Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.

2015 Stakeholders' Report

Mission Statement and Purposes

Revised August 2002

Mission Statement

The Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc. is a non-profit organization of people interested in growing nut trees and minor fruits such as pawpaws and persimmons. We achieve our Purposes by discussions at our annual meetings, through our publications, with our award-winning web site, and through interactions with other nut growing organizations throughout North America and the world.

Purposes

The Purposes of the NNGA shall be to:

1. Promote interest in and disseminate information about nuts, nut bearing trees, and selected minor fruits (such as pawpaws and persimmons) of the temperate zone;
2. Promote scientific research in the breeding and culture of nut bearing trees and selected minor fruits of the temperate zone;
3. Promote the standardization of cultivar names and the development of genetic bases for the establishment of the identity of cultivars of nut bearing trees and selected minor fruits of the temperate zone;
4. Promote the production of nuts and selected minor fruits of the temperate zone for both commercial and home use; and
5. Advance the culture and use of nuts, nut bearing trees, and selected minor fruits of the temperate zone.

President's Report

2015 was an eventful year for the NNGA. The big news story of the year is that two of the main pillars of the NNGA: Bill Sachs, our Treasurer and *Nutshell* Editor and Dennis Fulbright, our past President and Editor of the *Annual Report* (and so much more) are turning over their duties to Jeanne Romero-Severson, our new Treasurer, and Gina Zimbardi, our new layout editor/advertising manager of *The Nutshell* and *Annual Report*. Most of us will never know the sacrifice that these four members have made and are making for the sake of our association.

Our 106th annual meeting in La Crosse Wisconsin was a great piece of collaborative work among the University of Wisconsin Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems, the Upper Midwest Hazelnut Development Initiative, and the NNGA.

This collaboration brought in 150 participants (most of whom were not NNGA members) and allowed us to fulfill our mission of disseminating information, and promoting the research, culture and production of nut trees, PawPaws and persimmons.

Jason Fischbach and Diane Mayerfeld of the UW Madison Center for Integrated Agricultural Systems generously donated their time and grant money (from the U.S.D.A. National Institute of Food and Agriculture Specialty Crop Research Initiative) to organize and defray the costs of the meeting. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to them as well as to Melissa Webster (UW La Crosse) and our own Jerry Henkin, Sandra Anagnostakis, and many others for the wonderful job that they did.

At our annual Board meeting we discussed some changes that we need to make regarding our publication of *The Nutshell* and *Annual Report*. As many of you know, this makes up approximately 75% of our fixed costs on an annual basis. Several years ago we combined *The Nutshell* and *Annual Report* into a single quarterly publication, and last year we started the "on-line-only" publication of the Winter edition of *The Nutshell*. These moves have provided a huge savings for the NNGA.

We are currently discussing a two-tiered membership dues schedule; with one price for those who want a hard copy of *The Nutshell*/*Annual Report*, and another reduced price for those who are willing to accept an "on-line-only" publication.

With the easy access to information that has become available in the "information age", very few people will pay our $40 annual dues to get it. They do not value or understand that the information has to come from somewhere. On the other hand, if we could drop 75% of our fixed costs associated with printing and mailing the hard copies of *The Nutshell*/*Annual Report*, we could theoretically reduce our membership dues a similar amount and perhaps gain a lot of new members; something to think about.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Stehli
President, 2014 – 2015

Financial Report (Unaudited)

1 October, 2014 – 30 September, 2015

Prepared by Bill Sachs, Treasurer

Income

General Fund Income	Actual
Memberships (PayPal: $6,870.00; Checks: $5,560.00)	$12,430.00
Advertising	$1,498.00
Book Sales (PayPal: $1,471.00; Checks: $690.00)	$2,161.00
Promotional Items	$818.00
Misc. (reimbursement, donation)	$0.00
Cash transfer from Life Member Fund	$1,896.57
Grant Disbursement from TFEC NNGA Endowment	$467.00
Interest, Dividends, Capital Gains	$1,993.51
Total	**$21,264.08**
Annual Meeting surplus	$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	**$21,264.08**

Expenses

General Fund Expenses	Actual
Annual Report (including mailing and tax)	$0.00
The Nutshell (including mailing and tax)	$12,325.23
Marketing	$0.00
Editor/Gina Zimbardi expenses	$239.88
File Maintenance (including tax)	$390.00
Secretary/T. Molnar expenses	$97.33
Office Supplies, photocopying, software	$6.69
Post Office Box	$220.00
Treasurer/postage	$156.39
Promotional Items	$288.00
Mailing books and Promotional Items	$229.68
Insurance (bonding Treasurer)	$202.00
PayPal fees	$224.37
Accountant, income tax preparation	$1,597.00
Miscellaneous expenses	$75.98
Refunds	$0.00
Total	**$16,052.55**
Annual Meeting expenses (UW – La Crosse)	$4,907.30
TOTAL EXPENSES	**$20,959.85**

