



**The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.
Organized 1930
Federated with NGC, Inc. 1934**

**BY LAWS
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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of this organization shall be The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc. (GCSC).

ARTICLE II - OBJECT

The object and purpose of this non-profit organization shall be:

1. To operate on a non-profit basis and solely for the benevolent charitable, scientific and educational purposes conducive to the well-being of the community and state.
2. To promote the protection and conservation of our natural resources.
3. To encourage civic planting and beautification, and the establishment and maintenance of roadside parks.
4. To maintain The Memorial Garden and establish Blue Star Memorials honoring our war dead and living veterans.
5. To further horticultural education, conservation, and landscape design through scholarships.
6. To advance the arts of gardening, landscape design, floral design and horticulture through schools, symposiums and non-commercial flower shows.
7. To encourage the love of all phases of garden club work among youth.
8. To give awards for achievement in beautification, conservation, and horticulture and flower shows.
9. To coordinate the interest and activities of this organization and to cooperate with other organizations in the furtherance of GCSC objectives.
10. To restrict the activities of the organization so that it shall not be used or operated for the private profit or benefit of any officer or member of this organization. *See ARTICLE XVI - DISSOLUTION.*

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP AND STANDARDS

Section 1. The membership of GCSC, Inc. shall consist of two classes: Voting membership and non-voting membership.

A. Voting Membership: Voting membership shall consist of delegates of GCSC, Inc. member clubs.
Required Standards:

1. The club shall have maintained an active organization for a period of at least three (3) months.
2. To organize a club the membership must be composed of a minimum of ten (10) paid members.
3. The club shall hold a minimum of seven (7) meetings per year, but nine (9) meetings per year are recommended.
4. Programs for meetings should include the study of some phase of GCSC and NGC objectives: Horticulture, Conservation/Environmental Protection of Natural Resources,

Gardening, Floral Design, Landscape Design, Historic Preservation, Civic Beautification, and others.

5. In addition the meetings may include activities such as floral design or horticulture workshops, historic preservation projects, flower show, tours, work with youth, other.
 6. Application for voting membership/federated status shall be by invitation, proposed by a member club, endorsed by two other member clubs and approved by the Membership Committee.
 7. Dissolution statement should be included in club/councils bylaws. (*See GCSC Bylaw Article XVI- DISSOLUTION*)
- B. Non-Voting Membership: Non-voting members may attend all GCSC annual meetings, but shall not be eligible to debate, vote or hold office.
1. An Individual Member-at-Large who must be a gardener of outstanding merit and a South Carolina Life Member or a National Life Member. The member-at-large must reside in a community where there is no club affiliated with GCSC or where the club affiliate has a numerically limited membership. New individual members-at-large must be proposed by the Presidents of two member clubs, passed by the Membership Committee and endorsed by the Board of Directors.
 2. Council of Garden Clubs to be made up of Garden Clubs in good standing with GCSC. Membership shall be by invitation of the GCSC Membership Committee and endorsed by the State President and the Board of Directors.
 3. Youth Garden Clubs become affiliate members upon yearly registration with the sponsoring Garden Club. Federated garden clubs/councils that sponsor Youth Garden Clubs pay their dues to GCSC Treasurer.
 4. Affiliate Members-Eligible to any organization expressing a desire to further the objectives and purposes of GCSC and whose own objectives concur with those of GCSC shall be eligible for application for affiliate membership.
 - Affiliate membership may be accorded to such organization upon recommendation in writing to the GCSC Membership Chairman from a member garden club and upon receipt of application and required fee.
 - Admission shall be by vote of the Board of Directors.
 - Benefits of Affiliate Membership:
 - a. The President of said organization to receive The South Carolina Gardener.
 - b. Annual listing of affiliates in The South Carolina Gardener
 - c. The privilege to be recognized as an affiliate of GCSC
 - d. Eligible for reduced advertising rates in The South Carolina Gardener
 - e. Link on the GCSC website
 5. Distinguished Honorary Members: Shall be a person who has made “distinctive contributions” in South Carolina to the arts, sciences, research, public service or other notable pursuits allied with and beneficial to GCSC. May be accorded to an individual who is not a member of a garden club.
 - Admission shall be by vote of the Board of Directors.
 - Distinguished Honorary Member to receive The South Carolina Gardener.
 - Annual listing of Distinguished Honorary Member in The South Carolina Gardener and may be posted on GCSC Website.
 - Distinguished Honorary members shall not be eligible to hold office or vote.

