Omni Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia                                       Friday May 14-16, 2010

Call to Order
The President, Renee D. Blaschke, called the meeting of the 81st Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:41 p.m. on May 14, 2010 at the Omni Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia and welcomed those in attendance.

The Recording Secretary, Robin Pokorski, was present.

Opening Exercises
Nell Denman, Chaplain and Installations and Inspirations Book Chairman, gave the invocation.

The colors were presented by the Westlake High School Junior ROTC, Fulton County Schools. The national anthem was sung by Senior High Westlake student Keith Staley.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Marion Hilliard, Government Action Education Chairman.

A letter of greeting received from Sonny Perdue, Governor of the State of Georgia was read by Virginia GrandPré, Corresponding Secretary.

Michael Sullivan, Director of Sales, representing Jim Huntee, Omni Hotel Manager welcomed NGC and its members to the Omni Hotel.

Mary Sue Colvin, Deep South Region Director, gave the welcome on behalf of the Deep South Region.

Betty Grimes, President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. welcomed all to Georgia.

Mary Ellen Alden, President of the National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. gave the response.

Preliminary Credentials Report
Sally Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Preliminary Credentials Report showing a voting strength of 216 as of 7:30 a.m. May 14, 2010 and moved its adoption.

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Subtotal 314*
Less duplications 52
Total Voting Strength 262

* Error in addition (316)

ADOPTED
The Chair declared a quorum present.

Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules of the 2010 Convention for adoption.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE

Deanna McFarlan, 2010 Convention Chairman, moved the adoption of the convention program.

ADOPTED AS CORRECTED

Rigby Duncan, 2010 Convention Registration Committee Chairman, gave the registration report as of 7:30 a.m. May 14, 2010 for information only.

- Voting Strength: 262
- Non-Voting Members: 214
- Spouses: 41
- Guests: 99
- Total Registration: 526

President Blaschke appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2010 Convention Meeting:
- Linda Nelson, Second Vice-President as Chairman
- Sandra Robinson, Third Vice-President
- Nancy Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President

President Blaschke appointed the following to serve as Timekeepers:
- Diane Dawson, Air Quality Chairman
- Susan Robinson, Government Action Committee Member – NE, DS, P Regions

President Blaschke acknowledged the pages present.

The President welcomed the former NGC Presidents: Deen Day Sanders (1999-2001); Kitty Larkin (2005-2007); and Barbara D. May, Immediate Past President, (2007-2009).

President Blaschke recognized the Regional Directors:
- Kathy Thomas, New England; Carmie DeVito, Central Atlantic; Carolyn Patterson, South Atlantic; Mary Sue Colvin, Deep South; Joan Hood, Central; Mary Ann Moreno, South Central; Sandy Dennis, Rocky Mountain; Sandy Ford, Pacific

President Blaschke presented the PH&E Trustees:
- Joan B. Wipperman, Gerry St. Peters, June Kummer, Kitty Larkin, Barbara May, Director.

Shirley S. Nicolai, Chairman of the Committee to Approve the Minutes of the May 2009 Convention meeting in Houston, Texas reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

The following officers reported (copies on file):
- Renee, D. Blaschke, President
- Shirley S. Nicolai, First Vice-President, Liaison to State Garden Club Presidents and Regional Directors, Membership Chairman
- Linda Nelson, Second Vice-President, Finance Committee Chairman, Internal Audit Committee Chairman
- Sandra H. Robinson, Third Vice-President, Organization Study and Award of Excellence Committee Chairman, Plant It Pink Project Chairman
- Nancy Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President, Scholarship Committee Chairman, Coordinator for Outreach Committees, Liaison with Learn2Grow
Reports of Regional Directors

The following Regional Directors reported (copies on file):
Kathy Thomas, New England
Carmie DeVito, Central Atlantic
Carolyn Patterson, South Atlantic
Mary Sue Colvin, Deep South
Joan Hood, Central
Mary Ann Moreno, South Central
Sandy Dennis, Rocky Mountain
Sandy Ford, Pacific

Treasurer’s Report

Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairman reported. Copy on file.

