Call to Order
Nancy Hargroves, President called the meeting of the 89th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 9:02 a.m. on Thursday, May 23, 2018 at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and welcomed those in attendance.

Mary Owen, Recording Secretary, was present.

Opening Exercises
The invocation was given by Lisa Arni, the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs President.

The colors were presented by the Philadelphia Continental Chapter, National Society of The Sons of the American Revolution color guard.

The National Anthem was sung by Andrea Falchek, Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, District VI, Somerset Garden Club member.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Judith Tarbox, The Garden Federation of Maine, Inc. President.

A greeting to the city of Philadelphia was given by Michael DiBerardinis, Managing Director of the City of Philadelphia.

Regina Brown, Central Atlantic Region Director, gave the welcome to the Region.

Christine Leskosky, Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania President, gave the welcome to the state of Pennsylvania.

Lynda Dickerson, Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc. President gave the response.

Credentials Report
Suzanne Potts, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Preliminary Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. May 23, 2018 showing a voting strength of 250 and moved its adoption.

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ADOPTED
The Chair declared a quorum present.

Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules of the Convention.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Pat Wolanski, 2018 Convention Chairman, moved to approve the Program

ADOPTED

Barbara Stoebenau, 2018 Convention Assistant Registrar, gave the registration report as of 8:00 a.m. May 23, 2018 for information only.

Voting Strength ......... 250
Non-Voting Members.... 141
Spouses.........................34
Guests.........................16
Total Registration 441

The President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2018 Convention Meeting:

Mary Warshauer, Second Vice-President, as Chairman
Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President
Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary

The President appointed the following to serve as timekeepers:

Pat Westgard, Finance Committee Member
Mickie Marquis, Communications Non-Print Committee, Social Media

The Chair appointed the following to serve as tellers:

Pam Hebert, Nominating Committee Member as Chairman
Suzi Andrego, FSS Committee and Handbook Exam Committee Member

The President acknowledged the following pages: Grace Mitchell, Jane Bazzano, Mary Jane Martucci, Angela Raitano, and Diane Hughes.


The President recognized the Region Directors: Susan Hinkel, New England; Regina Brown, Central Atlantic; Judy Barnes, South Atlantic; Ann McCormick, Deep South; Fran Stueck, Central; Isabel Olsen, South Central; Jackie Watts, Rocky Mountain; Peggy Olin, Pacific.

The President presented the following trustees: Marge McGoff, Jeanette Pruin, Barbara Baker, Shirley Nicolai, and Sandra Robinson, Director.

Gary Austin, Chairman of the Committee to approve the minutes of the 2017 Convention in Virginia reported that the minutes had been approved and circulated.

The following officers reported (copies on file):

Nancy Hargroves, President
Gay Austin, First Vice-President, Liaison to State Presidents and Region Directors
Mary Warshauer, Second Vice-President, Finance Committee and Internal Audit Committee Chairman
Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President, Organization Study Committee and Award of Excellence Committee Chairman
Mary Owen, Recording Secretary
Betty Grimes, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairman
Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary
Shane Looper, Historian
Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian
Sandra Robinson, PH&E Trustees Director

Report of Region Directors and State Presidents

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

**Deep South** – Ann McCormick, Region Director
Tricia Mitchell, Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
Claudia Bates, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Jane Hershey, The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Lena Bateman, Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Lynda Dickerson, The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
Cindy Hintz, Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Central** – Fran Stueck, Region Director
Anita Bierbaum, The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.
Sue Fuhrman, The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Julienne Bramer, Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc.
Carol Sue Brodbeck, Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Bonnie Schwichtenberg, Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.
Karen Blackmore, The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.
Peggy Grubbs, Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

Report of NGC Project Grants and Partnerships

The following Chairmen of the NGC Project Grants and Partnerships reported (copies on file):

Betty Cookendorfer, *Plant America* Community Project Grant Awards Chairman reported that there were 418 applicants with 28 receiving funds.

Nancy Fulk, *Ames* Grant Awards Chairman and Prema Williams, Ames Representative reported that there were 57 applicants and 24 received tools.

Bonnie Satterthwaite, *Espoma* Grant Awards Chairman reported that there were 59 applicants (39 states represented) with a total of 14 awarded $250 each.