- C. Golden Circle Members- GCSC members who have served on the Board of Directors for 25 years or more will be known as the Golden Circle.

Section 2. Former member clubs may be reinstated upon payment of dues for the current year and the approval of the Membership Committee.

Section 3. Special Member Organization-The Nationally Accredited Judges Club of South Carolina and the Landscape Design Consultants Council of South Carolina, consisting of members of federated garden clubs, may be endorsed for membership by the GCSC Board of Directors, by application for membership.

Section 4. A member of the Board of Directors must be a GCSC dues-paying member in good standing of a GCSC-federated garden club.

ARTICLE IV - FINANCE

Section 1. The fiscal year shall be from May 1 through April 30.

Section 2. GCSC shall be financed by annual dues to be paid by April 1 of each calendar year.

- A. Each member club shall pay annual dues per capita which shall include an annual subscription to The South Carolina Gardener and payment of NGC dues. The Board of Directors shall review the annual dues amount as recommended by the Finance Committee at the time of budget presentation. Any dues increase will become effective the following fiscal year.
 - 1. New clubs shall pay a one- time processing fee as set by the Board of Directors.
 - 2. New clubs which become federated after the month of September will pay one-half the annual dues per member, as set by the Board of Directors, for the current year.
- B. Each Council of Garden Clubs and each State Member Organization shall pay annual dues as set by the Board of Directors.
- C. Each Member-at-Large shall pay annual due as set by the Board of Directors.
- D. Each Youth Garden Club Sponsor shall pay annual dues as set by the Board of Directors.
- E. Each Affiliate Member shall pay annual dues as set by the Board of Directors.

Section 3. A budgeted amount shall be appropriated each year to partially defray the expenses of the President or the Official delegate to National and Region Meetings and when she/he represents the State at required meetings and workshops.

Section 4. The books of the Treasurer shall be closed April 30 each year. Monies received after that date shall be accepted and credited to the following fiscal year. The Treasurer shall submit the books to the accountant no later than June 1.

Section 5. The GCSC Treasurer shall pay all bills incurred for the publication of The South Carolina Gardener from a fund consisting of one-half the annual dues and the sale of advertising.

Section 6. Each month, Chairmen must immediately submit all monies received and expenses to the Treasurer.

Section 7. All monies of GCSC shall be divided into the following funds:

- A. General Funds
- B. Restricted Funds

Section 8. GCSC shall have a signed contract with anyone selling at any meeting/function of GCSC, Inc.

Section 9. The Board of Directors will approve use of the name ‘The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc.’

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN AND ELECTIONS

Section 1. The officers of this Organization shall be President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, Historian and seven (7) District Directors as follows: Coastal, East Low Country, West Low Country, East Piedmont, West Piedmont, East Sandhills, West Sandhills.