Research Grant Expenditures

1 October, 2014 – 30 September, 2015

Description	Amount
Recipient	
CAES (Anagnostakis)	$1,080.00
Purdue Univ (Woeste)	$4,250.00
Univ Kentucky (Rieske-Kinney)	$3,462.00
Univ Missouri (Warmund)	$750.00
Rutgers Univ (Meuhlbauer)	$345.64
Univ Missouri (Warmund)	$4,286.00
Research Grants, Total Expenditures	**$14,173.64**

Assets

30 September, 2015

Asset	Amount
General Endowment, TFEC, Harrisburg[1]	$9,899.75
Research Endowment, TFEC, Harrisburg[2]	$13,104.63
Library Checking Account Balance	$1,875.17
PayPal Balance	$686.63
General Fund Money Market Balance[3]	$3,935.46
Investment value: General Fund	$57,571.68
Investment value: Life Member's Fund[4]	$37,323.91
Investment value: Research Fund	$165,145.24
Research Fund Money Market Balance[5]	$6,455.72
TOTAL LISTED ASSETS	**$295,626.19**

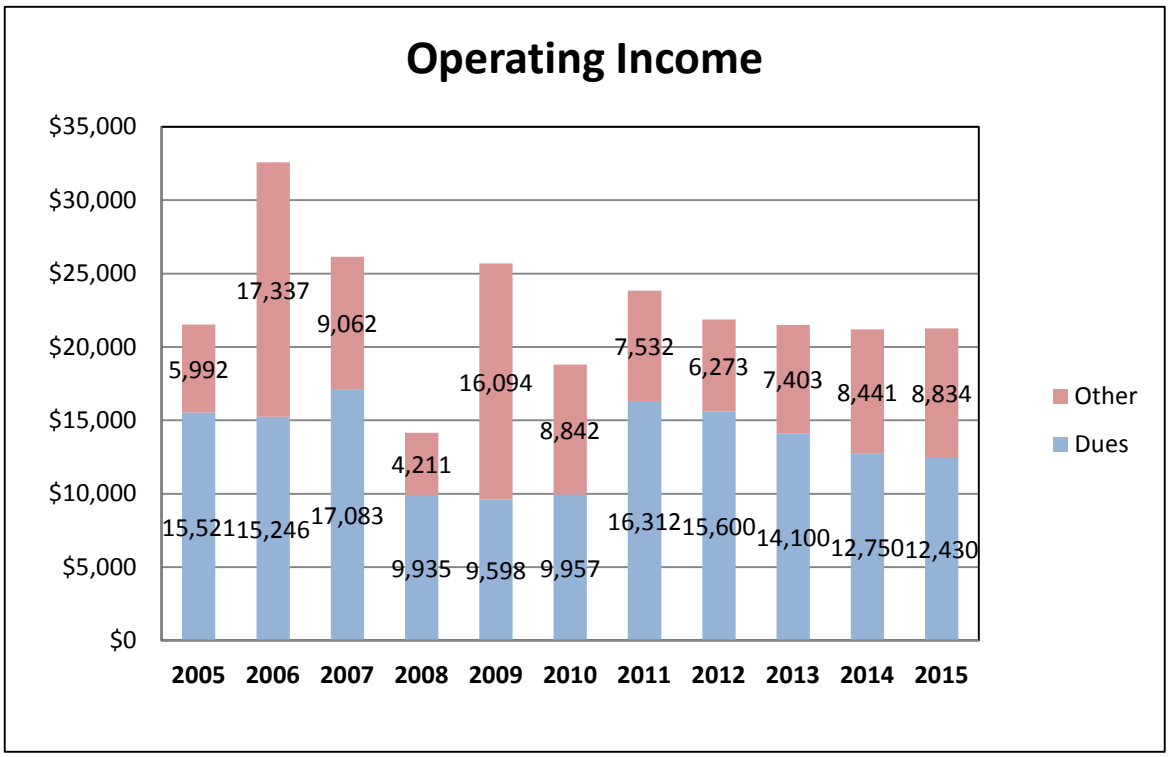
[1]Includes dividends ($308.14) and fees (-$250.53).

[2]Includes dividends ($406.66) and fees (-$251.69).

[3]Includes interest, dividends and capital gains from General Fund investments ($1,993.51).

[4]174 Life and Honorary members. Includes dividends and capital gains from Life Fund investments ($1,229.84) less cash transfer to General Fund ($1,896.57).

[5]Includes Research Fund interest, dividends, and capital gains ($5,370.76), proceeds from the Annual Auction ($2,648.00), donations ($1,149.00), and a grant disbursement from NNGA's TFEC Research Endowment ($612.00), less PayPal expenses (-$46.01).


