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Ginny Cardona, Leadership Chairman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Quorum:** The Chair declared a quorum present

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda for this meeting was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The agenda was adopted, without objection, as distributed.

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

Suzy Andrego, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Chair  
Sue Miner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President  
Laurie Churchill, Corresponding Secretary

**Appointment of Timekeeper:** Without objection, the President appointed James Pavelka, Multiple Refreshers Chairman, as timekeeper for this Meeting.

**Ratification of Parliamentary Pro Tem:** Without objection the appointment of Greg Pokorski as Parliamentarian Pro Tem was ratified. **RATIFIED**

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

**Chairmanships and Committees designated in bylaws - for information only:**  
The Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, appointed by the President, is Carcille Burchette.

**Ratification of Vice Presidents as appointed Chairmen of Committees and appointed members serving on Vice Presidents' Committees:**

Sue Miner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, with Award of Excellence members: Beverly Kazickas and Tanja Swanson. **RATIFIED**

Finance Committee members: Nancy Hargroves, Betsy Steele, Pat Wilson. **RATIFIED**

Organization Study Committee Chairman with members: Mary Warshauer, Gay Austin, Julie West, Bud Qualk, Mary Owen, and Susan Yoder. **RATIFIED**

**Ratification of 2025-2027 Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and members of Committees:**  
Refer to list sent via email prior to this meeting. An updated list will be sent to the Board following this Convention. Note - this Directory will only contain emails, not addresses or phone numbers. **RATIFIED**

**Presentation of Appointed Officers for the 2025-2027 administration:**

Laurie Churchill, Corresponding Secretary

Susan Yoder, Historian

Caroyln Lowry-Nation, Parliamentarian

Mary Warshauer, Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees Director

**Approval of PH & E Trustees:** David Stoudenmire and Susan Yoder to serve as Trustees of the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees, for a six year term from 2025-2031. **APPROVED**

**Presentation of other Appointments for the 2025-2027 administration, for information only:** Victoria Schmidt, *The National Gardener Editor*

**Presentation of Treasurer as Fiscal Agent:** The President appointed Lynette Jeffres as the fiscal agent for National Garden Clubs, Inc. for the 2025-2027 administration. **RATIFIED**

**Ratification of Legal Counsel:** The President appointed the law firm of Husch Blackwell LLP to serve as NGC legal counsel for the 2025-2027 administration. **RATIFIED**

**Ratification of Auditors:** The Internal Audit Committee has recommended that NGC continue to retain the services of Conner Ash PC, Certified Public Accountants, to serve as auditors for the 2025-2027 administration.

**RATIFIED**

**Presentation of state garden club presidents, elected for 2025-2027:** Newly elected State Presidents were introduced by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Gerianne Holzman, NGC State Presidents' Liaison.



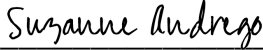


**Report of President, Donna Donnelly:** Report on file.

**Reports of Chairmen:** Sponsors - Debi Harrington; Susan Yoder - Historian; PLANT AMERICA Grants - Val Story; Terry Speight and Robin Hammer - Podcast; Victoria Schmidt - *The National Gardener*; Maureen Gorden - 2027 Convention Chair. Reports on file.

**Dates of future Board of Directors' meetings:**

- 2025 FBM Thursday, September 18, 2025 - Virtual
- 2026 WEM Wednesday, January 21, 2026 - Virtual
- 2026 Convention, May in St. Louis, Missouri - final date TBD
- 2026 FBM Thursday, September 17, 2026 - Virtual
- 2027 WEM Wednesday, January 20, 2027 - Virtual
- 2027 Convention, Thursday May 13 - Monday May 17, 2027, Madison, Wisconsin

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

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