Pathways to Successful Leadership

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
Organized June 8, 1928
Federated April 13, 1931
Mission Statement
The mission of The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
A non-profit organization established in 1928
To promote
Beautification, Conservation, and Education
You Belong To

Your own club
Which belongs to one of Seven Districts
Established in 1959:
Laurel, Azalea, Oleander, Camellia, Magnolia,
and Dogwood
Redbud established 1961
Each has a District Director
District meetings held in October

Districts belong to
The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc.
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The Garden Club of Georgia is made of
A President and Seven officers make up the
Executive Committee.

The Garden Cub of Georgia, Inc. is a member
Includes: Alabama, Florida, Georgia,
Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee
The presiding officer is a Director.

There are 8 Regions that make up the
National Garden Clubs, Inc.
New England, Central Atlantic, South Atlantic,
Deep South, Central, South Central, Rocky
Mountain and Pacific.
The National Garden Clubs, Inc.
was founded May, 1929.
Presiding Officer is the President of NGC.
President’s Responsibilities

Meetings...
- Start all meetings on time
- Keep short, but cover all business
- Encourage programs
- Be impartial - both sides must have a chance to speak to all questions

Share All Information With Members...
- Invitations
- Correspondence
- Thank you cards, etc.

Invite...
- All members to upcoming events, most events are found in the Date Register (see Website)
- Encourage members to attend other club/council events, activities, etc.

Encourage Club Members...
- To take part in projects sponsored by Districts, GCG, Deep South, and National Garden Clubs

Bylaws...
- Perform all duties as specified in your club’s bylaws
President's Procedure Book

Any three (3) ring notebook will do . . .
(Especially a brightly colored one)
  - Keep Handy
  - Keep in the same place

In Your Notebook . . .
  - Agenda
  - Minutes
  - Other items of choice
  - Calendar - keep up to date
  - Correspondence from State/District Chairman
  - Yearbook of Club and Council

Tote Bag or Carry All . . .
  - Procedure Book
  - Gavel
  - Online Guide Login Information
    (User: guide / Password: grow1315
  - Current Mail
  - Board Briefs and Garden Gateways
  - The National Gardener and Keeping in Touch
  - Your club/council yearbook or membership list
  - Club/Council Bylaws
  - Robert Rules of Order, Newly Revised
  - Pathways to Successful Leadership

President’s Calendar . . .
  - Dates of Club, Council, District, State, Regional, and National meetings;
    conventions, workshops, schools, etc.

Be Prepared to Pass On To Your Successor . . .
  - All of the above and any other relevant materials
Vice President’s Responsibilities

The VP presides in absence of President and usually assumes the responsibility of President upon vacancy in that office. Sometimes, VP serve as Chairman of Programs, Yearbook, Ways-n-Means or other Standing Committees. This office may appoint a committee to assist in projects and usually is expected to advise the President on such matters.

Recording Secretary’s Responsibilities

The Recording Secretary records and keeps a permanent record of minutes at all meetings and reads the minutes at meetings. Sometimes, this officers makes roll call and provides order of business for meetings. Correspondence may be another responsibility.

Minutes should contain . . .

- Name of organization and type of meeting
- Date, time and place of meeting
- Name of Presiding officer
- Opening ceremonies
- Minutes approved as read or corrected
- Treasurer’s report attached
- Motions—Exact Wording, whether carried or lost, name of maker and that it was seconded.
  You do not have to put the person’s name who seconded the motion
- Any action taken which affects the organization
- Program title and speaker’s name
- Time of Adjournment
- Signature such as __________, Secretary
- Date approved
Treasurer’s Responsibilities

All Club Dues are Mailed to State Headquarters

- Annual Club Registration information will be emailed or sent regular mail by January 15.
- Dues are due March 1.
- There is an administrative fee of $10.00 after March 1.
- Be sure to follow instructions carefully to update member information.
- All members, including Life Members pay dues.
- Note if a member has resigned or is deceased. Notify the chaplain of deceased members.
- Please let State Headquarters know when you have new officers.
- Notify Headquarters when members have address changes at anytime during the year. It costs $.90 for each returned Garden Gateways.
- As a reminder to clubs that have not paid their dues, a list will be published in the September issue of Garden Gateways.
- New members joining Sept 1– Dec 1 pay one half dues.
- New Member forms are sent in January and may also be found on the website to be used throughout the year as you gain members.
- Please note and keep track of your club number in the President’s book or check book.