Section 2. The Standing Committee Chairmen of GCSC, Inc. shall be:

- Arbor Day/Trees
- Awards
- Bees/Butterflies
- Birds/Backyard Wildlife Habitat
- Blue Star Memorial Marker
- Camp Wildwood
- Civic Development/Roadside Beautification
- Conservation
- Environmental Education/Litter Control/Recycling
- Flower Show Awards
- Flower Show/Accredited Judges Chairman
- Flower Show Schools/Student Chairman
- 501(c)(3)
- Garden Tours and Historic Trails
- Garden Therapy
- GCSC Life Membership
- High School Essay
- Historic Preservation
- Horticulture
- Landscape Design Schools
- Legislation
- Membership
- Memorial Garden Trustees/Appointees (5)
- Memorial Garden Trustees DD (7)
- National Garden Week
- NGC/SAR Life Membership
- Personnel and Protocol
- Publicity/Public Relations
- Scholarships
- The South Carolina Gardener Editor
- Wildflowers
- Youth Awards
- Youth Symposium

Section 3. Elections

- A. Election of Officers will take place in the odd-numbered years. Officers shall be elected for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. No elected officer shall serve

more than one (1) term in the same office except the Treasurer who may serve three (3) terms (6 years). District Directors may serve two (2) terms (4 years).

- B. The elected First Vice President shall become President Elect as of the September Board of Directors Meeting in the even calendar year. Officers shall assume their duties at the end of the Convention at which they are elected.
- C. No Vice President shall serve for more than two (2) years in the same chairmanship, except when designated to fill an unexpired term.
- D. Nominations for all Elective Officers except Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, Historian, Chaplain, and District Directors, shall be made by a State Nominating Committee composed of one (1) Member from each of the seven (7) Districts and one (1) Member appointed by the President. The Presidential Appointee shall be Chairman of the State Nominating Committee and shall not have a vote and shall call a meeting of this Committee to prepare a slate of Officers. The elected First Vice President shall become President-Elect as of the September Board of Directors Meeting in the even-numbered year. The Nominating Committee shall extend to the incoming President the privilege of naming the nominees for Corresponding Secretary, Parliamentarian, Historian and Chaplain. These nominees shall be included in the State Nominating Committee Report.

Section 4. Vacancies

- A. In case of a vacancy in the office of President of The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc., the First Vice President (or President-Elect as of the September Board of Directors Meeting in the even-numbered year), shall accede to the office and shall serve until close of the administration.
- B. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of the First Vice President, the Second Vice President shall accede to the office and serve until the close of the Administration.
- C. In the event of a vacancy in the Office of Second and/or Third Vice President, Recording Secretary or Treasurer, it shall be filled by action of the Executive Committee and subject to ratification by the Board of Directors.
- D. Any member filling a vacancy in the Office shall be eligible for re-election provided this member shall have served no more than one-half of the term.

Section 5. Standing and Special Committee Chairmen

- A. Standing and Special Committee Chairmen shall be appointed by the President-Elect.
- B. The President-Elect may appoint three (3) Honorary Memorial Garden Committee members and/or GCSC State Headquarters Committee members.

Section 6. State Nominating Committee

- A. In the fall of the odd-numbered years, each District Director shall appoint a nominating committee of three (3) who shall present, in writing, at the Spring District meeting, a nominee and a first and second alternate to serve on the State Nominating Committee. A nominee to the State Nominating Committee may serve only once in a six-year period. The nominee must then be endorsed by the District. At the Spring District meeting in the even-numbered year, the District Nominating Committee shall present a nominee for District Director and Co-Director to be elected at this meeting and ratified at the Convention.
- B. The seven (7) representatives of the State Nominating Committee shall meet with the First Vice President prior to the September Board of Directors meeting in the even-numbered calendar year. The representatives, as the Board of Directors Search Committee, shall present personnel forms of potential Board members from their respective districts to be considered for appointment as Standing Chairmen by the President-Elect.

- C. The report of the State Nominating Committee shall be made at the January Board of Directors meeting in the election year. The report of this committee shall be given to the President-Elect, as soon as nominations are complete, but no later than January 1 of the election year. This information shall then be sent in writing or published in The South Carolina Gardener to all Garden Club Presidents at least thirty (30) days prior to the Convention. Opportunity shall be given for additional nominations from the floor at the time of the State Meeting or Convention. In the event more than one nominee is offered for an office, the vote for that office shall be by written ballot. This State Nominating Committee will dissolve immediately after the Installation Convention of the odd-numbered years.

