President Nancy Hargroves called the meeting of the 90th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 9:01 a.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019 in the Camellia A/B rooms, at the Biloxi Rivage Resort in Biloxi, Mississippi and welcomed those in attendance.

Mary Owen, Secretary, was present.

Chris Wood, President of the Alaska Garden Clubs, gave the invocation.

The colors were presented by the Ocean Springs High School Junior ROTC Color Guard of Biloxi, Mississippi.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Bud Qualk, Edible Gardening Chairman.

Mayor Andrew Gilich brought greetings from the City of Biloxi, Mississippi.

Ann McCormick, Deep South Region Director, gave the welcome to the Region.

Lynda Dickerson, President of The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc., welcomed all to the state of Mississippi.

Lynne Ehnert, President-Elect of Wisconsin Garden Club Federation, gave the response.

Suzanne Potts, Credentials Chairman, gave the Preliminary Credentials Report as of 9:00 a.m. May 1, 2019 showing a voting strength of 283 and moved its adoption.

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ADOPTED

The Chair declared a quorum present.


ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Rhonda Rosetti, 2019 Convention Chairman, moved the adoption of the convention agenda.
**Preliminary Registration Report**

Amye Kelly, Registration Committee Chairman, gave the preliminary registration report as of 9:00 a.m. May 1, 2019 for information only.

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**Committee to Approve Minutes**

The President appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2019 Convention Meeting:

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

**Timekeepers**

The President appointed the following to serve as timekeepers:

- Nancy Bahn, Nominating Committee Member
- Betsy Steele, Organization Study and PLANT AMERICA Committee Member

**Tellers**

The President appointed the following to serve as tellers:

- Sue Bennett, Youth Gardening Projects Chairman
- Becky Hassebroek, Wildlife Gardening Chairman, Membership Committee

**Welcome**


The President recognized the Region Directors:

- Susan Hinkel, New England; Dottie Howatt, Central Atlantic (Alternate Director);
- 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 PH&E Trustees:

- Marge McGoff, Jeanette Pruin, Barbara Baker, Shirley Nicolai and Sandra Robinson.

**Report of the Committee To Approve the Minutes**

Mary Warshauer, Chairman of the committee to approve the minutes of the 2018 Convention meeting in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

**Reports of Officers**

The following officers reported (copies on file):

- Nancy Hargroves, President
- Gay Austin, President-Elect, Liaison to State Garden Club Presidents and Region Directors.
- Mary Warshauer, Second Vice-President, Finance Committee and Internal Audit Committee Chairman
- Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President, Organization Study 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
Reports of Region Directors and State Presidents

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

**South Atlantic Region – Judy Barnes, Director**
- Paula Hyatt, The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
- Gail Hill, The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
- Donna Donnelly, The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
- Marty Bowers, Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Carolyn McCafferty, West Virginia Garden Clubs, Inc.

**Rocky Mountain Region – Jackie Watts, Director**
- Betty Roberts, Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Jean Tinberg, Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Joyce Hendricks, Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Alice Hersath, Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska
- Les Westgard, North Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs
- Virginia Sandmeier, South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Connie MacKay, The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
- Lynette Jeffres, Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Reports of NGC Project Grants and Partnerships

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

- Betty Cookendorfer, PLANT AMERICA Community Project Grants Chairman reported $75,000 distributed to 82 garden clubs.
- Judy Binns introduced Bonnie Satterthwaite, ESPOMA Grant Awards Chairman with Carol Bailey from Espoma who reported over $7,000 worth of products distributed through State organizations.
- Nancy Fulk introduced Ames Director Karen Richwine who reported that there had been 104 applicants for AMES Grant Awards in 33 states with 21 winners in 16 states.
- Idalia Aguilar, IA PLANT AMERICA Projects Chairman reported.

Special Award

A Special Award was presented by President Hargroves to PLANT AMERICA Community Grants Committee members Chairman Betty Cookendorfer, Shane Looper, Ellen Spencer and Betsy Steele.

A check for a $240 donation was presented to the President for PLANT AMERICA from Claudia Bates in absentia by Gina Jogan.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m. to meet again on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

The President reconvened the business meeting at 9:01 a.m. on Thursday, May 2, 2019.

Invocation

Karen Blackmore, President of The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc., gave the invocation.

Interim Credentials Report

Suzanne Potts, Credentials Chairman, gave the following interim Credentials Report as of 9:00 a.m. May 2, 2019 with a voting strength of 298 and moved its adoption.

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Amye Kelly, 2019 Convention Registration Chairman, gave the interim Registration Report as of 9:00 a.m. May 2, 2019 for information only.

Voting Strength 298
Spouses 33
Guests 48
Non-voting Garden Club members 264
Total Registration 643

Bonnie Borne, Nominating Committee Chairman, introduced the members of the Nominating Committee and read the slate of officers for 2019-2021 as nominated by the committee:

Mary Warshauer, First Vice-President
Brenda Moore, Second Vice-President
Donna Rouch, Third Vice-President
Donna Donnelly, Recording Secretary
Lynette Jeffres, Treasurer

Mary Owen, Recording Secretary, read the bylaws pertinent to the election of officers.

