Call to Order

The President, Barbara D. May, called the 80th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:30 P. M. on May 15, 2009 and welcomed those in attendance.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Opening Ceremonies

Members of Spring Branch ISD Navy Junior ROTC posted the Colors. Joan Franson, Container Gardening Chairman and Bylaws Revision Committee member, led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

An Inspirational Reading was given by Diane Hughes, Press Book and Publicity Awards Chairman.

The Honorable Peter Brown, Houston City Councilman brought greetings.

Linda Whetsell, South Central Region Director, gave the welcome on behalf of the South Central Region.

Judy Keillor, President of Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. welcomed all to the host state.

Sara Lanier, President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. gave the response.

Preliminary Credentials Report

Phyllis Steele, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the following preliminary credentials report as of 8:00 A.M. May 15, 2009 and moved its adoption:

- NGC President: 1
- NGC Honorary President: 0
- NGC Elected Officers: 7
- NGC Appointed Officers: 4
- Regional Directors: 8
- Advisory Committee: 2
- PH&E Trustees: 5
- State Presidents: 39
- Representatives of State Pres: 3
- NGC Chairmen: 138
- NGC Comm Members: 69
- Delegates: 99
- Subtotal: 375
- Less Duplications: 59
- Total Voting Strength: 316

ADOPTED

Quorum

The Chair declared a quorum present.

Standing Rules

Joan Corbisierio, Parliamentarian, presented the Standing Rules of the 2009 Convention for adoption.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE
Adoption of Program

Sue Durrett, Convention Chairman, moved the adoption of the printed program as corrected. Copy on file.

**ADOPTED AS CORRECTED**

Preliminary Registration Report

Linda Whetsell, Chairman of the 2008 Convention Registration Committee, presented the preliminary registration report as of 8:00 A.M. May 15, 2009.

- Voting Strength: 316
- Non-voting Members: 322
- Spouses: 66
- Guests and Visitors: 27
- Total Registration: 731

Committee to Approve Minutes

The Chair appointed the following to approve the minutes of the 2009 Annual Convention:
- Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President, Chairman
- Linda Nelson, Third Vice President
- Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President

Timekeepers

The Chair appointed the following to serve as Timekeepers:
- Joy Ericson, Strategic Planning Committee Member
- Wendy Coté, Butterfly Chairman, Natural Disasters USA Committee Member

Pages

Pages appointed by the Convention Committee were recognized. Their names were printed in the printed Convention Program.

Welcome

The President recognized former NGC Presidents: Lois Dupré Shuster (2001-2003), and Kitty Larkin, Immediate Past President (2005-2007).

The President recognized Regional Directors 2007-2009: Sonia S. Cianchette, New England; Marilyn Whitmore, Central Atlantic; Anne Brown, South Atlantic; Mary W. Summerville, Deep South; Karen Hix, Central, Linda K. Whetsell, South Central; Louise Greenberg, Rocky Mountain; and Jeannette B. Pruin, Pacific.

The Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees were recognized: Pat Westgard, Joan Wipperman and Gerry St. Peters who serve with Lois Shuster, June P. Wood and Director, Kitty Larkin.

Report of Committee to Approve Minutes

Shirley Nicolai, Chairman of the Committee appointed to approve the minutes of the 2008 Annual Convention in Memphis, TN reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

Presentation

John Carloftis, garden designer gave a brief presentation about the “Plant it Pink” project and left the meeting.

Reports of Officers

The following officers reported and copies of written reports are on file:
- Barbara D. May, President
- Renee Blaschke, First Vice President and Liaison to State Garden Clubs Presidents and Regional Directors and Membership Chairman
- Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President and Finance Committee Chairman
- Linda Nelson, Third Vice President and Organization Study Chairman and Award of Excellence Chairman
- Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President and Scholarship Chairman and Plant it Pink Project Chairman

Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary
Barbarn Mikkelsen, Treasurer
Colleen Weiler, Historian

2009 Convention
Houston, Texas
Joan H. Corbisiero, Parliamentarian
Kitty Larkin, Permanent Home & Endowment Trustees Director

Reports of Regional Directors
The following Regional Directors reported and copies of written reports are on file:
Sonia S. Cianchette, New England
Marilyn Whitmore, Central Atlantic
Anne Brown, South Atlantic
Mary Summerville, Deep South
Karen Hix, Central
Linda K. Whetsell, South Central
Louise Greenberg, Rocky Mountain
Jeanette B. Pruin, Pacific

Memorial Service
Angela Raitano, NGC Chaplin, conducted a Memorial Service.