Section 7. Delegates

- A. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be considered an official delegate to the State Meeting or Convention. No member may vote in more than one capacity.
- B. Delegates and alternates to all meetings of NGC shall be appointed by the President with approval of the Board of Directors at the January Board of Directors Meeting.

Section 8. SAR and NGC Officers and Nominating Committee Members: Names of persons eligible to be nominated for the SAR and NGC Nominating Committee shall be submitted by the Personnel and Protocol Chairman for approval by the Board of Directors at the January Board of Directors Meeting in the even-numbered year. Persons eligible for the SAR Director, SAR Alternate Director and NGC Nominating Committee, are determined by SAR and NGC requirements.

ARTICLE VI - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President shall:

- A. Preside at all meetings of The Garden Club of South Carolina, Inc., the Board of Directors and Executive Committee.
- B. Appoint Standing and Special Chairmen and Committees.
- C. Fill vacancies occurring in appointed offices with the approval of the Board of Directors.
- D. Uphold the Bylaws and Policy and Procedure.
- E. Prepare a condensed report of the work of the year (except finance and history) to be presented at the Annual Meeting.
- F. Be Ex-Officio member of all committees, except the Nominating Committee.
- G. Plan or delegate the planning for the Annual Meeting.
- H. Secure Legal Counsel when necessary.
- I. Submit the name of a Certified Public Accountant and engage the Certified Public Accountant approved by the Board of Directors.
- J. Be responsible for the general supervision of Headquarters.
- K. Make the official report at the National Convention at the end of the first year of the term of office. If the President is unable to attend, the First Vice President shall make the official report, after notification to the NGC President. At the end of the second year of the term of office, the retiring President shall make the official report at National Convention. If the retiring President is unable to attend, the newly elected President or a Vice President, in order of rank, shall make the official report, after notification to the NGC President.
- L. Sign NGC Applications.
- M. Be able to authorize transaction of business by electronic device or other distribution.

Section 2. The First Vice President shall:

- A. Be chairman of the Bylaws Committee.

- B. Be chairman of the Policy Committee.
- C. Be chairman of the Finance Committee
- D. Serve on the Awards Committee.
- E. Serve on the Executive Committee.
- F. In the absence of the President, shall perform all duties of the office.
- G. Upon the resignation of the President, shall become Acting President and hold office until the next election.
- H. Become President-Elect as of the September Board of Directors Meeting in the even-numbered year.
- I. Be chairman of the Board of Directors Search Committee.

Section 3. The Second Vice President shall:

- A. Be responsible for State, SAR, and NGC Award applications.
- B. Serve on the Bylaws Committee.
- C. Serve on the Policy Committee.
- D. Serve on the Executive Committee.
- E. In the absence of the President and First Vice President, perform all duties of the President's office.
- F. Serve on the Finance Committee.
- G. Present Awards Workshops at least annually.

Section 4. The Third Vice President shall:

- A. Be Chairman of the biennial Convention in the odd-numbered year and the State Meeting in the even-numbered year.
- B. During the second year of a term, the incoming Third Vice President shall with the incoming President select the location for the State Meeting and Convention in a timely manner.
- C. Serve on the Awards Committee.
- D. Serve on the Policy Committee.
- E. Serve on the Executive Committee.
- F. Be Resolutions Chairman.
- G. In the absence of the President, First Vice President and Second Vice President, shall perform all duties of the President's office.
- H. Serve on the Finance Committee.
- I. Serve on the Bylaws Committee.

Section 5. The Recording Secretary shall:

- A. Record the proceedings of all meetings of the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and the Annual Meeting.
- B. Furnish copies of the Minutes to all members of the Board of Directors within one month of the meeting.
- C. Keep in permanent form, the Minutes of the State Meeting, Convention, Executive Committee and the Board of Directors meetings.
- D. Serve on the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Corresponding Secretary shall:

- A. Conduct the correspondence delegated by the President.
- B. Read all communications in Board of Directors Meeting.
- C. Send announcements of Meetings to the Members of the Board of Directors.
- D. Have charge of the stationery.