Operating Income
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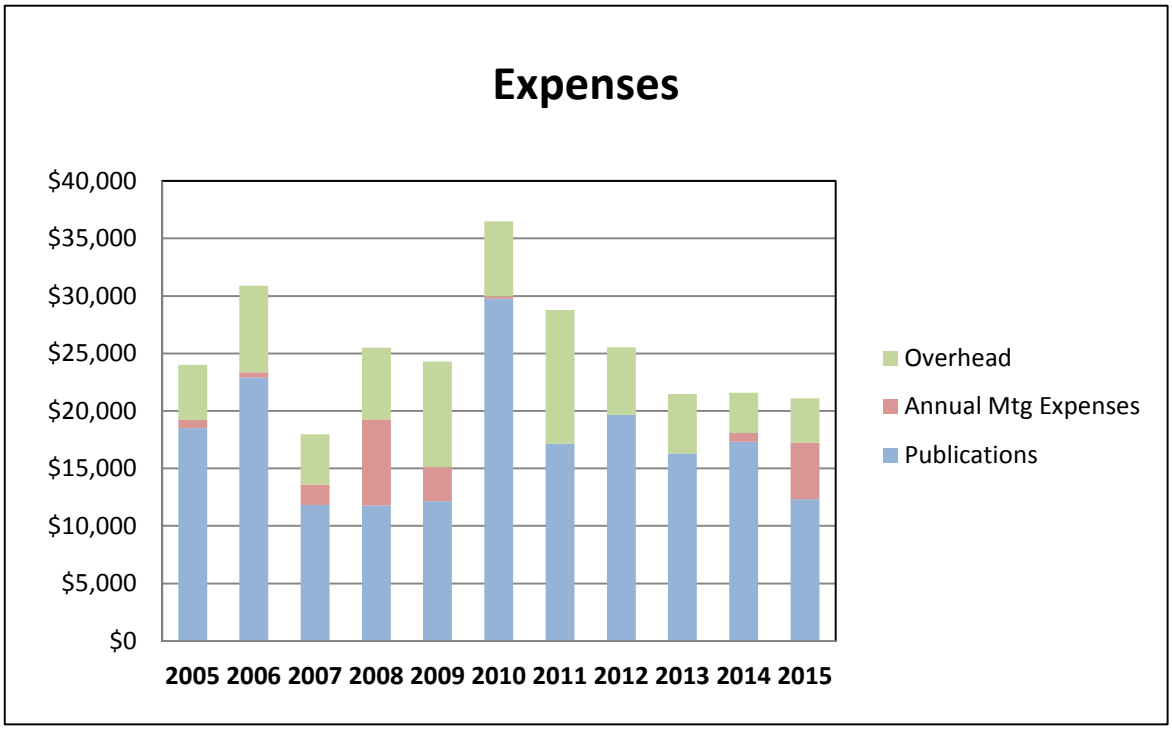
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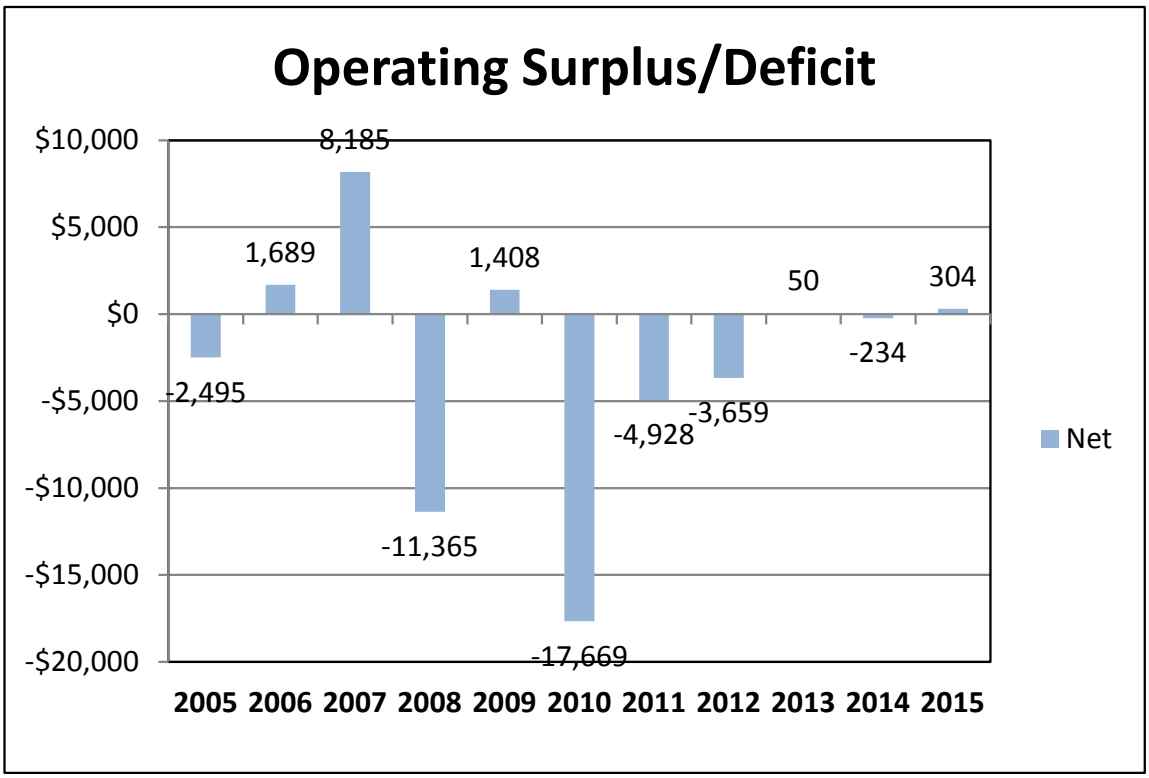

