74th Annual Meeting Of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

Governor's Mansion
Santa Fe, NM
April 11, 2024

Johnese Turri, 1st Vice President of NM Garden Clubs, Inc., presided over the Opening of NM Garden Clubs, Inc., 74TH Annual meeting held at the Governor's Mansion, in Santa Fe, NM

Invocation was given by JJ Huddleston, of Angel Fire Garden Clubs.

Colors were presented by Santa Fe High School Naval Jr. ROTC.

The Pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America was led by Maple Levine of Valley Gardeners.

Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham was introduced and given time to speak to us. President Debra Sorrell presented her with a certificate stating a Penny Pines Plantation will be planted in her honor in the Santa Fe National Forest.

NM Garden Clubs members were welcomed to Santa Fe and District II of NMGC by District II Director, Kersti Rock. The response was given by District I Director, Debi Harrington.

President Debra Sorrell called the business meeting to order at 9:21 am.

President Sorrell introduced the district director and state officers at the head table. They were as follows:

District 5, Julie Foster, District 4, Linda Brandis (was excused), District II Kersti Rock and District I Debi Harrington.

Treasurer Debby Hasse, Johnese Turri, 1st Vice President, Joyce Zaugg, Corresponding Secretary and Pro Tem Recording Secretary. Ariel Seamon, Historian, Laurie Hixson, 2nd Vice President and Suzy Andrego, Parliamentarian

President Sorrell, then introduced our South-Central Region Director, Sarah McReynolds.

Convention Registrar, Diane Thurston, of Los Alamos Garden Club, gave the credentials and registration report for the 2024 Annual meeting.

CREDENTIALS	
NGC President	
NGC Chairman	5
NGCCommittee Members	4
NGC Life Member	11
SCR Director	1
Past SCR Director	
SCR Officer	3
SCR Chair	4
SCR Committee Member	
SCR Life Member	9
State President	1
Former State President	5
State Officer	9
State Life Member	16
State Chair	16
State District Director	3
Club President	9
Club Member	48
Flower Show Judge	15
Environmental Consultant	7
Garden Consultant	7
LandscapeDesign Consultant	6
Guest	9

ATTENDEES	
Full Time Attendees	36
Part Time Attendees	13
Guests	9
TOTAL Attendees	58
Less Guests	9
TOTAL VOTING Strength	49

The Preliminary Credentials and registration reports were adopted with a voting strength of 49.

Parliamentarian, Suzy Andrego declared a quorum present.

Suzy Andrego read the standing and general rules for the business meeting. The standing and general rules for the business meeting were adopted.

Without objection, the following appointments were made:

Johnese Turri, 1st Vice President, Laurie Hixson, 2nd Vice President and Kersti Rock, District II Director to approve the meeting minutes for the 2024 annual meeting.

Gina Thoma as Timekeeper.

Mary Ann Moreno, District I, Kersti Rock, District II, Colleen Hinker, District III, Becky Fuller, District IV and, Peggy Voigt, District V, as the NMGC Nominating Committee.

Laurie Hixson presented the program booklet with corrections, none which affected the agenda. The Program booklet which includes the agenda for this annual meeting was adopted.

Joyce Zaugg, Corresponding Secretary read the minutes of the 2023 annual meeting in Albuquerque, which were approved and distributed electronically.

Debby Hasse, Treasurer, gave the treasurers report (report attached). The current general account balance is $ 9,624.86, plus a CD of $42,680.04 gives total assets of 52,304.90. Debby presented the NMGC Budget for the period of June 1, 2024, to May 31, 2025. *See attached.*

State Officers reports were given.

President Debra Sorrell report is attached. Note: There have been 67 Penny Pines Plantations donated to date during President Sorrell's term.

1st Vice President report -Johnese Turri – no report

2nd Vice President report – Laurie Hixson – *See attached.*

Adult Members of 423, Youth Members of 30, for a total NM Garden Clubs membership of 453.

No report from the Recording Secretary. She was absent and excused.

Historian Report – Ariel Seamon - verbal report given. Only four club histories were received this last year. Its easy. Submit it and win an award.

Corresponding Secretary report – Joyce Zaugg - verbal report. Joyce announced that reports for the NM Garden Clubs Annual report are due June 1, 2024. The reports should cover the time period of June 1, 2023, through May 31, 2024. The Annual report is now distributed via

posting on the NMGC website. It should be available following the Executive Committee Fall board meeting.

Parliamentarian, Suzy Andrego, had no report.

District Directors reports were presented.

District 5 – Director Julie Foster gave a verbal report with a promise of a written report.

District 4 – Assistant Director, Linda Brandis was absent and excused. She will send a report to President Sorrell.

District 3 – No one representing this district. No report.
District 2 report – Director Kersti Rock – *Attached.*

District 1 report – Director Debi Harrington – *Attached.*

South-Central Regional Director Sarah McReynolds gave a verbal report on the region. Her theme for her term is "Pollinating South Central Region".

Parliamentarian Suzy Andrego, standing in for Jennifer Moreno, Recording Secretary read the following recommendations from the executive committee:

Recommendation 1.

That NMGC purchase a state paver from National Garden Clubs at a cost of $500.00, in support of their Pathway to success program which will link National Garden Club properties to the Missouri Botanical Gardens, north of NGC Headquarters property. ***Recommendation passed.***

Chairman reports:

Archives- Becky Fuller, gave a verbal report. She will get a list from NMSU on what is there for NMGC.

Blue Star Chairman – Shirley Tetreault gave a verbal report. There are 24 Blue star markers in NM with district 4 having the most. There will be three Gold star memorial markers installed this spring and summer.

Trees and Shrubs – Dodi Suhr, gave a verbal report. Encouraged everyone to apply for the tree award. Gave details on Saluting Branches event.

2023 Convention Report – Suzy Andrego, Convention Chair – *See attached.* $Total income $9,270.00, less expenses $9,523.00 left District I in the hole $253.88. The silent Auction made $509 for a total profit of $255.12.

Scholarship - Christine Longthorp, gave verbal report. $2500 was awarded to Nakoma XXXXXXX She will be attending the awards banquet this evening.

Ways and Means – Mary Ann Moreno. *Report attached.*

Awards – Ginny Longbotham – gave a verbal report. She challenged all clubs to sponsor a new member to attend state convention for 2025.

Unfinished Business: None.

President Sorrell gave out lily bulbs to all members attending the annual meeting for the first time.

Announcements:

- Ways and Means drawing this evening at the awards banquet. If you would like to purchase additional tickets, see Kathleen Flanders, who is standing in for Mary Ann Moreno.
- Silent Auction will end at 7:30pm this evening. Items will be available to pay for and pick up immediately following the close of this evenings business.
- All former state presidents, district directors, and club presidents or their representatives meet in the hallway outside the banquet room at 6:15pm with Laurie Hixson for the President's parade.
- There will be a reception to honor President Sorrell in her Suite at 5:00pm. this evening.

Meeting was recessed at 11:32pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:30 p.m.

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TOTAL Attendees	60
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TOTAL VOTING Strength	51

The final credentials and final registration reports were adopted with a voting strength of 51.

The 2025 Convention Invitation was presented by the 2025 Convention committee and friends. The 2025 Annual Convention will be held April 14 & 15, 2025 at the Embassy Suites on Lomas Blvd., Albuquerque, NM Immediately followed by the South-Central Region Convention April 16 & 17, 2025 at the same location.

Courtesy resolutions were given by NMGC 1st Vice President, Johnese Turri and adopted.

Benediction was given by former NMGC president, Shirley Tetreault.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.