THE GARDENERS OF AMERICA MEN'S GARDEN CLUBS OF AMERICA **REGION BYLAWS**

ARTICLE I

NAME:	
This organization shall be known as	Region of
The Gardeners of America/Men's Garden Club of America, hereafter called the Region.	

ARTICLE II

OBJECTIVES:

To promote and coordinate joint club activities of the affiliated clubs of the Region.

To issue a news bulletin

To encourage the formation of new clubs

To elect a Region Director(s)

To act as liaison between affiliated clubs of the Region and the Headquarters of TCOA/MGCA

To assist all affiliated clubs in promoting and carrying out the programs and objectives of TGOA/MGCA

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership of the Region shall include all TGOA/MGCA affiliated clubs that are in the designated geographic boundary.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS:

There shall be a President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer. Officers shall serve for one calendar year, beginning January 1, each elective year or until their successors are elected. (Exception: In case of an officer resigning, for whatever reason, during his/her term of office, the Board of Directors shall nominate and elect a replacement for that office at the Board's regular scheduled meeting by a majority vote of those board members present.)

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the current Presidents of affiliated clubs, the immediate Past President of the affiliated clubs, the Region Director, the duly elected officers of the Region and the immediate Past President of the Region.

ARTICLE VI

VOTING:

Voting shall be on the basis of one vote per voting member. Voting by proxy shall not be allowed. Region officers shall be elected by vote of members present at the Fall Region Meeting (except as noted in Article IV). Voting shall be on the basis of "Majority Rule." The Board of Directors may conduct interim business by mail or phone, voting when it is not appropriate to call a special meeting.

ARTICLE VIII

COMMITTEES:

Committees desired and deemed necessary shall be appointed by the president with the concurrence of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IX

FUNDS:

Dues to be paid by affiliated clubs and other sources of income shall be recommended by the Board of Directors. The dues and other sources of income received shall be used for the assigned activities and functions authorized by the President and the Region Director(s). Dues payments shall be approved by the Board of Directors of the individual affiliated clubs.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS:

These by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the qualified voters present at the Region meeting, provided that the amendment has been sent to each affiliated club at least thirty (30) days prior to the meeting.

ARTICLE XI

STANDING RULES:

Standing rules shall be adopted to specify in detail such matters as time, date, and location of meetings, the list of committees and duties, the method of electing a Region Director(s), etc., to satisfy the requirements of these by -laws.

ARTICLE XII

RULES OF ORDER:

Roberts Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary authority for all matters of procedures not specifically covered in these by-laws.

(Region By-laws. Submitted by Richard Countryman 10-16-90)