Notes on the Treasurer's Report for 2014 – 2015

Please refer to the accompanying tables and charts for detailed information about NNGA's financial performance during FY2015. The notes below are intended to highlight some of the more significant data in these tables.

Income

Dues payments are NNGA's principal source of operating revenue supporting publication of *The Nutshell* and *Annual Report*. Other sources of income include interest and dividends from investments, advertising, the sale of books and promotional items, and surplus revenue from annual meetings.

Dues income declined slightly in FY2015 compared with FY2014. Income from the sale of books and promotional items increased this year, but advertising revenue declined, mostly due to a lack of timely invoicing. NNGA realized a temporary deficit from our 106th Annual Meeting in Wisconsin due to pre-payment of the meeting banquet. Surplus revenue from the meeting will show up on NNGA's 2015 – 2016 balance sheet.

NNGA received $135 in research donations during FY2015, and our 19th annual auction at the 106th Annual Meeting in Wisconsin this past summer netted $3,616 for research, which included $1,014 in outright donations. Thanks to our donors, and members and guests who attend our annual meeting and bid generously at our research auction, we have been able to continue to award research grants annually.

Expenses

The cost of printing and mailing *The Nutshell* and *Annual Report* along with occasional miscellaneous publications comprises the lion's

share of NNGA's annual operating expenses. With last year's decision to convert the winter edition of *The Nutshell* and *Annual Report* to to an online photojournal issue, our publication expenses decreased nearly 30% this year over FY2014, but remain 76% of our total annual operating expenditures (excluding annual meeting expenses). Our remaining overhead expenses in FY2015 consisted mostly of office and mailing expenses, and our accountant's charge for preparing our federal income tax return. Overall, our operating expenses in FY2015 decreased by $4,600 compared with FY2014, excluding annual meeting expenditures. Even including this year's annual meeting expenditure, NNGA had a small operating surplus of approximately $304 in FY2015 (see chart).

NNGA awarded two new research grants in FY2015 and dispersed a little more than $14,000 in grant money.

Liabilities

NNGA's future liabilities at year end included the cost of assembling, printing and mailing its three unpublished *Annual Reports* in one consolidated issue at an anticipated cost of between $7,000 and $10,000; the publication of the second volume of "A Guide to Nut Tree Culture in North America;" and approximately $7,000 in outstanding research grant commitments.

Assets

With the decline in financial markets this year, the total value of NNGA's assets declined from $338,491 to $295,626 in FY2015, of which $101,020 is unrestricted. Restricted assets dedicated to funding research grants totaled $194,605 at year end.

Membership

Membership is the key to NNGA's financial health. NNGA had 453 members at the end 2015, 182 of whom were LIFE or other category of non-paying member. Of our remaining 271 dues-paying members, 192 must renew their memberships by the time the June 2016 *Nutshell/AR* is ready for mailing in order to continue to receive membership benefits. According to NNGA's bylaws, delinquent members are to be dropped from the membership role on April 1, but because the Spring *Nutshell/AR* is typically mailed late in the spring, delinquent members receive a "grace" copy.

Annual membership attrition can be tracked using data from our membership database near the end of the membership year. Based on the data currently available, the following table shows attrition for the past six years:

Membership Year	Paid-Up Dues-Paying Members*	Non-Renewing Members
2010	382	137
2011	510	66
2012	381	238
2013	361	144
2014	297	149
2015	271	99

*Year-end

The increase in dues-paying members in 2011 was due in part to 95 new members recruited by Bob Stehli at a chestnut seedling giveaway in collaboration with the Portage County Soil and Water Department in Ohio. The increase in non-renewing members in 2012 probably resulted from the dues increase in calendar 2011 from $25 to $40.