Report of Chairmen

The following chairmen reported:
Deen Day Sanders – WAFA Liaison
Pat Cargnoni – Habitat for Humanity Walk

Adjourn

The opening business session adjourned at 4:24 p.m. to meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Call to Order

President Renee D. Blaschke called the business meeting of the 81st Annual Convention to order at 9:02 a.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Invocation

Mary Ann Moreno, South Central Region Director, gave the invocation.

Interim Credentials Report

Sally Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Interim Credentials Report as of 8:30 a.m. May 15, 2010 and moved its adoption.

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Interim Registration Report

Joanne Bennett, 2010 Convention Registration Vice-Chairman, gave the registration report as of 8:30 a.m. May 15, 2010 for information only.

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Report of the Board of Directors

Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary reported that the Board of Directors had met three times since the 2009 Annual Convention in Houston – at the 2009 Post Convention meeting in Houston, at the 2009 Fall Board Meeting in St. Louis and prior to the 2010 Convention in Atlanta on May 14. Informational sheets reflecting actions taken were distributed to the board members and delegates.

Budgets

The 2010-2011 annual budgets of the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund and the Operation Wildflower Fund were presented for adoption.

ADOPTED

The 2010-2011 annual budget for the PH&E Fund, adopted by the Board of Directors, was presented for information only.

Reports of State Presidents

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

Deep South Region – Mary Sue Colvin, Director
Ann Daniels The Garden Club of Alabama, Inc.
Carol Hall Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Betty Grimes The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Donna Bucci Louisiana Garden Club Federation, Inc.
Gay Austin The Garden Clubs of Mississippi, Inc.
Alice Robertson Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Central Atlantic Region – Carmi DeVito, Director
Alice Witterholt The Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs
Jeanne Davis The Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland, Inc.
Mary Warshauer The Garden Club of New Jersey, Inc.
Elaine DiPietro Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc.
Betty Cookendorfer The Garden Club of Ohio, Inc.
Mary Ellen Alden National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc.
Angela Raitano The Garden Club Federation of Pennsylvania

Pacific Region – Sandra Ford, Director
Carol Norquist Alaska Garden Clubs Carolyn Erickson
Carol Parrott, President-elect Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Maryanne Lucas California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Ann Swider Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Robyn McCarthy Idaho Garden Clubs, Inc.
Kristie Liveri Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.
Karen Brown The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Carolyn Erickson Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

Committee Reports

The following committee chairmen reported (copies on file):
Deana Roberts, Tours Chairman
Carol Catlin, New Cultivars Chairman

Recess

The business session recessed at 10:50 a.m. to reconvene after luncheon at 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order

President Renee D. Blaschke called the business meeting of the 81st Annual Convention to order at 2:27 p.m. on Saturday, May 15, 2010.

Report of Chairman

Barbara Wesley, World Gardening and Natural Disasters Chairman reported. (Copy on file.)

Reports of State Presidents

The following State Presidents (or their representatives) reported (copies on file):
Rocky Mountain Region – Sandra Dennis, Director
Doris Duckworth Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Alice Langley Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
Norman DeNeal Montana Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Delroy Hemsath Federated Garden Clubs of Nebraska
Terry Kroke North Dakota State Federation of Garden Clubs
Beverly Heidelberger South Dakota Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Lynnette Jeffres Wyoming Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
The President of The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc. was not able to attend.