Adjourn
The opening business session adjourned at 4:13 P. M. on May 15, 2009 to reconvene May 16, 2009 at 8:30 A. M.

Call to Order
The President, Barbara D. May, called the 80th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order May 16, 2009 at 8:40 A. M.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Presentation
Pat Mitchell, Executive Director of Auntie Litter, Inc., gave a brief presentation and left the meeting.

Inspirational Reading
An inspirational reading was given by Della Berry, Memorial Gardens Chairman.

Interim Credentials Report
Phyllis Steele, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the following interim credentials report as of 8:00 A.M. May 16, 2009 and moved its adoption:

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**ADOPTED**

Interim Registration Report
Linda Whetsell, Chairman of the 2009 Convention Registration Committee, presented the preliminary registration report as of 8:00 A. M. May 16, 2009.

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2009 Convention
Houston, Texas
Report of Nominating Committee

Barbara Baker, Recording Secretary, read the NGC bylaws pertinent to the election of officers.

Judy Davis, Chairman of the 2007-2009 Nominating Committee introduced the Nominating Committee and submitted the slate of officers as nominated by the committee:

- Shirley S. Nicolai, First Vice President
- Linda Nelson, Second Vice President
- Sandra H. Robinson, Third Vice President
- Nancy L. Hargroves, Fourth Vice President
- Robin L. Pokorski, Recording Secretary
- Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer

Election of Officers

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

Renee D. Blaschke, President-Elect, will serve as President.

Report of the Board of Directors

Barbara Baker, Recording Secretary, reported that the Board of Directors had met two times since the 2008 Annual Convention in Memphis, once at the 2008 Fall Board Meeting in Providence, RI and then on May 15, 2009 prior to the 2009 Convention in Houston. Informational sheets reflecting action taken were given to the Board Members and Delegates.

Adoption of Budgets

Shirley Nicolai, Finance Chairman and Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer, presented the 2009-2010 Annual Budgets of the General Fund, Scholarship Fund and Operation Wildflower Fund as approved by the Board of Directors. Report on file.

ADOPTED

The 2009-2010 Permanent Home & Endowment budget was ratified by the Board of Directors, May 15, 2009.

Adoption of Bylaws Revision

Joan Franson, Bylaw Revision Committee member, presented the Bylaws Revision.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Presidential Citations

Presidential Citations were presented to the following Bylaws Revision Committee members in recognition of their work on the Revision of the Bylaws:

- Phyllis Wood, Chairman of Bylaws Review and Revision Committees
- Mae W. Scott, Bylaws Revision Committee Vice Chairman
- Joan Franson
- Joan G. Bonine
- Barbara M. Campbell
- Joan H. Corbissierio, Parliamentarian

Presidential Citations were also presented to the following in recognition of their outstanding efforts on behalf of NGC projects and protocol:

- Arthur Loesch, Reforestation and Restoration Chairman for his work on Penny Pines Project
- Pat Grulke, Protocol Chairman
- Jo Ann Guise, Protocol Vice Chairman
- Nancy Donaldson, Protocol Vice Chairman

Reports of State Presidents

The following Regional Directors presided over the reports of their Regions’ State Presidents or representatives. (* incoming president) Reports on file:

- South Central Region, Linda Whetsell, Director
  - Nancy Voyles, Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
  - Colleen Hinker, New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
  - Judy Grotts, Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.
Judy Keillor  Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

South Atlantic Region, Anne Brown, Director
Martha A. Mengel  The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Lila Petersen  The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Betsy Steele *  The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Anna J. Meyers  Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Jerry L. Shriver  West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

Recess
The meeting recessed for luncheon at 10:25 A. M. to reconvene May 16, 2009 at 2:30 P. M.

Reconvene
The meeting reconvened May 16, 2009 at 2:35 P. M.

Reports of State Presidents
The following Regional Directors presided over the reports of their Regions' State Presidents or representatives. (* incoming President) Reports on file:

Deep South Region, Mary Summerville, Director
Margaret Reynolds  The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
Cinny O'Donnell  Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Sara Lanier  The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Donna Bucci *  Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Ann Turnbow  The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
Alice Overton *  Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Central Region, Karen Hix, Director
Jody Bailey  The Garden Club of Illinois, Inc.
Ellen Elliott  The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Jacqueline Strother  Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc.
Lynn Dinvald *  Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Barbara Issacson  Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.
Maisie Keefer  The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.
Lucille M. Valitchka  Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

Central Atlantic Region, Marilyn Whitmore, Director
Wanda S. Davis  Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Bonnie Stevens  Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
Rilla Crane  National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.
Ommalee A. Allier  The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
Jeanne-Beryl Metz  Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
Victoria Bergesen  The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
Dorthy Yard  The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Recess
The meeting recessed for the evening at 3:50 P. M. to reconvene May 17, 2009 at 9:00 A. M.