Dues are $___________ per member.
Officer’s Resources

GUIDE - Big Number ONE!
- Found on our website
  www.gardenclub.uga.edu
- Login
  User: guide
  Password: grow1315

All Communications From:
- State President
- State Officers
- State Headquarters
- State Chairman
- READ!!!!!

Garden Gateways . . .
All members receive four times per year

The National Gardener . . .

GCG Board Briefs . . .
Quarterly Newsletter sent to Club/Council President via e-mail or mailed and on the GCG website.

District Newsletter . . .
From District Directors:
- Spring Issue alerts you to GCG annual convention
- Fall Issue alerts you to annual District meeting
- Issues can be found on the District’s websites.
State Headquarters Ways and Means...

- State Life Member pins
- *New Beginnings* installation book

Copy of Your Club/Council's Bylaws...
(should be in our yearbook)

Date Register - Website
- Before planning an event, check the State and your District calendars on the website to make sure there is not a conflict in dates.

The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc...  
  - Website  
    [www.gardenclub.uga.edu/](http://www.gardenclub.uga.edu/)
  - E-mail  
    gcg@uga.edu
  - Facebook  
    [www.facebook.com/gardenclubga](http://www.facebook.com/gardenclubga)

National Garden Clubs, Inc...  
  - Website: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)  
  - E-mail: headquarters@gardenclub.org

Deep South Region - website...  
  - Website: [www.dsregion.org](http://www.dsregion.org)
Parliamentary Procedures

Parliamentary Procedure is common sense used in a gracious manner


Timely Tips for Meetings . . .

- Be prepared with a carefully written agenda
- Stand when you are speaking or taking a vote
- Refer to yourself impersonally. Instead of saying “I say,” say “the chair” or “this officer”
- Refer to “the board”, not “my board”
- When making introductions and the person is known, you present her/him. If unknown, you introduce her/him.
- You DO NOT introduce the head table. You introduce the “Guests” at the head table.
- Never turn the meeting over to Program Chairman, ask her/him to present the program.
- If the assembly becomes noisy - (Pause) - “Ask that the members please come to order”

Motions . . .

- Is there a motion?
- Is it seconded?
- Stated or repeated by Presiding Officer
- Ready for the question
- Announce Vote: Ayes have it - motion carried, No’s have it-motion lost
Etc.

- When changing officers, current presiding officer conducts final meeting to its adjournment.
- Bylaw changes are called Amendments unless extensive changes are made throughout the document, then it is called Revision.
- When any change is made to bylaws, show the date and type of change under the heading of “bylaws”.
- Members should not say, “I so move”, but should put the motion in their own words.
- Allow the minority, as well as the majority, to be heard.

Podium or Lectern?

- Lectern - a stand for holding the notes, written speech, etc. as of a lecturer.
- Podium - a low platform, esp. for the conductor of an orchestra.

- Always be positive and enthusiastic!!!!
Suggested Order Of Business

Call to Order . . .
Begin on Time! One rap of the gavel.
"The meeting will come to order"

Opening Ceremonies (optional) . . .
"We shall open our meeting by....."

Reading of the Minutes . . .
"The secretary will read the minutes of the last meeting"
"Are there any corrections to the minutes?"
DO NOT ask for ADDITIONS. An addition is a correction.
"If not, the minutes stand approved as read."
(or approved as corrected)

Reports of Officers . . .
- Corresponding Secretary
  "Is there any correspondence not requiring actions?"
- Treasurer
  (Gives copy of statement Secretary/President)
  "We shall hear the statement of the Treasurer"
  "You have heard the statement of the Treasurer."
  "Are there any questions? If not, the statement will be filed."
- Other Officers
  "Do any other officers wish to report?"