Central Region – Joan Hood, Director
Stephanie Greene The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.
Joyce Bulington The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Yvonne Niles Federated Garden Clubs of Iowa, Inc.
Lynn Dinvald Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Sue Neuhart Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.
Jean Roseman The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.
Judy Pitcher Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

South Atlantic Region – Carolyn Golden Patterson, Director
Kay Fisher The Garden Club of Kentucky, Inc.
Mary Lou Goodman The Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.
Betsy Steele The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Judy Binns, First Vice-President Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
June Ashworth West Virginia Garden Club, Inc

Memorial Service
Nell Denman, Chaplain, conducted the Memorial Service of NGC members lost during the past year. (Copy on file)

Report of Chairman
Elaine Dates, Smokey Bear Contest Chairman, together with Iris Velez, National Symbols Program Manager from the U.S. Forest Service presented the Smokey Bear Contest winner (out of 33,000 entries) from Virginia.

Adjourn
The business session adjourned at 4:18 p.m. to meet again on Sunday May 16, 2010 at 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order
President Renee D. Blaschke called the business meeting of the 81st Annual Convention to order at 2:39 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

Invocation
Sandra Ford, Pacific Region Director, gave the invocation.

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

New England Region – Kathleen Thomas, Director
Donna Nowak The Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc.
Rebecca Linney The Garden Club Federation of Maine, Inc.
Linda Smith The Garden Club Federation of Massachusetts, Inc.
Diane McMillen New Hampshire Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Vera Bowen Rhode Island Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Stephanie Hockensmith Federated Garden Clubs of Vermont, Inc.

South Central Region – Mary Ann Moreno, Director
Phyllis Byrum Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Shirley Tetreault New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
Patsy Ruth Miller, OGC member Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc
Jacki Simmers Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

Reports of Chairmen
The following chairmen reported: (Copies on file.)
Jeanne Nelson, “Beautify Blight”
Jan Warshauer, Calendar Committee Chairman
Jimmie Meinhardt, Blue Star Memorial Markers
Sara Brooks, Garden Therapy
Lila Peterson, “Golden Days”
Pat Cargnoni, Habitat for Humanity

Future Conventions
Anne Bucher, Conventions reported on future convention locations:
2011 Washington, D.C. – JW Marriott Hotel, May 27-29
2012 Buffalo, New York – Adams Mark Hotel, May 16-19
2013 Seattle, Washington – May 24-26
2014 Oklahoma TBD
2015 Kentucky TBD

Invitation to 2011 Convention Meeting
Dale DeFeo, 2011 Convention Chairman, extended an invitation to the 82nd annual Convention in Washington D.C.

Final Credentials Report
Sally Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Final Credentials Report as of 12:00 p.m. May 16, 2010 showing a voting strength of 345 and moved its adoption.

- NGC President: 1
- NGC Honorary President: 1
- NGC Elected Officers: 7
- NGC Appointed Officers: 4
- Regional Directors: 8
- Advisory Committee: 3
- PH&E Trustees: 5
- State Presidents: 48
- Representatives of State Presidents: 2
- NGC Chairmen: 148
- NGC Standing Committee Members: 87
- Delegates: 87
- Subtotal: 401
- Less duplications: 56
- Total Voting Strength: 345

ADOPTED

Interim Registration Report
Rigby Duncan, 2010 Convention Registration Committee Chairman, gave the registration report as of 8:30 a.m. May 15, 2010 for information only.

- Voting Strength: 345
- Non-Voting Members: 403
- Spouses: 50
- Guests: 26
- Total Registration: 824

Presentation of Gift
Betty Grimes, President of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc. presented President Blaschke with a gift of a crystal daffodil.

Adjourn
The President adjourned the business session at 4:10 p.m. to reconvene at the Awards Banquet.

Call to Order
Renee D. Blaschke, President, called the meeting to order at 10:42 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2010.

Courtesy Resolution
Pamela C. Hebert, Resolutions Chairman, read the Courtesy Resolution.

ADOPTED
Benediction
Nell Denman, Chaplain, gave the benediction.

Adjourn Sine Die
President Renee D. Blaschke adjourned the 81st Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. at 10:50 p.m. on Sunday, May 16, 2010 Sine Die.

Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary

Renee D. Blaschke, President

Linda Nelson, Second Vice-President

Sandra H. Robinson, Third Vice-President

Nancy L. Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President