- E. Send a copy of the official roster of GCSC, as prepared by the Computer Data Chairman of GCSC, to NGC as soon as possible, after May 15 of the odd numbered year.
- F. Maintain a list of Members of the Board of Directors.
- G. Maintain a list of all Committees.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall:

- A. Collect and record all monies belonging to GCSC and monies directed to organizations within the framework of GCSC, except where specified in the Policy and Procedure Guidelines.
- B. Make a detailed financial report at each Board of Directors Meetings.
- C. Compile the annual report at the close of the Club year showing the financial standing of the organization.
- D. Prepare a condensed copy of the annual report for publication in The South Carolina Gardener.
- E. Shall pay all bills upon the approval of the President.
- F. Disburse funds as directed by the Board of Directors in accordance with the budget adopted by GCSC at the Annual Meeting.
- G. Notify by May 1 clubs which have not paid dues and are in arrears that said dues must be paid before June 1. After two additional notices, clubs still with unpaid dues will be dropped from membership.
- H. Each year, at the close of the fiscal year, submits by June 1, required materials to the Certified Public Accountant. The accountant's findings shall be reported at the following Fall meeting of the Board of Directors.
- I. Shall be bonded for such a sum as directed by the Board of Directors. The expenses of the bond is to be paid from the treasury of GCSC.
- J. Serve on the Finance Committee.
- K. Make accounts and vouchers available for inspection by the Board of Directors.
- L. Transfer to the succeeding Treasurer, by June 1, monies and all records pertaining to the office, which are not required by the Certified Public Accountant.
- M. Be accountable for receipts and disbursements.
- N. Be responsible for filing of necessary forms to the Internal Revenue Service and Secretary of State, with copies submitted to the President.
- O. Be responsible for having copies of the annual accounting examination sent to the President, and First and Second Vice Presidents.
- P. Serve on the Executive Committee.

Section 8. The Historian shall:

- A. Compile and file annually, with the President and the Recording Secretary, an accurate history of the accomplishments of GCSC.
- B. File with the NGC Historian, by March 15 of the odd-numbered year, a one-page summary of the State's activities and achievements.
- C. At the end of each administration, after approval by the GCSC President and within three (3) weeks of the end of National Convention, file with the NGC Historian and the SAR Historian, one copy each of a typed, double spaced summary of the history of the two-year administration of GCSC.
- D. File the two-year history of GCSC with the Caroliniana Library at the University of South Carolina and submit a copy to the State President and Recording Secretary at the end of the administration.

Section 9. The Parliamentarian shall:

- A. Attend all official meetings.
- B. Assist Member Clubs upon request regarding Parliamentary procedure.
- C. Serve on the Bylaws Committee.
- D. Serve on the Policy and Procedure Committee

ARTICLE VII - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President and other officers, District Directors, Co-Directors, Standing and Special Committee Chairmen, and the Advisory Council shall compose the Board of Directors and each shall have a vote.

Section 2. Subject to the Bylaws and to any special action taken by the state organization, the Board of Directors, which is the state governing body, shall have the power to transact all necessary business of the state organization between the State Meeting and Convention.

Section 3. The Immediate Former President of GCSC shall serve on the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity to advise the President and the Board of Directors on matters pertaining to the efficient operation of GCSC.

ARTICLE VIII - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, Parliamentarian, District Directors (7) and the immediate Former President.

Section 2. Subject to the Bylaws and to any special action taken by GCSC, the Executive Committee shall have the power to transact all necessary business for the State organization between Board meetings.

ARTICLE IX - ADVISORY COUNCIL

Section 1. The Advisory Council shall be composed of Former Presidents who have a continued interest in the objectives of GCSC and who retain their membership in a federated garden club. The Immediate Former President shall be Chairman.