As there were no other nominations from the floor, the chair declared all the above nominees elected with Gay Austin, President-Elect, to serve as President.

Smokey Bear joined the meeting. Jennifer Moreno, Chairman, announced the winners of the Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl Contest.

Mary Owen, Recording Secretary, reported that the Board of Directors had met two times since the last convention - at Fall Board in Florida in September 2018, and in Mississippi Tuesday afternoon. Informational sheets reflecting actions taken were distributed to the board members and delegates.

Betty Grimes, Treasurer, presented the 2019-2020 annual budgets of the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund and the Operation Wildflower Fund for adoption.

Brenda Moore, Second Vice-President and Chairman of the Organization Study Committee presented the proposed bylaw amendments:

Amend by striking out words in Strikethrough font and inserting or adding Underlined words.

ARTICLE IV. DESIGNATED GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS
State Federations of Garden Clubs, State Garden Clubs, State Associations of Garden Clubs and the National Capital Area Garden Clubs shall, hereinafter in these Bylaws, be referred to as State Garden Clubs.
The State Garden Clubs shall be grouped into not less than eight designated geographic Regions, as follows:

ADMITTED BY 2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP
The membership of NGC shall consist of two classes: Voting Membership and Non-Voting Membership.

Section 1. VOTING MEMBERSHIP
Voting membership shall consist of members of State Garden Club that are members of NGC.

B. Eligibility
A State Garden Club shall have been organized for a minimum of one year and shall be recommended by the Director of Region in which it is located.

ADMITTED BY 2/3 VOTE

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

Non-voting members may attend all NGC Convention meetings but shall be ineligible to debate or to hold office.

A. NGC Honorary Life Members
NGC Honorary Life Membership may be accorded to an individual who is not a member of a garden club upon recommendation of the NGC President and of the Life Membership Committee with the approval of the Board of Directors. A State Garden Club, a member club or a member may sponsor an individual for Honorary Life Membership by submitting an application and contribution through the NGC Life Membership Chairman.

ADMITTED BY 2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE VII – DUES, FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS
Section 3. CONTRIBUTIONS
The one-time contribution of an Honorary Life Membership or a Life Membership in NGC shall be two hundred dollars ($200.00).

ADMITTED BY 2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE VIII – OFFICERS’ ELIGIBILITY
Section 1. ELECTED OFFICERS
A. The elected officers of NGC shall be a President, a First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, a Third Vice-President, a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer, and a Director for each Region.

D. To be eligible for the nomination as Region Director or Alternate Region Director, each nominee shall have served as President of a State Garden Club for a minimum of two (2) years and shall have attended two (2) of three (3) previous Region Conventions/Meetings at the time of election. In the event the State Garden Club does not have a nominee who has served a minimum of two (2) years as President of a State Garden Club and willing to serve, the current President will become eligible for the Nomination.

E. All officers elected and installed at the NGC Convention in the odd-numbered years shall have attended two (2) of the previous three (3) NGC Conventions at the time of election. All Region Directors shall have attended a minimum of two (2) NGC Conventions and may include the NGC Convention at which they are installed.

ADMITTED BY 2/3 VOTE
ARTICLE IX - DUTIES OF OFFICERS, APPOINTED OFFICERS
Section 11. HISTORIAN
The Historian shall:
B. Obtain histories from States and Regions for placement in the NGC archives, effective with the 2019-2021 administration

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE X – NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Section 1. STRUCTURE
The Nominating Committee shall be composed of a Chairman, Vice-Chairman and two Members from each Region. There shall be one Alternate for each member position. The Vice-Chairman shall be a member of the Board of Directors and shall attend each meeting of the Nominating Committee as a non-voting member.

B. Members
1. To be eligible to serve as a Member of Alternate Member, each Member shall have served two (2) years as an officer of a State Garden Club, a minimum of two (2) years as a member of the NGC Board of Directors and shall have attended two (2) of the previous five (5) NGC Conventions prior to assuming that position. The Member or Alternate Member must reside within the Region represented.
2. The States from which the Members and Alternate Members are selected shall be determined by the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Rules of Procedure or Policies of each Region in rotation, as established in the NGC Standing Rules and must include each State Garden Club within the geographic areas designated in Article IV.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE
ARTICLE XI- ELECTION OF OFFICERS  
Section 2. ELECTION OF REGION DIRECTORS AND ALTERNATE DIRECTORS  
The State from which the next Region Director and Alternate Region Director shall come is determined by the Bylaws, Standing Rules, Rules of Procedure or Policies of each Region. The Region Director and the Alternate Region Director must reside within the Region they represent.  
A. The Candidate for Region Director shall be:  
1. Elected by the Governing board of that Director’s State Garden Club in session during the even numbered year prior to assuming office.  
2. Presented to the NGC Convention in the odd numbered year.  
3. Installed at the NGC Convention in the odd numbered year assume Office for a term of two years at the close of the NGC Convention.  
B. The Candidate for Alternate Region Director shall be elected by the Governing Board of that State Garden Club in session during the even numbered year prior to assuming office.  
ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE  

