NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
86th ANNUAL CONVENTION MEETING
MINUTES

Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky

Call to Order
President Linda G. Nelson called the meeting of the 86th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:26 p.m. on Friday, May 15, 2015 at the Crowne Plaza Airport Hotel, Louisville, Kentucky and welcomed those in attendance.

The Recording Secretary, Carol L. Hall was present.

Opening Exercises
Valerie C. Tipps, Vice - Chaplain, gave the invocation.

The colors were presented by the American Revolution Dr. V. Edward Master Memorial Color Guard.

The “Battle Hymn of the Republic” was sung by Keith Dean.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Lynn Ehnert, Youth Awards Chairman.

A Proclamation from Louisville Mayor Hon. Greg Fischer was read.

Greetings were received from Nicole Casianeda, Crowne Plaza Meetings Manager.

Martha Morgan, South Atlantic Region Director, gave the welcome to the Region.

Joanna D. Kirby, President Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc. welcomed all to the state of Kentucky.

Deannie Picciott, President, Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc., Inc. gave the response.

Preliminary Credentials Report
Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Preliminary Credentials Report as of 2:00 p.m. May 2, 2014 with a voting strength of 393 and moved its adoption.

NGC President 1
NGC Honorary President 1
NGC Elected Officers 5
NGC Appointed Officers 4
Region Directors 8
Advisory Committee 6
PH&E Trustees 5
State Presidents 49
Representatives of State Presidents 1
NGC Chairmen 145
NGC Standing Committee Members 85
Delegates 119
Subtotal 429
Less duplications 36
Total Voting Strength 393

ADOPTED

Quorum
The Chair declared a quorum present.

Standing Rules of the 2014 Convention

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Ann M. Fiel, 2015 Convention Chairman, moved the adoption of the convention
Kay Fisher, 2015 Convention Registration Committee Chairman, gave the Registration Report as of 2:00 p.m. May 15, 2015 for information only.

- Registration: 393
- Spouses: 37
- Guests: 17
- Non-voting Garden Club members: 161
- Total Registration: 608

The President 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

The President appointed the following to serve as timekeepers:
- Andrea Little, Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman
- Barbara Baker, Organization Study Committee Member

The President appointed the following to serve as tellers:
- Mary Ann Ferguson-Rich, Finance Committee, as Head Teller
- Joan Craig, Golden Circle
- Betty Cookendorfer, Bylaws Chairman
- Bonni L. Dinneen, GSS Accrediting Chairman (C,SC)

The President acknowledged the pages present:
- Paula Hyatt, Page to the President
- Teresa Walker, Page to the President-Elect

President Nelson presented Brian Vogt of Denver Botanic Gardens with the NGC Award of Excellence #23.


The President 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

The President recognized the PH&E Trustees:
- Marge McGoff, Jeanette Pruin, Les Westgard, Renee D. Blaschke and Shirley S. Nicolai, Director.

Nancy L. Hargroves, Chairman of the committee to approve the minutes of the May 2014 Convention meeting in Norman, Oklahoma reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

The following officers reported (copies on file):
- Linda G. Nelson, President
- Sandra H. Robinson, President-Elect, 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
Memorial Service
Valerie C. Tipps, Vice-Chaplain conducted the Memorial Service in remembrance of departed garden club members.

"Amazing Grace" was sung by Keith Dean.

Adjourn
The opening business session adjourned at 3:50 p.m. to reconvene at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Call to Order
The President reconvened the business meeting at 9:31 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Invocation
Alexis Slafer, Landscape Design Schools Accrediting Chairman (SA,DS,C), gave the invocation.

Interim Credentials Report
Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following interim Credentials Report as of 9:00 a.m. May 16, 2015 with a voting strength of 421 and moved its adoption.

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ADOPTED

Interim Registration Report
Kay Fisher, 2015 Convention Registration Chairman, gave the interim Registration Report as of 9:00 a.m. May 16, 2015 for information only.

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Nominating Committee Report
Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary, read the bylaws pertinent to the election of officers.
Wanda S. Davis, Nominating Committee Chairman, introduced the members of the Nominating Committee and submitted the slate of officers for 2015 – 2017 as nominated by the committee:
Nancy L. Hargroves, First Vice-President
Gay L. Austin, Second Vice-President
Mary Warshauer, Third Vice-President
Shirley Tetreault, Recording Secretary
Treasurer, Betty Grimes

As there were no other nominations from the floor, the election was held by voice vote and all of the above were elected.

Sandra H. Robinson, President-Elect, will serve as President.

Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary, reported that the Board of Directors had met two times since the last convention in Norman, Oklahoma – at the 2014 Fall Board Meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, and prior to the 2015 Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on May 15. Informational sheets reflecting actions taken were distributed to the board members and delegates.

Betty Grimes, Treasurer, presented the 2015-2016 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.

Gold Star Families

Gold Star Families President Patti Smith addressed the convention and expressed appreciation that NGC was expanding the Blue Star Memorial Markers Program allowing Gold Star Families to sponsor Gold Star Markers.

Sara Lambarri, IA Activities Chairman and Sylvia Wray, IA FSS Chairman reported. (copy on file)

International Affiliates

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

South Atlantic Region – Martha Morgan, Director
Joanna D. Kirby The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Jenene Smith The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Yvonne Morris The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Marilyn J. Mason Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Judy Guye, President-Elect West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

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

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.
Michelle Mensinger New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Kathleen Moore, President-Elect Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Rita B. Langlais Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.

