## NGC Proposed Bylaw Changes – Ratified by the Board of Directors 9/12/2023 Delete crossed-out text and insert underlined text.

NGC BYLAWS	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
Current Wording		
Proposal #1		
ARTICLE XVI COMMITTEES	ARTICLE XVI COMMITTEES	ARTICLE XVI COMMITTEES
Section 1 STANDING COMMITTEES	Section 1 STANDING COMMITTEES	Section 1 STANDING COMMITTEES
B. Unless otherwise prescribed by	B. Unless otherwise prescribed by	B. Unless otherwise prescribed by
these Bylaws, Chairmen and	these Bylaws, Chairmen and	these Bylaws, Chairmen and
Committee members are appointed for	Committee members-are appointed for	Committee members-are appointed for
the term of the current President. They	the term of the current President–They	the term of the current PresidentThey
may continue by re-appointment, not	may continue by re-appointment, not	may continue by re-appointment, not
to exceed three consecutive terms.	to exceed three consecutive terms.	to exceed three consecutive terms.
Exception: International Affiliates may	Exception: International Affiliates may	Exceptions may be made at the
serve more than three consecutive	serve more than three consecutive	discretion of the president.
terms.	<del>terms.</del>	
	Exceptions may be made at the	
	discretion of the president.	

**Rationale:** Standing Committee chairmen and members shall be determined by the President and shall be members of the Board of Directors for that term.

NGC BYLAWS Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President with a minimum of six members on the committee.	COMMITTEE The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman appointed by the President with a minimum of six	ARTICLE XVI, Section 5 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE The Membership Committee shall consist of a Chairman and a minimum of three additional members, all appointed by the President.

**Rationale:** Changing the required number of members provides the president with latitude to appoint their desired number of committee members.

NGC BYLAWS Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
Proposal #3		
ARTICLE XVII FINANCES, Section 3	ARTICLE XVII FINANCES, Section 3	ARTICLE XVII FINANCES, Section 3
FINANCE COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
A. Membership	A. Membership	A. Membership
1. The Finance Committee shall	1. The Finance Committee shall	1. The Finance Committee shall
consist of the Second Vice-President	consist of the Second Vice-President	consist of the Second Vice-President
as Chairman, the First Vice-	as Chairman, the First Vice-	as Chairman, the First Vice-
President/President-elect, the	President/President-elect, the Third	President/President-elect, the Third
Treasurer, the Director of the	Vice President, the Treasurer, the	Vice President, the Treasurer, the
Permanent Home and Endowment	Director of the Permanent Home and	Director of the Permanent Home and
Trustees and a minimum	Endowment Trustees and a minimum	Endowment Trustees and a minimum

of three members <del>and no more than</del>	of three members appointed by the
six-members appointed by the	President. The Chairman shall report
President. The Chairman shall report	at each meeting of the Executive
at each meeting of the Executive	Committee and the Board of Directors
Committee and the Board of Directors	and at the NGC Convention.
and at the NGC Convention.	2. The Parliamentarian and the
2. The <del>Third Vice-President, the</del>	Executive Director shall attend the
Parliamentarian and the Executive	meetings and participate except for
Director shall attend the meetings and	the right to make motions and the
participate except for the right to	right to vote.
make motions and the right to vote.	
	six-members appointed by the President. The Chairman shall report at each meeting of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors and at the NGC Convention.  2. The Third Vice-President, the Parliamentarian and the Executive Director shall attend the meetings and participate except for the right to

**Rationale:** The finance committee was added to the duties of the Third Vice President (Article IX, Section 5, C) in May 2023. Changing the required number of members provides the president with latitude to appoint their desired number of committee members.

NGC BYLAWS Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
Proposal #4  ARTICLE XVII – FINANCES, Section 3. FINANCE COMMITTEE	ARTICLE XVII – FINANCES, Section 3. FINANCE COMMITTEE	Delete and Renumber
B. Duties	B. Duties	
5. Evaluate the efficiency and	5. Evaluate the efficiency and	
cooperation of staff members.	cooperation of staff members.	

**Rationale:** Per the 2023 bylaw change, the HQ staff evaluations was removed from finance committee.

NGC BYLAWS	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
Current Wording		
Proposal #5		
ARTICLE XVIII PERMANENT HOME	ARTICLE XVIII PERMANENT HOME	ARTICLE XVIII PERMANENT HOME
AND ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES	AND ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES	AND ENDOWMENT TRUSTEES
Section 2. Duties	Section 2. Duties	Section 2. Duties
A. The Trustees shall keep minutes	A. The Trustees shall keep minutes	A. The Trustees shall keep minutes
and report action taken to the	and report action taken to the	and report action taken to the
Executive Committee at its regular	Executive Committee at its regular	Executive
meeting. Business of an urgent nature	meeting. Business of an urgent nature	Committee at its regular meeting.
may be transacted by electronic	may be transacted by electronic	Business of an urgent nature may be
device or postal mail as authorized by	device or postal mail as authorized by	transacted
the Director.	the Director.	by electronic device or postal mail as
B. The Trustees shall be responsible	B. The Trustees shall be responsible	authorized by the Director.
for enlargement and improvement of	for enlargement and improvement of	B. The Trustees shall be responsible
the grounds and buildings; furnishings	the grounds and buildings; furnishings	for enlargement and improvement of
and equipment of NGC Headquarters	and equipment of NGC Headquarters	the grounds and buildings; furnishings
as required; all construction,	as required; all construction,	and equipment of NGC Headquarters
reconstruction, maintenance, and	reconstruction, maintenance, and	as required; all construction,
repair thereof. Routine items shall	repair thereof. Routine items shall	reconstruction, maintenance, and
be the responsibility of the executive	be the responsibility of the executive	repair thereof. Routine items shall
director.	director.	be the responsibility of the executive
C. Four members shall constitute the	C. Four members shall constitute the	director.
quorum.	<del>quorum.</del>	C. The Trustees shall approve salary
		adjustments for headquarters staff

C. The Trustees shall approve salary	prior to the annual convention and
adjustments for headquarters staff	submit to the Executive Committee for
prior to the annual convention and	information only. The adjustments will
submit to the Executive Committee for	become effective June 1. Adjustments
information only. The adjustments will	for added responsibilities may be
become effective June 1. Adjustments	considered at any time.
for added responsibilities may be	
considered at any time.	

**Rationale:** Per the 2023 bylaw change, the HQ salary adjustment and staff evaluations was removed from finance committee. PH&E Trustees are responsible for all other Headquarters related expenses and staff. Quorum requirements do not need to be listed.

NGC BYLAWS Current Wording	Proposed Amendment	Would Read After Amendment
Proposal #5 ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES Section 6 ORGANIZATION STUDY	ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES Section 6 ORGANIZATION STUDY	ARTICLE XVI – COMMITTEES Section 6 ORGANIZATION STUDY
COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE	COMMITTEE
D. Be responsible for sending any proposed Bylaw amendment to The National Gardener to be published in	proposed Bylaw amendment to <del>The</del> National Gardener to be published in	D. Be responsible for sending any proposed Bylaw amendments to the website for publication.
the Winter issue.	the Winter issue. the website for publication.	

**Rationale:** The National Gardener no longer publishes proposed bylaw changes. They are only on the website.