

BY-LAWS OF DISTRICT III, NORTHEAST

NEW MEXICO GARDEN CLUB , INC.

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ARTICLE I-NAME

The name of this organization shall be District III, Northeast, of the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

ARTICLE II-OBJECT

The object of this organization shall be the coordination of the interests of the Garden Clubs of this district and the expedition of the objectives as outlined by the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc.

ARTICLE III-MEMBERSHIP

Section 1-Garden clubs, individual

Membership in District III shall include all members of New Mexico Garden clubs and National Garden Clubs in the following counties: Guadalupe, Curry, Quay, Union, Harding, and De Baca. Colfax, San Miguel, Mora, Taos

Membership may be extended to members-at-large and honorary members.

Section 2- Eligibility

A club shall have an active membership in both the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc. and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. paying dues to each yearly

An Eligible club desiring membership shall apply to the district director. A majority vote of the executive board shall approve of the written application. It will be presented to the State executive board for approval therein. This applies to the member-at-large also.

An honorary membership may be conferred upon persons rendering outstanding service to the District, upon approval of the executive board. No dues are involved. Junior Gardeners are non-voting, but have a voice and seat.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

Section1-Officers

The Elective officers of the District shall be the Director, the Assistant Director, The Recording Secretary, and The Treasurer. The Director may appoint a Parliamentarian, an Historian, a Corresponding secretary and other chairmen, when needed.

Section 2- Eligibility

Candidates for officers shall be members in good standing in the district, state and National organizations, shall reside in the State of New Mexico and shall have given consent to serve, if elected.

Section 3- Term

Officers shall be elected for a two year term, coinciding with the state and National organization, or until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 4-Executive board

The executive board shall be composed of all elected ~~ed,~~ and appointed officers. And club presidents.

A quorum for a n executive board shall be 3 members.

Section 5- Vacancies

The Assistant Director shall replace the Director should she be unable to continue to serve her term. The Director Will appoint any other vacancies, With the approval of the executive board.

ARTICLE V- DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section1-District Director

- A) Shall call and preside over district meetings
- B) Act as liaison between the District Clubs and the State Organization
- C) Assist Clubs within their district to promote objectives and the National and State Garden Club Organizations.

- D) Submit list of club presidents and district officers to the state president and update when necessary.
- E) Report the activities of the clubs of the district and district activities to the state president as requested and according to the NMGC BY-laws
- F) Be empowered to appoint a member to the State nominating committee upon approval of the executive board, if an elected member can not serve.
- ~~F)G)~~ Be familiar with district and state by-laws

Section 2- Assistant Director

Shall serve as director in the absence or resignation of the director.

Section 3-Secretary

Shall keep the minutes of all meetings and shall have custody of all papers pertaining to that office.

Section 4- Treasurer

Shall collect dues and have charge of all monies which shall be deposited in a reliable bank. She shall pay bill authorized and/or approved by the executive board.

ARTICLE VI-REPRESENTATION

Each Garden Club member attending a district meeting shall be entitled to a vote as a representative of her club. Members-at-large, junior gardeners and honorary members shall be entitled to a seat and a voice, but no vote at the district meeting.

ARTICLE VII-NOMINATIONS

Section 1- Nominating committee

Each club shall appoint a member to the committee and shall consider all endorsements and nominations from any member club for every office position. They shall obtain oral or written consent from the candidates before the election.

~~Section 1~~ Section 2-Nominations from the floor

Nominations from the floor may be made providing all qualifications have been met, and the nominee has given their consent to the nominator.

Section 3- Ballot, acclamation

When there is one candidate only for a position, the election shall be by acclamation. If there are two or more candidates for any office, the vote may be by voice vote or secret ballot, with the majority ruling.

ARTICLE VIII-ELECTIONS

Section 1- Time

Elections shall be held for district offices at the spring meeting in odd-numbered years. They may be installed at the same meeting so that the term of office run concurrently with that of the New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.

Section 2-State nominating committee

A member and an Alternate member shall be elected to the State nominating committee of the NMGC, Inc. according to Article VII. They shall have served at least two years on the State Board of Directors and shall possess a good knowledge of garden club personnel throughout the state.

ARTICLE IX-FINANCE

Section 1-Dues

The dues shall obtain its funds from a charge of one dollar~~fifty cents~~ per member, each year. Dues are payable on May 1st and delinquent on July 1st.

Section2- Other funds may be obtained by other sources approved of by the executive board.

Secton3-State Convention surplus-any money remaining after entertaining the State convention shall be divided equally between the hostess district and the State Treasury.

Section 4 = a proposed budget shall be submitted to the executive committee before the spring meeting by the treasurer for approval.

Section 5- for reimbursement, a receipt or copy is required to accompany the written request , given to the treasurer.

ARTICLE X- DISTRICT MEETINGS

Section- 1-Regular and special meetings

There shall be a minimum of two meetings a year, one in the fall and one in the spring, prior to the state conventions. Dates shall be determined by the state president and the district director, conferring together-.

Special meetings may be called by the executive-committee if the need is urgent.

Hosting of the State Convention in District III will be rotated between clubs, with full cooperation for the entertaining and business shared by all, but organized by a special committee from the hostess club.

Section2-Club rotation

Each Garden Club shall be responsible for hosting the district meeting in rotation. They shall send invitation to all district clubs a month ahead of the event, indicating the time place and program.

Section 3-A quorum for a regular meeting shall be a majority of one third of those present, who are eligible to vote as members of member clubs.

ARTICLE XI-AMENDMENTS

These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any meeting of District III providing notice of such amendment has been sent to each club president at least thirty days prior to that meeting.

ARTICLE-XII-PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern District III in all cases in which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with any special rules of order that the district may adopt.

ARTICLE XIII- DISSOLUTION

~~Upon dissolution of the District III organization, no part of any net earnings shall accrue to the benefit of or be distributed to any member. Any remaining assets shall be used as the membership shall determine for the purpose and objectives of District III of New Mexico Garden Clubs, Inc.~~

District funds shall be disposed of in accordance with the IRS regulations for 501(c)3