NGC Convention Meeting Minutes – May 15-17, 2015
The business session recessed at 11:13 a.m. to reconvene after luncheon.

Call to Order

The President called the business meeting of the 86th Annual Convention to order at 2:46 p.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2015.

Report of Special Committee to Study Alternate Revenue Sources

Les Westgard, Chairman of special committee appointed at the Fall 2014 Board Meeting to study alternative sources of revenue reported for the committee.

Amendments to Bylaws

Nancy L. Hargroves, Second Vice-President and Chairman of the Finance Committee moved the following bylaw amendments for adoption:

PAGE 18, ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES, Section 4. INTERNAL AUDIT COMMITTEE

INSERT new 4. Have the authority and responsibility to proceed to final draft of the audit with the external auditors.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

PAGE 5, ARTICLE VII – DUES, FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS Section 1. DUES, A. Currently reads:

A. Annual dues of each State Garden Club shall be fifty cents ($0.50) per capita on all categories of members, including NGC Life Members

STRIKE “fifty cents ($0.50)” and INSERT “one dollar ($1.00)"

Proviso: Effective June 1, 2016

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Motion for unanimous consent for additional Proviso that, effective June 1, 2018, dues would be $2.00 per capita was objected to.

Reports of the Region Directors and State Presidents

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

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 Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
Mickie Marquis The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
Sharon Brown, President-Elect The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 4:19 p.m. to reconvene at 10:00 a.m. on May 17, 2015.

Call to order

The President called the business meeting of the 86th Annual Convention to order at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday May 17, 2015.

Invocation

Lana Finegold, Multiple Refreshers Chairman gave the invocation.

Reports of Region Directors and State Presidents

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

Pacific Region – Elaine Gunderson, Director
Becky Hassebroek Alaska Garden Clubs
Carol Mosholder 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, Inc.
Brynn Tavasci Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs
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.

Rocky Mountain Region – Beverly Heidelberger, Director
Trudie Layton Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Jackie Watts Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
  President-Elect
Denise A. Fink Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Donna R. Rouch Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska
Angie Maezold North Dakota State Federation of Garden Clubs
Mary K. Lessen South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Doug Olson Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Darla Anderson The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.

Deep South Region – Gloria Blake, Director
Trece Chancellor The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
Arlene Rand Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
  President-Elect
Martha Price The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Yvette Hebert Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc
Mary Lynn Powers The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
Ann McCormick Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

The following Committee Chairmen reported (copies on file).
Elaine Gunderson, Ames Liaison, Garden Tools 4 Garden Projects Chairman
Andrea Little, Blue Star Memorial Markers Chairman
Debbie Skow, NGC Native Bees/BeeGAP/Crown Bees Chairman
  Report read by the Corresponding Secretary
Marion McNabb, Butterflies Chairman
Jan Warshauer, Vision of Beauty Calendar Chairman
SAGE and ROSES – Winners of Blue Star Markers
  Linda Jean Smith, Massachusetts
  Judy Sheets, Missouri

Future Conventions
Anne Bucher, Conventions Coordinator, and Phyllis B. Steele, Vice - Coordinator,
reported on future convention locations:
2016 Grand Rapids, Michigan – Amway Grand Plaza Hotel - May 3-6
2017 Richmond, Virginia – Marriott Hotel; May 18-20 (Installation year)
2018 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania dates – Lowes Hotel; May 21-24
2019 Biloxi, Mississippi – Beau Rivage Hotel; April 30-May 4
  (Installation year)

Invitation to 2016 Convention Meeting
Marge McGoff, 2016 Convention Chairman, extended an invitation to the 87th
Annual Convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 3 – 6, 2016 at the Amway
Grand Plaza Hotel.

Motion
Les Westgard moved to establish an ongoing fund using funds collected at the 2015
Convention and future donations to this fund to “Fill the GAP” (Give And Prosper)
in the General Fund. All donations are to be deposited in the General Fund.

ADOPTED

$10,000.00 was collected from the Convention Business session for “Fill the Gap
Fund”.

Sally K. Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following final Credentials Report
Final Credentials Report

as of 9:00 a.m. May 17, 2015 with a voting strength of 427 and moved its adoption.

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Delegates 145
Subtotal 465
Less duplications 38
Total Voting Strength 427

ADOPTED

Final Registration report

Kay Fisher, Convention Registration Chairman, gave the final Registration Report

as of 10:00 a.m. May 17, 2015 for information only.

Voting Strength 427
Spouses 39
Guest & Speakers 31
Non-voting Garden Club members 192
Total 689

Adjournment

The President adjourned the business session at 12:08 p.m. to reconvene at the
Installation Banquet.

Call to Order

The President, called the meeting to order at 9:54 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2015

Courtesy Resolution

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

ADOPTED

Benediction

Valerie C. Tipps, Vice-Chaplain, gave the benediction.

Adjourn Sine Die

The President adjourned the 86th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
at 10:09 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2015 sine die.

Carol L. Hall 7-31-15
Carol L. Hall, Recording Secretary Date

Linda G. Nelson 7-31-15
Linda G. Nelson, President Date

Nancy L. Hargrove 7-31-15
Nancy L. Hargroves , Second Vice-President Date

Gay Austin 7-31-15
Gay Austin, Third Vice-President Date

Robin Pokorski 7-31-15