Call to Order

The President, Renee D. Blaschke, called the meeting of the 82nd Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. to order at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, May 27, 2011 at the JW Marriott Hotel, Washington D.C. and welcomed those in attendance.

The Recording Secretary, Robin Pokorski, was present.

Opening Exercises

Kristie Livreri, President of Nevada Garden Clubs, gave the invocation.

The colors were presented by the United States Forest Service Honor Guard.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Robyn McCarthy, President of Idaho Garden Clubs, Inc.

Dr. Ramon Jordan, Interim Associate Director, read a letter of greeting from Dr. Colien Heffernan, Director of the United States Forest Service and presented a plaque of greetings to President Blaschke.

Carmie DeVito, Central Atlantic Region Director, gave the welcome on behalf of the Central Atlantic Region.

Mary Ellen Alden, President of National Capital Area Garden Clubs, Inc. welcomed all to the District of Columbia.

Elaine DiPietro, President of The Federated Garden Clubs of New York State, Inc. gave the response.

Preliminary Credentials Report

Sally Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Preliminary Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. May 27, 2011 with a voting strength of 286 and moved its adoption.

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ADOPTED

Quorum

The Chair declared a quorum present.

Standing Rules of the 2011 Convention

Joan Corbisiero, Parliamentarian, read the Standing Rules of the 2011 Convention for adoption.

ADOPTED BY 2/3 VOTE
Convention Program

Dale DeFeo, 2011 Convention Chairman, moved the adoption of the convention program as corrected.

ADOPTED

Preliminary Registration Report

Poss Tarpley, 2011 Convention Registration Committee Chairman, gave the registration report as of 2:00 p.m. May 27, 2011 for information only.

- Voting Strength: 286
- Non-Voting Members: 152
- Spouses: 43
- Guests: 42
- Total Registration: 523

Committee to Approve Minutes

President Blaschke appointed the following committee to approve the minutes of the 2011 Convention Meeting:
- Linda Nelson, Second Vice-President as Chairman
- Sandra Robinson, Third Vice-President
- Nancy Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President

Timekeepers

President Blaschke appointed the following to serve as timekeepers:
- Jo Ann Wade, Membership Committee Member
- Greg Pokorski, Gardening Studies Schools

Tellers

President Blaschke appointed the following to serve as tellers:
- Pat Westgard, Grants Committee Chairman, Head Teller
- Carol J. Catlin, New Cultivars Chairman, Plant Society Liaison
- Stephanie Greene, President, The Garden Club of Illinois, Inc.

Pages

President Blaschke acknowledged the pages present.

Welcome


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

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

Report of the Committee to Approve the Minutes

Linda Nelson, Chairman of the committee to approve the minutes of the May 2010 Convention meeting in Atlanta, Georgia reported that the minutes were approved and circulated.

Reports of Officers

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
- Robin L. Pokorski, Recording Secretary
- Barbara Mikkelson, Treasurer and Budget Committee Chairman
Reports of Regional Directors

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

Announcements

The following chairmen made announcements:
Deen Day Sanders – WAFA Liaison
Dale DeFeo – Convention Chairman
Patricia Cargnoni, Habitat for Humanity Chairman
Elaine Dates – Smokey Bear/Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman
Kathleen Thomas – Incoming Communications Committee – Non Print

Adjourn

The opening business session adjourned at 4:27 p.m. to meet again at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

Call to Order

President Renee D. Blaschke called the business meeting of the 82nd Annual Convention to order at 9:04 a.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

Invocation

Carol L. Hall, President, Florida Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., gave the invocation.

Interim Credentials Report

Sally Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Interim Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. May 28, 2011 with a voting strength of 346 and moved its adoption.

- NGC President: 1
- NGC Honorary President: 1
- NGC Elected Officers: 7
- NGC Appointed Officers: 4
- Regional Directors: 8
- Advisory Committee: 4
- PH&E Trustees: 5
- State Presidents: 42
- Representatives of State Presidents: 7
- NGC Chairmen: 127
- NGC Standing Committee Members: 101
- Delegates: 85
- Subtotal: 392
- Less duplications: 46
- Total Voting Strength: 346

ADOPTED

Interim Registration Report

Poss Tarpley, 2011 Convention Registration Chairman, gave the registration report as of 8:00 a.m. May 28, 2011 for information only.

- Voting Strength: 346
- Non-Voting Members: 164
- Spouses: 44
- Guests: 46
- Total Registration: 600
Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary, read the bylaws pertinent to the election of officers.

Donna Pair, Nominating Committee Chairman, introduced the members of the Nominating Committee and submitted the slate of officers for 2011 – 2013 as nominated by the committee:

- Linda Nelson, First Vice-President
- Sandra H. Robinson, Second Vice-President
- Nancy Hargroves, Third Vice-President
- Gay L. Austin, Recording Secretary
- Patsy Ruth Miller, Treasurer

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

Shirley S. Nicolai, President-Elect will serve as President.

Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary reported that the Board of Directors had met two times since the 2010 Annual Convention in Atlanta – at the 2010 Fall Board Meeting in Great Falls, Montana and prior to the 2011 Convention in Washington D.C. on May 27. Informational sheets reflecting actions taken were distributed to the board members and delegates.