Section 2. Shall meet at least annually and prepare recommendations to be presented to the Board of Directors for their consideration for the long-term welfare of GCSC.

ARTICLE X - DISTRICTS AND DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Section 1. GCSC shall be divided into the following seven (7) districts: Coastal, East Low Country, West Low Country, East Piedmont, West Piedmont, East Sandhills, and West Sandhills. These Districts shall be outlined by the Board of Directors and may be changed at its discretion. Each District shall have a Director to be nominated by the District and elected at the Annual Meeting in the odd-numbered years.

Section 2. Each District shall hold one Spring District Meeting each year and host a biennial Convention of GCSC once every fourteen (14) years, according to the following order of rotation: East Low Country, West Piedmont, West Low Country, Coastal, East Piedmont, West Sandhills, East Sandhills. The time shall be decided by the President and the place for the District Meetings shall be decided by the Director and the hostess club/clubs, subject to the approval of the State President.

Section 3. Each District may hold an annual, informal Fall Gathering, which will allow all

members of district federated garden clubs to meet GCSC officers and district members of the GCSC Board of Directors, while learning about programs and projects. The President shall decide the date and time and the District Director shall decide the location.

ARTICLE XI - MEETINGS

Section 1.

- A. There shall be a GCSC State Meeting in the even-numbered year. The place and time shall be made by the State President and the Third Vice President, State Convention Chairman.
- B. There shall be an Installation Convention of GCSC in the odd-numbered year. All arrangements must meet the approval of the State President and Third Vice President, State Convention Chairman. *See Article VI, Section 4B, and Article X, Section 2.*
- C. One-third (1/3) of the delegates registered and eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2.

- A. There shall be at least three (3) meetings of the Board of Directors each year: one meeting in September, one in January and one in conjunction with the State Meeting or Convention. An additional meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held in April or May following the biennial Convention, in the odd- numbered years.
- B. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors may be called by the written request of ten (10) members of the Board of Directors.
- C. A majority of members eligible to vote shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3. The Local Committee Chairman and Co-Chairman for the Convention shall be invited by the State Convention Chairman, Third Vice President, to attend the January Board of Directors Meeting preceding the Convention.

ARTICLE XII - DELEGATES

Section 1. Each member club shall be entitled to send the following delegates to the Annual Meeting.

Membership categories are determined by the number of GCSC dues- paying members.

- A. Clubs of fewer than 20 members - the President or alternate and one delegate.
- B. Clubs of 20-29 members - the President or alternate and one delegate.
- C. Clubs of 30-44 members - the President or alternate and two delegates.
- D. Clubs of 45-69 members - the President or alternate and three delegates.
- E. Clubs of 70-99 members - the President or alternate and four delegates.
- F. Clubs of 100-300 members - the President or alternate and four delegates, plus one delegate for each additional 50 members.
- G. Clubs of 300 or more - the President or alternate and four delegates, plus one delegate for each additional 50 members.
- H. The retiring President shall be the official delegate to the National Convention when the election of the State President is prior to said convention.
- I. Each member of the Board of Directors shall be considered a regularly accredited delegate to the Annual Meeting. No member may vote in more than one capacity. *See Article V, Section 7 A.*

ARTICLE XIII - COMMITTEES

Section 1. GCSC shall conform to organizational committees so nearly as possible to that of NGC. Each District Director shall appoint a District Chairmen to serve State Chairmen, if requested.

Section 2. The President may appoint an assistant to any Chairman unable to function or fulfill the

duties of the chairmanship.

Section 3. Bylaws Committee

- A. This Committee shall be composed the First Vice President, who serves as Chairman; the Parliamentarian, the Second Vice President, the Third Vice President, the immediate Former President, and two Board Members appointed by the President.
- B. Proposed Bylaw amendments are to be endorsed by the Board of Directors at the January Meeting and voted on in accordance with *Article XVII, Section 1*.