With three printed co-published issues of *The Nutshell* and *Annual Report*, NNGA now needs approximately 400 dues-paying members to cover its operating expenses with dues alone.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Sachs

106th Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.
University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, La Crosse, WI
Sunday, 26 July 2015

ATTENDANCE

Board members present:

Bob Stehli, President
Tim Ford, Vice President
Bill Sachs, Treasurer
Tom Molnar, Secretary
Sandra Anagnostakis
Shawn Mehlenbacher
Greg Miller
Jeanne Romero-Severson

Board members absent:

John Brittain
Troy Pabst

Appointees and Guests:

Jerry Lehman
Robert Hamilton, NAFEX President
Jerry Henkin, NNGA Librarian
Joe Hietter
John Wertis, NYNGA President
Gina Zimbardi, NNGA Editor

At 8:25 AM President Bob Stehli welcomed everyone to the 106th Annual Board Meeting.

Minutes from the 105th Annual Meeting as published in the *2014 Stakeholders' Report*

Motion:

Moved by Tom Molnar, seconded by Sandra Anagnostakis that the minutes be approved as circulated in the *Stakeholders' Report*.

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Action by E-mail

October 15, 2014 via email:

Motion:

Moved by Sandra Anagnostakis, seconded by Shawn Mehlenbacher to authorize the NNGA Treasurer to send Gina Zimbardi a check for approximately $240 to cover the cost of a year's access to Adobe Creative Suite to prepare her for working on the *Annual Report* and *Nutshell*,

Carried with one abstention.

Secretary's Report

Tom Molnar presented the Secretary's report with expenses totaling $110.77 primarily for mailing back issues of the *Nutshell/Annual Report*. A full copy of the Secretary's Report is reproduced in ***Individual and Committee Reports*** on page 14.

Tom stated that he used personal money to cover the cost of attending the 2015 meeting in Wisconsin despite the NNGA agreeing to cover expenses of the Secretary to keep this person's attendance at the meeting consistent from year to year. Tom used his own funds as a way to reduce operating costs for the NNGA but he did not wish it to set a precedent for the position in the future, where consistent attendance is considered important. Tom once again this year expressed special thanks to "Secretary Emeritus" Tucker Hill for continuing to answer

questions and helping people on behalf of the NNGA over the year. He does an excellent job on our behalf and deserves a lot of thanks and credit for his important role.

A discussion followed about also paying the expenses of the NNGA *Nutshell/Annual Report* Editor to regularly attend the annual meeting. The Board was in agreement about this topic and a motion was presented.

Motion:

Moved by Tim Ford, seconded by Sandra Anagnostakis that the NNGA should pay for the editor's associated fees/expenses to attend the Annual meeting.

Discussion was had by the board especially pertaining to who the NNGA should pay for in respect to expenses related to the annual meeting. Consensus was that the NNGA should keep its policy to pay the expenses of the Secretary and now also the Editor who plays a vital role in the function of the organization. A friendly amendment was made to the motion by Tim Ford.

Amended Motion:

That the NNGA should pay for the Editor's associated fees/expenses to attend the NNGA annual meeting subject to approval of the Treasurer and the President.

Carried.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Sachs presented the Treasurer's report, a full copy of which begins on page 4.

The topic of membership was discussed with only 399 members as of July 2015 (44% of these members are Life Members) but Bill expected it to increase to 425 by the end of the summer, which would put membership very close to 2014 levels but down from 2013. It was discussed that the NNGA has given out around $100,000 in grant money for nut tree research since 2004.

The TFEC endowment was also discussed and Board members and officers were in general agreement that we should reduce from two endowment accounts to one, a task for the 2015/2016 fiscal year.

OTHER REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION

Investment Advisory Committee

No report.

Membership Director

No report.

Advertising Manager

No report.

Annual Meeting Coordinator and Local Arrangements Committee Report

Jerry Henkin reported that at the time of this meeting 132 people were signed up to attend the 2015 meeting with additional people expected. Accolades were given to the University staff for their great help in organizing the meeting.

Meeting Site Committee Report

Jerry Henkin discussed holding the 2016 NNGA Annual Meeting at the Lied Lodge of the Arbor Day Foundation located in Nebraska City, NE. The University of Nebraska, Lincoln, and the Nebraska Nut Growers Association would be potential partners in hosting the meeting. The cooperative Heartland Nuts and More would also be a possible partner. Several dates were discussed for the meeting, as well as concerns over prices to attend, as well as a need for possible alternative locations for 2016.

Research Grants Committee Report

Greg Miller reported that two proposals were submitted and that the research grants committee thought both were worthy of funding. A request was made to the Board to fund

these two grants, which the total cost would be $11,700. One was on blossom end rot/gall wasp in chestnut from Dr. Lynne Rieske-Kinney of the University of Kentucky and the other was from Dr. Michele Warmund from the University of Missouri on hickory galls. Both are two year projects from scientists that regularly contribute to NNGA publications and annual meetings.