Call to Order
The President, Barbara D. May, called the 80th Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 9:00 A. M. on May 17, 2009.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Inspirational Reading
An Inspirational Reading was given by Deana Roberts, Tour Chairman.

Reports of State Presidents
The following Regional Directors presided over the reports of their Regions' State Presidents or representatives. (* incoming President) Reports on file:

2009 Convention
Houston, Texas
New England Region, Sonia Cianchette, Director
Maria Nahom The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut
Shirlene Gosline The Garden Club Federation of Maine
Celeste Wilson The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts
Joyce A. Kimball New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Lynne Merrill Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs
Susan Robinson Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont

Pacific Region, Jeannete Pruin, Director
Carol Norquist Alaska Garden Clubs
Fran Harkey Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs
Robin Pokorski California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Ann Swider Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs
Dotty Hurd Idaho Garden Clubs
Kristie Livreri Nevada Garden Clubs
Sherry Cossey Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs
Marva Lee Peterschick Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

Rocky Mountain Region, Louise Greenberg, Director
Marjorie Koerner Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Caroline Wittman Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Darlene Skari Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Delroy Hemsath * Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska
Terry Kroke North Dakota State Federation of Garden Clubs
Margaret Straley South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
June Openshaw Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Barbara Yates Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Chairmen Reports
The following Chairmen reported. Reports on file
Martha Morgan, Green the Gulf Coast Chairman
Sara Brooks, Garden Therapy Vice Chairman
Patrice Lineberger, Girls Scout Liaison
Jimmie Meihardt, Blue Star Memorial Chairman
Pat Cargnoli, Habitat for Humanity Chairman
Candace Morgenstern, Natural Disasters USA Vice Chairman
Deen Day Sanders, WAFA Liaison, submitted a written report
Maureen Colton, Strategic Planning Committee Chairman, submitted a written report.

Future Conventions
Joan Hood, Convention Coordinator and Diane Bullock, Vice Coordinator announced the following schedule for future conventions:
2011 Washington DC, May 24-30, JW Marriot Hotel
2012 Buffalo, NY, Adam’s Mark
2013 Seattle, WA
2014 tba

Invitation to 2010 Convention
Deanna McFarland, 2010 Convention Chairman, issued the invitation to Atlanta at the Omni CNN Hotel, May 14-16.

Final Credentials Report
Phyllis Steele, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the following final credentials report as of 8:00 A. M. May 17, 2009 and moved its adoption:
NGC President 1
NGC Honorary President 0
NGC Elected Officers 7
NGC Appointed Officers 4
Regional Directors 8

2009 Convention
Houston, Texas
Advisory Committee 2
PH&E Trustees 5
State Presidents 46
Representatives of State Pres 5
NGC Chairmen 149
NGC Comm Members 84
Delegates 137
Subtotal 448
Less Duplications 63
Total Voting Strength 385

ADOPTED

Linda Whetsell, Chairman of the 2009 Convention Registration Committee, presented the final registration report as of 8:00 A.M., May 17, 2009.
Voting Strength 385
Non-voting Members 274
Spouses 66
Guests and Visitors 39
Total Registration 764

Benediction
The benediction was given by David Pritchard, Publications, Brochure/Manual Review Chairman

Adjourn
The Business Meeting adjourned at 11:10 A. M. to reconvene at the evening Installation Banquet.

Call to Order
The President, Barbara D. May, called the Business Meeting to order at 9:00 P.M. on May 17, 2009.

The Recording Secretary, Barbara S. Baker, was present.

Courtesy Resolution
Pam Hebert, Resolutions Chairman, gave the Courtesy Resolution and moved its adoption. Resolution on file.

ADOPTED

Benediction
Colleen Weiler, Historian, gave the benediction.

Adjourn Sine Die

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Barbara Baker
Barbara S. Baker, Recording Secretary

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Barbara D. May
Barbara D. May, President

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July 12, 2009 (date)
Shirley Nicolai, Second Vice President

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July 12, 2009 (date)
Linda Nelson

2009 Convention
Houston, Texas
Linda Nelson, Third Vice President

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Sandra Robinson, Fourth Vice President