Patricia Smith, Natural Disasters Chairman reported that $47,000 had been distributed to states and clubs.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m. to meet again on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 9:15 a.m.

Call to Order

Nancy Hargroves, President, called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

Invocation

Deanna Sterns, President, Garden Club of Ohio, Inc. gave the invocation.

Interim Credentials Report

Suzanne Potts, Credentials Committee Chairman, gave the following Interim Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. on May 24, 2018 reporting a voting strength of 287 and moved its adoption.

- NGC President: 1
- NGC Honorary President: 0
- NGC Elected Officers: 5
- NGC Appointed Officers: 4
- Region Directors: 8
Interim Registration
Barbara Stoebenau, 2018 Convention Assistant Registrar, gave the registration report as of 8:00 a.m. May 24, 2018 for information only.

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Adoption of Budgets
Betty Grimes, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairman, presented the 2018-2019 budgets for the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund and the Operation Wildflower Fund.

ADOPTED

Mary Owen, Recording Secretary reported that the Board of Directors had met three times since the last Convention. Information sheets reflecting actions taken were distributed to the board members and delegates.

Adoption of Bylaw Amendments
Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President and Chairman of the Organization Study Committee presented the following amendments to the bylaws for adoption by the membership.

1. **ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP**
   Section 2. NON-VOTING MEMBERSHIP
   Non-voting membership shall consist of five six classes: Honorary Life Members, who are not members of a Garden Club; Life Members who are not delegates; National Affiliates; International Affiliates; all categories of Youth Gardeners; and E-Members at Large.
   E. E-Members at Large

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

2. **ARTICLE VII – DUES, FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS**
   Section 1. DUES
   D. E-Members at Large shall pay dues NGC as determined by the Board of Directors

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

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

Advisory Committee 5
PH&E Trustees 5
State Presidents 48
Representatives of State Presidents 3
NGC Chairmen 45
NGC Standing Committee Members 164
Delegates (conventions only) 67
Subtotal 355
Less Duplications 69
Total Voting Strength 286

ADOPTED
Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl
Reports of Committee Chairman
Future Conventions
Invitation to 2019 Convention
Final Credentials Report

Smokey Bear visited the meeting. Chairman Jennifer Moreno announced the winners of the poster contest and the Region with the most entries (South Atlantic).

The following Committee Chairman reported (copies on file):
Andrea Little, Blue Star/Gold Star Memorial Markers Chairman
Nancy Voyles, Scholarship Chairman
Mary Ann Bryant, Tours Chairman
Marsha Alexander, Wildflower Plantings Chairman
Dorthy Yard, Flower Show Schools Chairman

Becky Crow, Conventions Coordinator and Pat Abercrombie, Vice-Coordinator reported future convention locations:
April 29-May 2, 2019 Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi, Mississippi
May 11-16, 2020 Potawatomi Hotel in Milwaukee, Wisconsin
May 17-20, 2021 Meadowlands Hotel in Rutherford, New Jersey
2022 Florida TBD
2023 The Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

Rhonda Rosetti, 2019 Convention Chairman, extended an invitation to the 2019 NGC convention in Biloxi, Mississippi on April 29- May 2, 2019.

Suzanne Potts, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Final Credentials Report as of as of 10:30 a.m. May 24, 2018 with a voting strength of 287 and moved its adoption.

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ADOPTED
Final Registration Report

Jill Evans, 2018 Convention Registrar, gave the registration report as of 10:00 a.m. May 24, 2018 for information only.

- Voting Strength ........286
- Non-Voting Members....200
- Spouses.....................38
- Guests.......................30
- Total Registration .... 554

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. to reconvene at the Design Banquet.

Call to Order and adjournment

The President reconvened the meeting at the Design Banquet on Thursday, May 24, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and adjourned the 89th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. sine die.

_ Mary Owen ________________________ 8/20/2018_
Mary Owen, Recording Secretary               Date

_ Nancy Hargroves ______________________ 8/20/2018_
Nancy Hargroves, President                       Date

_ Mary Warshauer _________________________ 8/20/2018_
Mary Warshauer, Second Vice-President             Date

_ Brenda Moore ________________________ 8/20/2018_
Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President                Date

_ Robin Pokorski _______________________ 8/20/2018_
Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary          Date