Report of Standing Committees . . .
"Will the ______ committee please report"
"Do any other standing committees wish to report?"
Report of Special Committees

Report . . .
"We shall now hear the report from the Special Committee on ____________"

Unfinished Business . . .
"I know of NO unfinished business."
(Never say "OLD" business)
Minutes reveal ANY UNFINISHED business.
(A quorum is needed before business is transacted)

New Business . . .
"Is there any new business?"

Announcements . . .
Be sure each one tells: What, When, Where, Why and Cost

Program . . .
"The Program Chairman will now present the program" NEVER SAY....Turn the meeting over to...

Adjournment
"Is there any further business to come before this meeting... If not, and there is no objection, the meeting is adjourned"

NOTE: This suggested order of business MIGHT not be needed. However, the minutes should be read and treasurer's statement given at each meeting"
Club Activity Opportunities

Did you know?
The online *Guide* lists State Chairmen, District Chairmen, Deep South Chairmen and National Chairmen.

Awards—(See online *Guide*)

**Life Members—(See online *Guide*)**

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Programs . . .

- Good Programs are necessary

Conventions/Annual Meetings . . .

(check the website for dates)

- District Meetings, October
- Deep South Convention, March
- The Garden Club of Georgia, Inc., April/May
- National Garden Clubs, Inc., April/May

Other Opportunities . . .

- Schools: Basic Design, Environmental Studies, Flower Show Schools, Gardening Study, Landscape Design Schools
- Youth Workshops
- Legislation
- Plant Societies
- Visits to State Headquarters House in Athens
- Scholarships- Partially funded by calendar sales
- Symposia
Courtesies to the Speaker

- If possible, give the guest or speaker two dates to consider
- Include time, place, type of meeting (luncheon, dinner, tea, etc.), and name of club president
- Dress (formal, informal, etc.)
- If program is to be given, time allowed should be prearranged
- If invited to conduct a ceremony/initiation/installation, give complete details. Ask if any special arrangements will be needed.

The Visit . . .
- Be sure someone is there to meet the guest on arrival
- Give the guest a copy of the agenda or program
- Never allow guests to stand in line for refreshments. Serve them or place them at head of the line
- Make sure the guest leaves with a good impression of the organization and its members
- Don’t forget the “Thank You Note” written as soon as possible after the visit

The Introduction . . .
- The purpose of an introduction is to acquaint the audience with the speaker’s background, qualifications and subject.
  * The introduction should be brief, not more than one minute, giving the speakers name last.
- Do not start introduction by saying “you all know or have heard of ________”
Tidbits

- Parliamentarian seated to right of President with secretary to left.
- **Cell phones** should be turned off or put on vibrate.
- Flag to the right of Presiding Officer
- Members rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, face the flag, place the right hand over the heart. Hands should be free of purses and packages.
- Call the meeting to order with only one tap of gavel.
- Record the name of the person making the motion - but **not** the **name** of the person who seconded the motion.
- Coming from a committee a motion does not need a second.
- Minutes are not the report of the Secretary and therefore will not contain any opinions as to the luncheon nor the speaker. The secretary records what was done and not what was said.
- Corrections of minutes should be inserted in the margin with a carefully drawn line around or through the subject matter corrected.
- Respectfully submitted no longer used. Just sign your name, ________, Secretary.
- There should be no stand-in or proxy for an officer at the installation.
- Minutes are the LEGAL RECORD of what is done at a meeting.
- The Chair (Presiding officer) MAY vote to make or break a tie, or when the result will be affected, but it is **not** advisable as it shows partiality. Always vote when the vote is by ballot (but the Chair cannot break a tie on a ballot vote, if the Chair chose not to vote when the others voted).
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