Linda Nelson, Finance Committee Chairman, on behalf of the Finance Committee, moved the adoption of the following amendments to the bylaws, effective June 1, 2011:

**ARTICLE XVI – FINANCES**

**Section 2. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**C. Funds – Page 21**

2. Restricted and Endowment:

   a) Permanent Home and Endowment Fund – Page 21

   2) **Strike** “A percentage not to exceed eighty (80) percent of the average annual return over the past ten (10) years as determined by the Finance committee and the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees, of cash and investments of this fund as of May 31 shall be available for use during succeeding years for:”

   **Insert** “A percentage, not to exceed five (5) percent of the value averaged over the past three (3) years as determined by the Finance Committee and the Permanent Home and Endowment Trustees, of cash and investments of this fund as of May 31 shall be available for use during succeeding years for:”

   (remainder unchanged)

   b) Scholarship Fund – Page 22

   2) **Strike** “A percentage not to exceed eighty (80) percent of the average annual return over the past ten (10) years as determined by the Finance Committee, of cash and investments of this fund as of May 31 shall be available for use during succeeding years for:”

   **Insert** “A percentage, not to exceed five (5) percent of the value averaged over the past three (3) years as determined by the Finance Committee, of cash and investments of this fund as of May 31 shall be available for use during succeeding years for:”

   (remainder unchanged)
Budgets

The 2011-2012 annual budgets of the General Fund, the Scholarship Fund and the Operation Wildflower Fund were presented for adoption.  

ADOPTED

The 2011-2012 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):

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
Sharron Luoma           Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Julie West, President-Elect
                        California Garden Clubs, Inc.
Ann Swider              Hawaii Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Robyn McCarthy          Idaho Garden Clubs, Inc.
Kristie Livreri         Nevada Garden Clubs, Inc.
Garnet Ascher, President-Elect
                        The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Carolyn Erickson        Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs

Recess

The business session recessed at 11:42 a.m. to reconvene after luncheon at 2:00 p.m.
Call to Order

President Renee D. Blaschke called the business meeting of the 82nd Annual Convention to order at 2:07 p.m. on Saturday, May 28, 2011.

Reports of State Presidents

Central Region – Joan Hood, Director (represented by Jackie Reynolds, Regional Corresponding Secretary)
Stephanie Greene The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc.
Joyce Bulington The Garden Club of Indiana, Inc.
Lynn Dinvald Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
Sue Neuhart Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota, Inc.
Judy Sheets, President-Elect The Federated Garden Clubs of Missouri, Inc.
Marian Books, President-Elect Wisconsin Garden Club Federation

South Central Region – Mary Ann Moreno, Director
Phyllis Byrum Arkansas Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
Shirley Tetreault New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.
Donna Marshack, President-Elect Oklahoma Garden Clubs, Inc.
Kathryn Cox, President-Elect Texas Garden Clubs, Inc.

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.
Elene Combs Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
June Ashworth West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

Delaware Federation
Alice Witterholt, President, Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs reported on the “Garden For the Families of the Fallen” at Dover Air Force Base and presented a video on the garden.

Memorial Garden Presentation

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

Memorial Service

The new NGC Membership video was presented.

Membership Video Debut

The business session adjourned at 4:02 p.m. to meet again on Sunday May 29, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

Call to Order

President Renee D. Blaschke called the business meeting of the 82nd Annual Convention to order at 2:36 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2011.

Invocation

Jeanne Nelson, “Beautify Blight” Chairman, 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.

Rocky Mountain Region – Sandra Dennis, Director
Audrey Coyle Colorado Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
No report Kansas Associated Garden Clubs, Inc.
   President not in attendance.
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.
Denise Fink Rocky Mountain Region member for
   The Utah Associated Garden Clubs, Inc. President

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 Overton Tennessee Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Reports of Chairmen The following chairmen reported: (Copies on file.)
   Barbara May, WAFA
   Candace Morgenstern, Natural Disasters USA Chairman
   Robin Pokorski, Flickr Chairman
   Jo Sellers, Youth Chairman
   Pat Cargnoni, Habitat for Humanity
   Patrice Lineberger, Girl Scout Liaison

Future Conventions Anne Bucher, Conventions Coordinator reported on future convention locations:
   2012 Buffalo, New York – Adams Mark Hotel, May 16-19
   2013 Seattle, Washington – May 24-26
   2014 Oklahoma TBD
   2015 Kentucky TBD

Invitation to 2012 Convention Meeting Babbidean Urban Huber, 2012 Convention Chairman, extended an invitation to the
   83rd annual Convention in Buffalo, New York.

Final Credentials Report Sally Warner, Credentials Chairman, gave the following Final Credentials Report as of 8:00 a.m. May 29, 2011 with a voting strength of 351 and moved its adoption.

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Interim Registration Report  Poss Tarpley, 2011 Convention Registration Committee Chairman, gave the registration report as of 2:15 p.m. May 29, 2011 for information only.

- Voting Strength ............351
- Non-Voting Members ........178
- Spouses ..................45
- Guests .....................63
- Total Registration 637

Adjourn  The President adjourned the business session at 4:37 p.m. to reconvene at the Installation Banquet.

Call to Order  Renee D. Blaschke, President, called the meeting to order at 9:04 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2011.

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 82nd Annual Convention of National Garden Clubs, Inc. at 9:13 p.m. on Sunday, May 29, 2011 Sine Die.

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Robin L Pokorski
Robin Pokorski, Recording Secretary Date

Renee D. Blaschke
Renee D. Blaschke, President Date

Linda Nelson
Linda Nelson, Second Vice-President Date

Sandra H. Robinson
Sandra H. Robinson, Third Vice-President Date

Nancy L. Hargroves
Nancy L. Hargroves, Fourth Vice-President Date