Section 4. Policy Committee

This committee shall be composed the First Vice President, who serves as Chairman, the Second Vice President, Third Vice President, Parliamentarian and the Former President of the prior administration and the 501(c)(3) Chairman.

Section 5. Finance Committee

This committee shall be composed of the First Vice President who serves as chairman, the Second Vice President, the Third Vice President, the Treasurer, the Editor of The South Carolina Gardener, and one Board of Directors member appointed by the President. *Article VI, Section 2, C*.

ARTICLE XIV - DUTIES OF STANDING AND SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Section 1. Chairmen of all Standing and Special Committees shall:

- A. Function in accordance with their respective Region and National chairmen.
- B. Conduct the work approved by the President and shall undertake no work without this approval.
- C. Prepare an outlined plan of programs and projects for the year.
- D. Immediately upon the expiration of their term of office, deliver to their successor all books, records, and properties pertaining to the office.
- E. Annually fund awards in amounts requested by the Finance Committee.

Section 2. The South Carolina Gardener Editor:

- A. It shall be the duty of The South Carolina Gardener editor to publish quarterly issues of periodical.
- B. The editor shall consult the President on the contents of each issue, prior to publication.
- C. The editor shall serve on the Finance Committee.
- D. Each quarterly edition shall be mailed, either in hard copy or electronically, to the Caroliniana Library, paid membership, advertisers and per the State President, selected State Presidents or editors of other state publications.

Section 3. Memorial Garden Trustees:

- A. These shall be the Trustees of the Memorial Garden: five (5) appointed by the President and the seven (7) District Directors shall serve as Memorial Garden Trustees
- B. The Trustees shall meet at the request of the Memorial Garden Chairman or on written request by three (3) committee members.
- C. The Memorial Garden Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Trustees, supervise the work of upkeep and beautification of The Memorial Garden and render an annual report of activities and money spent. All Memorial Garden projects, contracts and expenditures must be approved by the President and Finance Committee.

Section 4. The Handbook Chairman, with approval of the GCSC President, Bylaws Committee

Chairman and Parliamentarian,, shall have authority to correct article and section designations, punctuation, spelling and other grammatical errors as well as other technical and conforming changes as may be necessary to reflect the intent of GCSC. Recommended by NGC Parliamentarian.

Section 5. Camp Wildwood Advisory Committee: The GCSC President. Camp Wildwood Chairman, Treasurer, and the Finance Committee Chairman shall serve on an Advisory Committee for GCSC with the Department of Natural Resources and the South Carolina Wildlife Federation. The President and Camp Wildwood Chairman shall be voting members at the Advisory Meeting.

ARTICLE XV - PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the Organization's final authority on all questions of procedure and parliamentary law not covered by the Bylaws.

ARTICLE XVI – DISSOLUTION

In the event of the dissolution of GCSC, the residual assets will be turned over to one or more organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or the corresponding provisions of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code of the Federal, State or Local Government for exclusive public purposes. No part of any income shall inure to the benefit of any officer or member of this organization.

ARTICLE XVII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. These Bylaws may be amended at any General Meeting by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present and voting, provided the proposed amendments shall have been sent by electronic communication to the Board of Directors for approval and sent to the general membership by electronic communication or published in The South Carolina Gardener at least thirty (30) days before the date of such Meeting. Amendments shall become effective at the close of the General Membership meeting unless otherwise stated.

Section 2. Amendments to the Bylaws shall be posted on the GCSC website immediately following the adopted changes.

Article XVIII – INDEMNIFICATION

Any current or former member of the GCSC Board of Directors who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit, or proceedings, for action taken on behalf of GCSC, shall be indemnified for all expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred in connection therewith only to the extent that their conduct was authorized by GCSC and to the extent permitted by Statutes of the State of South Carolina.