NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
85th ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING
MINUTES

Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma

May 2 – 3, 2014

Call to Order

President, Linda G. Nelson, called the meeting of the 85th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:18 p.m. on Friday, May 2, 2014 at the Embassy Suites, Norman, Oklahoma and welcomed those in attendance.

Opening Exercises

The Recording Secretary, Carol L. Hall was present.

Sara F. Brooks, Chaplain, gave the invocation.

The colors were presented by the University of Oklahoma Army ROTC Color Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Andrea Little, Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman.

Nancy C. Voyles, South Central Region Director gave the welcome to the Region.

Roberta Burns, President of Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc. welcomed all to the state of Oklahoma.

Joanna Kirby, President of the Garden Clubs of Kentucky, Inc. gave the response.

Preliminary Credentials Report

Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Preliminary Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. May 2, 2014 with a voting strength of 276 and moved its adoption.

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ADOPTED

Quorum

The Chair declared a quorum present.

Standing Rules of the 2014 Convention


ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Convention Program

Donna Marsheck, 2014 Convention Chairman, moved the adoption of the convention agenda as corrected.

ADOPTED

Preliminary Registration Report

Bettie Cooper, 2014 Convention Registration Committee Chairman, gave the registration report as of 10:00 p.m. May 1, 2014 for information only.
Committee to Approve Minutes

President Nelson appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2014 Convention Meeting:
- Nancy L. Hargroves, Second Vice-President as Chairman
- Gay Austin, Third Vice-President
- Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary

Timekeepers

President Nelson appointed the following to serve as timekeepers:
- Barbara Mikkelsen, NGC Nominating Committee Member (Central Region)
- Doris Duckworth, Environmental Studies Schools Accrediting Chairman (CA, SC, RM, P)

Pages

President Nelson acknowledged the pages present.

Welcome


President Nelson recognized the Region Directors:
- Maria Nahom, New England
- Mary Warshauer, Central Atlantic
- Martha Morgan, South Atlantic
- Gloria Blake, Deep South
- Gerry Ford, Central
- Nancy C. Voyles, South Central
- Beverly Heidelberger, Rocky Mountain
- Elaine Gunderson, Pacific

President Nelson presented the PH&E Trustees:
- Les Westgard, Marge McGoff, Jeanette Pruin, Barbara D. May and Shirley S. Nicolai, Director.

Report of the Committee to Approve the Minutes

Sandra H. Robinson, Chairman of the committee to approve the minutes of the May 2013 Convention meeting in Seattle, Washington reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

Reports of Officers

The following officers reported (copies on file):
- Linda G. Nelson, President
- Sandra H. Robinson, First Vice-President, Liaison to State Garden Club Presidents and Region Directors, Membership Chairman
- Nancy L. Hargroves Second Vice-President, Finance Committee, and Internal Audit Committee Chairman
- Gay Austin, Third Vice-President, Organization Study and Award of Excellence Committee Chairman
- Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary
- Betty Grimes, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairman
- Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary
- Pamela C. Hebert, Historian
- Joan H. Corbissiero, Parliamentarian
- Shirley S. Nicolai, PH&E Trustees Director

Reports of Region Directors and State Presidents

The following Region Directors and State Presidents reported (copies on file):
- South Atlantic Region – Martha Morgan, Director
- Joanna D. Kirby, The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
- Judith Johnson Dill, The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
- Marilyn J. Mason, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Patricia Arndt, West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.
Adjourn
The opening business session adjourned at 3:52 p.m. to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Call to Order
President Nelson reconvened the business meeting of the 85th Annual Convention at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Invocation
Joan Wipperman, 2015 NGC Convention Vice-Chairman and Golden Circle member, gave the invocation.

Interim Credentials Report
Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Interim Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. May 3, 2014 with a voting strength of 317 and moved its adoption.

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Report of the Board of Directors
Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary, reported that the Board of Directors had met three times since the 2013 Annual Convention in Seattle, Washington – at the Post-Convention Board meeting in Seattle, Washington; at the Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, September 2013 and prior to the 2014 Convention in Norman, Oklahoma on May 2, 2014. Informational sheets reflecting actions taken were distributed to the board members and delegates.

Budgets
Betty Grimes, Treasurer, presented the 2014-2015 annual budgets of the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund and the Operation Wildflower Fund for adoption.