Motion:

Moved by Sandra Anagnostakis, seconded by Tim Ford to award the full amount of both research grants to be paid out over the next two years.

Carried.

Cultivar Inventory Coordinator

No report. A discussion was held on the value for NNGA members of a cultivar inventory and records on the response of different cultivars per region. Joe Hietter mentioned he would be willing to spearhead a project to re-invigorate our Cultivar Inventory Project; Gina Zimbardi mentioned she was willing to assist as needed.

Librarian

Jerry Henkin submitted and read a report describing his activities as librarian and goals for the upcoming year, a full copy of which is reproduced in ***Individual and Committee Reports*** on page 13.

He mentioned Steve Lisbin is our Librarian in training, and is willing to continue the Librarian functions and house the NNGA materials accumulated by Jerry Henkin in the event he retires from the position. A discussion was held on the past *Annual Reports* that were not published (years 1998, 1999, and 2000). The big challenge is/was getting enough submitted papers to fill the reports. Dennis Fulbright agreed to look over videos from the old meetings in an attempt to develop a complete *Annual Report* edition.

Auction and Exhibits Committee

Greg Miller is new to this position and did not have a report this year. Ernie Grimo held the position as committee chair for many years previous.

Nutshell/Annual Report

Dennis Fulbright has completed his term as editor of the *Annual Report*. Thanks were given to Dennis for his many years of service. Gina Zimbardi, Editor of the *Nutshell*, agreed to take over editing papers for the *Annual Report* and the *Nutshell*. She will work with Dennis and Bill Sachs to take on this important role for the NNGA. Sincere thanks were given to Gina by those in attendance and to Bill Sachs for his continuing role in helping with both the NNGA publications over many years. Gina requested that we submit pictures of nut related activities with captions by August 10 to have them included in our publications.

Discussion was had on promoting our digital versions of the *Nutshell/AR* but no formal actions were taken acknowledging that many of our members prefer a printed copy and not all have easy digital access.

Web Master

No report, although Jerry Henkin noted that there will be continual progress made by Marsha Henkin the NNGA webmaster (not present).

Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

"Old Business" was concluded and the Board now addressed "New Business"

Certificate of Insurance: A point was brought up that a Certificate of Insurance is needed for the Radisson Banquet Hall to of-

ficially host the NNGA annual banquet. We do not have one for the NNGA and need to obtain one. Sandy Anagnostakis agreed to investigate obtaining one on behalf of the NNGA.

Motion:

Moved by Tim Ford, seconded by Bill Sachs that Sandy Anagnostakis be empowered to obtain a certificate of insurance for the 2015 NNGA Annual Meeting banquet.

Carried.

Membership enhancement: Bob Stehli discussed ways to help increase and sustain our membership. He agreed to contact members who dropped membership in the past year or two to ask why they did so with hopes it will add insight into why some members have allowed their membership to lapse. Bob also discussed approaches to raise state nut grower organization membership. In Ohio he has sold trees in combination with state membership to raise interest in the state organization with hopes of also building interest in the NNGA. A discussion was had on seed distribution approaches including the pros and cons of our organization distributing trees from seed.

Meeting adjourned to email and conference call mode at 12:37 PM.

Minutes recorded and
respectfully submitted by,

Tom Molnar, Secretary

NOTES:

106th Annual Meeting
Individual and Committee Reports

NNGA Library Report

July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

The NNGA Library balance with Apple Bank stands at $1,859.17 as of 30 June, 2015.

This year, monies were received from the charge for copying services of articles from *The Nutshell* and the NNGA *Annual Reports*, from financial donations, and from the sale of "NNGA Pioneers" posters.

I will continue to sell these posters at the NNGA meeting and through the mail to members. The goal is not only to realize a modest profit, but also to popularize the men and women who researched nut culture, and on whose shoulders we stand.

The following materials were added to the NNGA Library's holdings this year:

1. Most back issues of *The Chestnut Grower* magazine, 2006 – 2015;
2. "Restoration Agriculture, Real World Permaculture for Farmers," by Mark Shepard, 2013;
3. "Growing Hybrid Hazelnuts, The New Resilient Crop for a Changing Climate," by Philip Rutter, et al., 2015;
4. "It's a Long Road to a aTomato, Tales of an Organic Farmer Who Quit the Big City for the (Not So) Simple Life, Second Ed.," by Keith Stewart, 2010;
5. "The Triumph of Seeds, How Grains, Nuts, Kernels, Pulses & Pips Conquered the Plant Kingdom and Shaped Human History," by Thor Hanson, 2015.