ARTICLE XIV – THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Section 1. – MEMBERSHIP  
A. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-elect Vice-Presidents, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Region Directors, Corresponding Secretary, Historian, Parliamentarian and the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees Director.  
B. Region Directors serve as representatives of NGC designated geographic Regions and shall be elected by the governing board of that director’s State Garden Club in session during the even-numbered year prior to assuming office and presented to the NGC Convention in the odd-numbered year. The States from which the Region Director is selected shall be determined, in rotation, as established in the NGC Standing Rules and must include each State Garden Club within the geographic areas designated in Article IV.  
ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE  

ARTICLE XV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
Section 1. – MEMBERSHIP  
The Board of Directors shall consist of the elected and appointed Officers; Presidents of State Garden Clubs or a Vice-President as an alternate by permission of the NGC President; Region Directors; former Presidents of NGC; Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees; Chairmen and members of committees.  
ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE  

ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEE  
Section 1. – STANDING COMMITTEE  
B. The Chairman may suggest to the Region Director a member to serve as Region Chairman.  
ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE  

ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES  
Section 7. – SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE  
The Scholarship Committee shall consist of a past Region Director as Chairman, appointed by the President, and the current Region Directors as members.  
ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE  

ARTICLE XVII – FINANCES  
Section 1. – FISCAL YEAR  
The fiscal year of NGC shall be from June 1 through May 31.  
Section 2. – FINANCIAL REPORTING  
All internal and external financial reporting will follow Generally Accepted
ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES (GAAP).

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE XVII – FINANCES
Section 2. – FINANCE COMMITTEE
C. Funds
   2. Restricted and Endowment Funds
      b) Scholarship Fund
      Income shall be derived from one-half (1/2) of NGC Honorary Life Membership of NGC Life Membership contributions, Memorials, honoraria, donations from members or State Garden Clubs, and from investments.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE XX – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY
The current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the proceedings of NGC in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and Standing Rules.

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)

Central Atlantic Region – Dottie Howatt, Alternate Director
   Lisa Arni The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs
   Diana Bonner The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
   Robin Hammer National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.
   Louise Davis The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
   Monica Hansen Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
   Deanna Stearns The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
   Christine Leskosky The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania, Inc.

New England Region – Susan Hinkel, Director
   Arlene Field, Incoming President The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.
   Judith Tarbox The Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc.
   Suzanne McCance The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
   Joyce Kimball New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
   Blakeley Szosz Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
   Caroline Frey Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.

Reports of Chairmen

The following Committee Chairmen reported (copies on file)
   Andrea Little, Blue and Gold Star Memorial Markers Chairman
   Mary Ann Bryant, Tours Chairman
   Julie West, School Database Project Chairman

Future Conventions

Becky Crow, Conventions Coordinator, and Pat Abercrombie, Vice-Coordinator, reported on future convention locations:
   2020 Milwaukee, Wisconsin – May 11-16, 2020 at Potawatomi Hotel & Casino
   2021 East Rutherford, New Jersey – May 17-20, 2021 at Hilton Meadowland Hotel
   2022 Florida – Dates TBD
   2023 White Sulfur Springs, West Virginia at The Greenbrier Resort – Dates TBD

Invitation to 2020 Convention Meeting

Kitty Larkin, 2020 Convention Coordinator, extended an invitation to the 91st Annual Convention Milwaukee, Wisconsin entitled “Perfect Vision 20/20”.

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Suzanne Potts, Credentials Chairman, gave the following final Credentials Report as of 9:04 a.m. May 2, 2019 with a voting strength of 298 and moved its adoption.

- NGC President: 1
- NGC Honorary President: 0
- NGC Elected Officers: 5
- NGC Appointed Officers: 4
- Region Directors: 7
  - Alternate Region Director: 1
- Advisory Committee: 5
- PH&E Trustees: 5
- State Presidents: 44
- Representatives of State Presidents: 6
- NGC Chairmen: 43
- NGC Standing Committee Members: 165
- Delegates: 91
  - Subtotal: 377
- Less duplications: 79
- Total Voting Strength: 298

ADOPTED

Amye Kelly, Convention Registration Chairman, gave the final Registration Report as of 10:30 a.m. May 2, 2019 for information only.

- Voting Strength: 298
- Spouses: 33
- Guest & Speakers: 48
- Non-voting Garden Club members: 271
- Total: 650

The President adjourned the business session at 10:49 a.m. to reconvene at the Installation Banquet.

The President called the meeting to order at the Installation Banquet and adjourned the 90th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. at 10:09 p.m. on May 2, 2019 sine die.

Mary Owen

Mary Owen, Recording Secretary

Nancy Hargroves

Nancy Hargroves, President

Mary Warshauer

Mary Warshauer, Second Vice-President

Brenda Moore

Brenda Moore, Third Vice-President

Robin Pokorski

Robin Pokorski, Corresponding Secretary