

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS INC.
#1076 2026 ANNUAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Hilton Hotel Ballpark, St. Louis, Missouri

**Wednesday, May 6, 2026
8:00 AM CT**

Call to order and welcome: President Donna Donnelly called the ninety-fifth Convention of the Board of Directors of the National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 8:00 AM CT on Wednesday, May 6, 2026.

Inspiration: The Inspiration was given by Denise Thorne, Deep South Region Director.

Introductions: The President welcomed those former NGC Presidents in attendance today: Mary Warshauer (2021-2023), Gay Austin (2019-2021), Shirley Nicolai (2011- 2013), Barbara May (2007-2009), and Kitty Larkin (2005-2007).

Quorum: The Chair declared a quorum.

The rules of this Board of Directors Meeting were approved as stated:
Carolyn Lowry-Nation, Parliamentarian

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda for this meeting was distributed by email prior to the meeting. The agenda was adopted as amended.

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

Suzy Andrego, 2nd Vice President, Chair
Susan Miner, 3rd Vice President
Laurie Churchill, Corresponding Secretary

Appointment of Timekeepers: Without objection, the President appointed Sue Bennett, PLANT AMERICA Committee and Karen Doersam, Website Liaison.

Report of the committee appointed to approve the minutes of the Fall Board Meeting September 18, 2025 - Suzy Andrego, Second Vice President, Chairman:
The Minutes were approved and circulated.

Acceptance of Resignation:

Bob Markey- Youth Coordinator

ACCEPTED WITH REGRET

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

Terry Critchlow Youth Coordinator

Alexis Slafer to the Membership Website Inquiries Committee

RATIFIED

Reports of Officers: All reports of Officers were deferred until the Business Meeting of this Convention.

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

Adoption of the NGC 2026-2027 budget: Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer. This budget was sent to our Board electronically, for review, prior to the NGC Convention.

ADOPTED

For information only:

The following Clubs have been approved as NGC International Affiliates and are noted for documentation only:

1. International Affiliate Club #737 Club Aloe SLP
2. International Affiliate Club #738 Club Casa Blanca SLP
3. International Affiliate Club #739 Club de Jardinaria Deportivo Potosino
4. International Affiliate Club #740 Garden Club Suculentas SLP
5. International Affiliate Club #741 Club Xochiquetzal SLP
6. International Affiliate Club #742 Club Magnolia SLP

Final report of the NGC 2025 convention, Charleston, South Carolina:

Cindy Thornton, Chairman, report on file.

Reports Of Committee Chairman: Reports of all are on file.

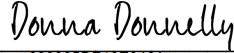
A. President's Project-PLANT AMERICA Matching Grant - Val Story

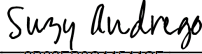
B. Nominating Committee - Gail Manna

Dates of future Board of Directors’ meetings:
Thursday, September 17, 2026 - via Zoom

Adjournment:
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 AM CT.

Signed by:  F63D7E2B5B314E5...	5/20/2026
Monica Hansen, Recording Secretary	Date

Signed by:  899895DE18E046A...	7/7/2026
Donna Donnelly, President	Date

Signed by:  2B62EB0C44544CF...	5/20/2026
Suzy Andrego, Second Vice President	Date

Signed by:  4E28E14B0C7341D...	5/20/2026
Susan Miner, Third Vice President	Date

Signed by:  852D9018FFD748E...	5/20/2026
Laurie Churchill, Corresponding Secretary	Date