

**NGC Proposed Bylaw Changes – Ratified by the Board of Directors 9/12/2023**

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NGC BYLAWS Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
<p><b>Proposal #1</b>  <b>ARTICLE XVI -- COMMITTEES</b>  <b>Section 1. -- STANDING COMMITTEES</b>                      B. Unless otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws, Chairmen and Committee members are appointed for the term of the current President. They may continue by re-appointment, not to exceed three consecutive terms.                      Exception: International Affiliates may serve more than three consecutive terms.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XVI -- COMMITTEES</b>  <b>Section 1. -- STANDING COMMITTEES</b>                      B. Unless otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws, Chairmen and Committee members-are appointed for the term of the current President.-They may continue by re-appointment, not to exceed three consecutive terms.  <del>Exception: International Affiliates may serve more than three consecutive terms.</del>  <u>Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the president.</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XVI -- COMMITTEES</b>  <b>Section 1. -- STANDING COMMITTEES</b>                      B. Unless otherwise prescribed by these Bylaws, Chairmen and Committee members-are appointed for the term of the current President.-They may continue by re-appointment, not to exceed three consecutive terms.                      Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the president.</p>

***Rationale:** Standing Committee chairmen and members shall be determined by the President and shall be members of the Board of Directors for that term.*

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<p><b>Proposal #2</b>  <b>ARTICLE XVI COMMITTEES, Section 5 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>                      The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President with a minimum of six members on the committee.</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XVI, Section 5 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>                      The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman <del>appointed by the President with a minimum of six members on the committee.</del> <u>and a minimum of three additional members, all appointed by the President</u></p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XVI, Section 5 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE</b>                      The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman and a minimum of three additional members, all appointed by the President.</p>

***Rationale:** Changing the required number of members provides the president with latitude to appoint their desired number of committee members.*

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<p><b>Proposal #3</b>  <b>ARTICLE XVII FINANCES, Section 3 FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>  <b>A. Membership</b>                      1. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Second Vice-President as Chairman, the First Vice-President/President-elect, the Treasurer, the Director of the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees and a minimum</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XVII FINANCES, Section 3 FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>  <b>A. Membership</b>                      1. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Second Vice-President as Chairman, the First Vice-President/President-elect, <u>the Third Vice President,</u> the Treasurer, the Director of the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees and a minimum</p>	<p><b>ARTICLE XVII FINANCES, Section 3 FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>  <b>A. Membership</b>                      1. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Second Vice-President as Chairman, the First Vice-President/President-elect, the Third Vice President, the Treasurer, the Director of the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees and a minimum</p>

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**Rationale:** *The finance committee was added to the duties of the Third Vice President (Article IX, Section 5, C) in May 2023. Changing the required number of members provides the president with latitude to appoint their desired number of committee members.*

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<b>Proposal #4</b> <b>ARTICLE XVII – FINANCES, Section 3. FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> <b>B. Duties</b> 5. Evaluate the efficiency and cooperation of staff members.	<b>ARTICLE XVII – FINANCES, Section 3. FINANCE COMMITTEE</b> <b>B. Duties</b> <del>5. Evaluate the efficiency and cooperation of staff members.</del>	Delete and Renumber

**Rationale:** *Per the 2023 bylaw change, the HQ staff evaluations was removed from finance committee.*

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<b>Proposal #5</b> <b>ARTICLE XVIII -- PERMANENT HOME AND ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES</b> <b>Section 2. Duties</b> A. The Trustees shall keep minutes and report action taken to the Executive Committee at its regular meeting. Business of an urgent nature may be transacted by electronic device or postal mail as authorized by the Director. B. The Trustees shall be responsible for enlargement and improvement of the grounds and buildings; furnishings and equipment of NGC Headquarters as required; all construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair thereof. Routine items shall be the responsibility of the executive director. C. Four members shall constitute the quorum.	<b>ARTICLE XVIII -- PERMANENT HOME AND ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES</b> <b>Section 2. Duties</b> A. The Trustees shall keep minutes and report action taken to the Executive Committee at its regular meeting. Business of an urgent nature may be transacted by electronic device or postal mail as authorized by the Director. B. The Trustees shall be responsible for enlargement and improvement of the grounds and buildings; furnishings and equipment of NGC Headquarters as required; all construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair thereof. Routine items shall be the responsibility of the executive director. <del>C. Four members shall constitute the quorum.</del>	<b>ARTICLE XVIII -- PERMANENT HOME AND ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES</b> <b>Section 2. Duties</b> A. The Trustees shall keep minutes and report action taken to the Executive Committee at its regular meeting. Business of an urgent nature may be transacted by electronic device or postal mail as authorized by the Director. B. The Trustees shall be responsible for enlargement and improvement of the grounds and buildings; furnishings and equipment of NGC Headquarters as required; all construction, reconstruction, maintenance, and repair thereof. Routine items shall be the responsibility of the executive director. C. The Trustees shall approve salary adjustments for headquarters staff

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**Rationale:** Per the 2023 bylaw change, the HQ salary adjustment and staff evaluations was removed from finance committee. PH&E Trustees are responsible for all other Headquarters related expenses and staff. Quorum requirements do not need to be listed.

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<b>Proposal #5</b> <b>ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES</b> <b>Section 6. -- ORGANIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE</b> D. Be responsible for sending any proposed Bylaw amendment to The National Gardener to be published in the Winter issue.	<b>ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES</b> <b>Section 6. -- ORGANIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE</b> D. Be responsible for sending any proposed Bylaw amendment to The National Gardener to be published in the Winter issue. <u>the website for publication.</u>	<b>ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES</b> <b>Section 6. -- ORGANIZATION STUDY COMMITTEE</b> D. Be responsible for sending any proposed Bylaw amendments to the website for publication.

**Rationale:** The National Gardener no longer publishes proposed bylaw changes. They are only on the website.