Ninety-five percent of the library's holdings are stored in a bin in my Yonkers co-op (29 Abeel Street). These include back issues of *Annual Reports* and *Nutshell*s, the proof of "A Guide to Nut Tree Culture in North America," Vol. 1, nut related books, and back issues of several state organizations' newsletters. The remaining 5% of NNGA Library materials are stored in a large filing cabinet in my apartment (501 Riverdale Ave., apt. 4J). These include a complete set of *Annual Reports*, recent copies of *The Nutshell*, copies of frequently requested books, and NNGA Library records.

This past year I filled 20 orders from the NNGA Library. I regularly correspond with individuals or organizations regarding nut growing, referrals to experts in the field, and NNGA Library offerings

I have made a physical inventory of the materials in the NNGA Library, and will add new additions to the web site. I have continued to organize the materials in the bin by subject.

My goals for the coming year are as follows: reestablish contact with domestic and international university libraries in order to distribute our publications and publicize the Northern Nut Growers Association;

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- coordinate a list of nut related literature with Stephen Sinon, Archivist Librarian of the New York Botanical Garden;
- add articles from newspapers, state nut growing organizations, agroforestry departments of universities, and on-line sources to our folios;

- purchase additional books that would be useful to our members;
- coordinate the proofreading of additional NNGA Annual Reports with Project Gutenberg;
- coordinate a sharing of information on library holdings and services with the NAFEX;
- find out which institutions and individuals have a complete set of Annual Reports & a library of books on nuts;
- distribute copies of Annual Reports and Nutshells for membership promotion to state and province organizations, schools, and CSA's;
- update the web site pages of the NNGA Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Henkin
NNGA Librarian
501 Riverdale Avenue (4J)
Yonkers, NY 10705
USA
(914) 423-7458

NNGA Research Grant Report 2015

The research grant committee received two grant proposals this year. Both were judged to be worthy of funding. After consultation with the Treasurer and Board of Directors we decided that we had adequate funds to fund them both. Here are the proposals that we are funding this year.

"Do Blossom End Rot Fungus and Asian Chestnut Gall Wasp Interact on Chestnut?" by Lynne Rieske-Kinney and Lisa Vaillancourt, University of Kentucky Departments of Entomology and Plant Pathology, respectively ($6,700).

Lynne has done previous work with NNGA support on the serious chestnut pest, Asian chestnut gall wasp. During that work, it was found that an unidentified fungus caused necrotic lesions on the external surfaces of galls and these lesions subsequently resulted in death of the gall wasp larvae inhabiting the galls. In other words, a fungal pathogen of the galls was serving as a bio-control of gall wasps. Based on molecular techniques and conidial morphology, the fungus was identified as belonging to the *Colletotrichum acutatum* species complex. Interestingly, a *Colletotrichum* fungus also causes blossom end rot of chestnut kernels

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Secretary's Report

To: Bill Sachs, Treasurer

From: Tom Molnar, Secretary

Cc: NNGA Board

Re: Secretary's expenses for 1 July, 2014 to 30 June, 2015

Date: 26 July, 2015

Expenses incurred on NNGA credit card

Item	Expenditure
Mailing USPS and office supplies.....	$110.77

Note: No cash expenditures were made this fiscal year. Travel and accommodations for the 2015 meeting were covered by grant funds at Rutgers University.

Total Secretary Expenditures: $110.77

Some Secretary activities for this past year included, but are not limited to:

- sending welcome letters and back-issues

of the *Nutshell* to new NNGA members and those that renewed late in the year;

- abundant email correspondence with NNGA members, people interested in the organization, or the general public with specific nut related questions.
- mailing NNGA information to those who inquire, including brochures and back issues of *Nutshell*;
- submitting minutes of the NNGA Board meeting and Business meeting and assisting in obtaining committee reports for the *Stakeholders Report*;
- assisting in website related content/link sharing/etc.;
- compiling NNGA Board email business;
- contributing to *Nutshell* and *Annual Report* by submitting articles and soliciting articles of value and interest from others;
- promoting the NNGA and the value of its membership to potential members.

Annual Sales and Shipping Report

August 1, 2014 to July 30, 2015

Book Sales

***A Guide*.** Number mailed between 8-01-14 and 7-30-15 is **37** of which 20 were bulk orders of 10 books each. Guides remaining: **631** determined by running count of books sent**.**

Soft cover *Hazels*. Number mailed between 8-01-14 and 7-30-15 is **9.** One Hazel book was sent for a potential buyer to examine. No bulk order was received. Soft Cover Hazel books remaining to sell: **1,383** determined by inventory on 10-20-13 and running count of books mailed after inventory.

Cookbooks. Two books were sold. Suggestions are welcome on how to move the cookbooks. There are 103 remaining in inventory.