ADOPTED
The 2014-2015 annual budget for the PH&E Fund, adopted by the Board of Directors, was presented for information only.

Reports of Region Directors and State Presidents

The following Region Directors and State Presidents (or their representatives) reported (copies on file):

Central Region – Gerry Ford, Director
Carol Yee The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.
Sarah Nahmias The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Deannie Piccotti Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rene Lynch Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.
Joyce Lewis The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.
Sylvia Lowell Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

Central Atlantic Region – Mary Warshauer, Director
Dottie E. Howatt The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs
Jacquelyn A. Handley The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
David S. Healy National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.
Barbara Mullin The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
Patricia Wania, First Vice-President Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
Mickie Marquis The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
Elizabeth H. Smith The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

New England Region – Maria Nahom, Director
Jacqueline L. Connell The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.
Kathleen J. Marty The Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc.
Marisa G. McCoy The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
Sandra A. Tinky Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rita B. Langlais Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.

Reports of Chairmen

The following chairmen reported (reports on file).
Debbie Skow, NGC Native Bees/BeeGap/Crown Bees Chairman
Mary Ann Bryant, Tours Chairman
Marion McNabb, Butterflies Chairman
Greg Pokorski, ES, GS and LD Schools Coordinator/Gardening Study School Chairman
Mary Sue Colvin, President’s Project Committee - Water
Andrea Little, Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman
Elaine DiPietro, National Garden Week Chairman
Jennifer Moreno, Smokey Bear/Woody Owl Poster Contest Chairman

Memorial Service

Sara F. Brooks, Chaplain, conducted the Memorial Service of NGC members lost during the past year. (Copy on file)
Kimberly De Jesus, Student of University of Oklahoma, 2013-2014 Comanche Nation Princess, sang and signed The Lord’s Prayer.

Recess

The business session recessed at 11:13 a.m. to reconvene after luncheon.

Call to Order

President Nelson called the business meeting of the 85th Annual Convention to order at 2:18 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

Reports of Region Directors and State Presidents

The following Region Directors and State Presidents (or their representatives) reported (copies on file).

Deep South Region – Gloria Blake, Director
Jan Thomas, First Vice-President  
The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
See Angle  
Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Suzanne Wheeler  
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Jeanette Gatzman, President-Elect  
Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Mary Lynn Powers  
The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
Ann McCormick  
Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

South Central Region – Nancy C. Voyles, Director
Liz Howell  
Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Isabel Olsen  
New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
Roberta Burns  
Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.
Sarah E. McReynolds  
Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Pacific Region – Elaine Gunderson, Director
Becky Hassebroek  
Alaska Garden Clubs
Carol Mossbolder  
Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rita Desilets  
California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Ann M. Swider  
Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Janet Petersen  
Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc.
Vicki Yuen  
Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.
Peggy Olin  
The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs
Brynn Tavasci  
Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

Report of IA Activities
Idalia Aguilar, Educational Schools IA Liaison, reported on the activities of the International Affiliates. (report on file)

Future Conventions
Jo Ann Guise, Conventions Committee member, read the report of Anne Bucher, Conventions Chairman on future convention locations:
2015  Louisville, Kentucky (Installation year)
2016  Grand Rapids, Michigan
2017  Richmond, Virginia (Installation year)
2018  TBD
2019  Mississippi

Invitation to 2015 Convention

Final Credentials Report
Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Final Credentials Report as of 12:00 p.m., May 3, 2014 with a voting strength of 319 and moved its adoption.

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ADOPTED
There was no final registration report.

President Nelson adjourned the business session at 3:45 p.m. to reconvene at the Awards Banquet.

President Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:35 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014.

President Nelson presented Presidential Citations to Donna Marsheck, Chairman and Judy Grotts, Vice-Chairman of the 2014 NGC Convention.

Angela L. Raitano, Resolutions Chairman, read the Courtesy Resolution and moved its adoption. ADOPTED

Sara Brooks, Chaplain, gave the benediction.

President Nelson adjourned the 85th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. at 9:47 p.m. on Saturday, May 3, 2014 sine die.

Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary Date

Linda Nelson, President Date

Sandra H. Robinson, Second Vice-President Date

Nancy L. Hargroves, Third Vice-President Date

Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary Date