

TYGART VALLEY DISTRICT of West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

BY-LAWS

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ARTICLE I – Name

Section 1

The name of this organization shall be Tygart Valley District of West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

ARTICLE II – Purpose

Section 1

Currently reads: To co-ordinate the activities of the Garden Clubs in Barbour, Grant, Hardy, Lewis, Pendleton, Randolph, Tucker, Mineral and Upshur counties, and to provide a link between the local District and West Virginia Garden Club, Inc. and National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc.

Recommendation: change National Council of State Garden Clubs, Inc. to read National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Reasoning: National legally changed name.

Section 2

To promote the organization of new clubs.

ARTICLE III – Membership

Section 1

Membership shall be open to all Garden Clubs in the District

ARTICLE VI – Dues

Section 1

Currently reads: Annual dues, Three dollars per member are payable July 1. Clubs not paid by September 1 shall be considered delinquent and notified.

Recommendation: Annual dues, Two dollars per member are payable July 1. Clubs not paid by September 1 shall be considered delinquent and notified. (To take effect July 1, 2016.)

Reasoning: National raising dues from \$.50 per member to \$1.00 per member to help offset raise in dues so that clubs will not have to raise club dues and possibly lose members.

ARTICLE V – Officers
Section 1

Currently reads: The officers of the Tygart Valley District shall consist of the director (elected), secretary, treasurer and Publicity chairman appointed by the director. In the absence of the District Director, and by request, the immediate past District Director will represent her.

Recommendation: The officers of the Tygart Valley District shall consist of the director (elected), assistant director (elected), secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian appointed by the director. In the absence of the District Director, and by request, the Assistant District Director or the immediate past District Director will represent her. (See West Virginia Garden Club Handbook – Article XII, Section 2, Sub-set b.)

Reasoning: Article does not take office of Asst. District Director or parliamentarian into consideration, publicity chairman does not exist. Abide by WVGCH.

Section 2

Currently reads: District Director shall be elected at the Annual District Meeting, see West Virginia Garden Club Handbook, page 46.

Recommendation: District Director and Assistant District Director shall be elected at the Annual District Meeting (see West Virginia Garden Club Handbook – Article XII, Section 4.)

Reasoning: Articles does not take the office of Asst. District Director into consideration.

Section 3

Currently reads: The District Director appoints a nominating committee, consisting of three members from various clubs throughout the district, at her first annual meeting.

Recommendation: The District Director appoints a nominating committee, consisting of three members from various clubs throughout the district; one member of committee should be present or past member of State Board, at her first annual meeting. (See West Virginia Garden Club Handbook – Policies of the West Virginia Garden Club, Inc. – District Directors, Duties of District Director, Duties to the State’s Organizations, Appointments/Elections.)

Reasoning: To abide by Policies of the state.

ARTICLE VI – Meetings
Section 1

An annual meeting shall be held with the date to be set by the State President. The annual meeting shall be self-supporting.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called if necessary by the district director.

Section 3

Two-thirds of the district clubs shall constitute a quorum at an annual or a special meeting, each club having one vote.

ARTICLE VII – Committees

Section 1

Chairman of special committees (as needed) shall be appointed by the district director.

Currently reads:

Section 2

Each club within the district will select a person to fill the chairmanship of a standing committee, on a rotating basis and submit that person's name at the Spring Workshop, (formally known as President's Workshop).

Section 3

Standing Committees:

1. Awards (Evergreen Youth, Garden Therapy and Yearbook)
 2. Birds, Butterflies and Wildflowers
 3. Book
 4. Civic Development and Historical Preservation
 5. Flower Shows and Schools
 6. Garden Therapy
 7. Horticulture
 8. Membership
 9. Youth Education and Conservation – Arbor Day
- Committee chairman duties, West Virginia Garden Club Handbook, page 23

Recommendation: Eliminate Section 2 and Section 3

Reasoning: No longer being done

Recommendation 2: Create new Section 2 and Section 3 form Audit Committee and Awards Committee – to read as follows

Section 2

Awards – Assistant District Director shall chair this committee with two other members from various clubs throughout the district.

Section 3

Audit committee shall be appointed by the District Director and will consist of three members from various clubs though out the district (and not from current district treasurer's club). Audit should be completed at the end of the two year term. (see West Virginia Garden Club Handbook – Policies of the West Virginia Garden Club, Inc. – Districts, Duties of District Director, Duties to the State's Organizations, Appointments/Elections.)

Reasoning: to abide by West Virginia Garden Club Handbook

ARTICLE VIII – Amendments Section 1

These by-laws may be amended at the annual meeting by two-thirds vote of those clubs present, provided a copy of the proposed amendment has been read at a previous meeting or sent to the president of each club sixty days in advance.

ARTICLE IX – Parliamentary Authority Section 1

Roberts' Rule of Order and the West Virginia Garden Club Handbook.

Recommendation

ARTICLE X – Dissolution Section 1

The District shall not be dissolved unless the majority of the Board Members first authorize dissolution.

Section 2

Dissolution of the District may only occur with a two-thirds vote from the District members.

Section 3

Should the District vote to be dissolved, and all liabilities and obligations have been satisfied, then any remaining funds in the treasury would be distributed only to non-profit organizations which are at that time qualified for exemption from federal income tax as an organization described in 501 3(C) of the Internal Revenue Code. Said non-profit organizations should be organized exclusively for charitable, scientific and educational purposes and all of the activities shall be in furtherance of such purposes. (See Policies of the West Virginia Garden Club, Inc., General Policies, Item 4, Sub-set e.)

Reasoning: No current clause for dissolution – abide by Policies of the West Virginia Garden Club, Inc.

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