U.S. Postage increased in 2015 based on weight and distance of the package. Most copies of *A Guide* can be mailed for $3.72 up from $3.65. A Hazel book is usually mailed for $2.69. Non-domestic mailing costs have sky rocketed since First Class Air parcel is no longer available. High currency exchange rates also make a difference in mailing cost.

Books were mailed to 31 states and to France, Germany and Canada (Nova Scotia & Quebec). The most books were mailed to Michigan (14) and New York (13). An interesting block of states appeared for all mailings comprised of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Colorado, Arizona, and Texas.

Nutwear

Skirt caps with the embroidered NNGA logo were the best seller this year with **6** sold. Since only two caps were in inventory, an order was needed to fill the requests for the caps. It took some searching to locate a company which made the skirt cap at an affordable price and the buyer did not need to purchase a gross of caps. After three weeks, a similar cap was located and 10 were purchased. Skirt cap inventory stands at **6** prior to the annual meeting.

Buckle cap with embroidered NNGA logo. **One** was sold; **13** remain in inventory.

Hat bands. Four remain in inventory. Two hat bands were used to demonstrate how they can be placed on a wide rim hat. The hat bands and demo hats are for sale at the annual meeting.

Aussie hats. Four remain in inventory. None were sold.

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106th Business Meeting Minutes

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.
University of Wisconsin – La Crosse, La Crosse, WI
Tuesday, 28 July 2015

Tuesday, 28 July, 2015

President Bob Stehli called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

Minutes of the 105th Annual Business Meeting

The 105th Annual Business Meeting minutes were approved as published in the *2014 Stakeholders' Report* on the website

Secretary's Report

Tom Molnar gave a brief overview of his expenditures over the last year and described some of the activities and responsibilities of the position. Thanks were given to Secretary Emeritus Tucker Hill for his efforts of responding to the many emails that come in with nut related questions.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Sachs presented the NNGA membership and financial status of the organization as similarly presented in the Board meeting. He highlighted the point that the board authorized the Treasurer to utilize around $10,000 for NNGA research grants this year with some of the funds to be obtained from our investment accounts supplemented with potential funds raised through the NNGA annual meeting auction.

Meeting Site Committee Report

Jerry Henkin announced that the 2016 Annual Meeting could possibly held at the Leid Lodge, Nebraska City, NE, home of the National Arbor Day Foundation. The meeting date in 2016 was announced as July 31 – August 3, 2016. Over the next years the committee will be considering meeting locations in the southern United States.

Auction and Exhibits Committee Report

Greg Miller gave an overview of the auction and exhibits present at this years meeting. He reminded the group in attendance that funds raised during the auction are used for research grants.

Cultivar Inventory Committee Report

No report.

Nominating Committee Report

Tim Ford and Bill Nash announced that two additional members will be needed for the nominating committee. The existing committee consists of Linda Grimo, Tucker Hill, Nathan Crocker, and Jerry Henkin.

Jerry Henkin nominated Sally Martyn and Roger Smith was self nominated. These nominations were seconded by Sarah Peterson. A vote was called from the floor and was unanimous in favor for both candidates. Tim clarified that this is a three year term on the nominating committee.

Tim Ford, committee chairman, opened the slate of officers for nomination. Bob Stehli was nominated for President, Tim Ford was nominated for Vice President, Tom Molnar was nominated for Secretary, and Bill Sachs was nominated for Treasurer. All agreed to serve if elected with the caveat that Bill Sachs would only serve if no one else could be found to fill the role of Treasurer.

Bill Sachs then nominated Jeanne Romero-Severson for Treasurer. She agreed to serve if elected.

A call for nominations for the Board of Director was also made by Tim Ford. Two positions need to be filled for three year terms. Four candidates were nominated who agreed

to serve if elected: Gordon Wilkinson, Sally Martyn, Ray Rusmeil, and Michele Warmund.

President	Bob Stehli
Vice-President	Tim Ford
Secretary	Tom Molnar
Treasurer	Jeanne Romero-Severson
Director until 2018	Sally Martyn Ray Rusmeil Michele Warmund Gordon Wilkinson

The election will continue at the banquet.

Research Grant Committee Report

Greg Miller gave a brief update that two proposals were being considered for funding with final results to be announced at the banquet.

Business meeting recessed until the NNGA Banquet, 28 July 2015.

Business meeting reconvened at the NNGA Banquet, 28 July 2015.

Big Nut

Michelle Warmund, Big Nut for 2014, crowned Shawn Mehlenbacher the Big Nut for 2015.

2016 Annual Meeting Site

Jerry Henkin announced that the 107th annual Meeting will be held at the National Arbor Day Foundation in Nebraska City, Nebraska, July 31 to August 3, 2016.

Auction Results

Bill Sachs announced that we made $3,665.00 for research through the auction this year.

Roll Call of States and Countries

Bill Nash ably did the roll call again this year coming up with obscure facts about each state or province.

Research Grant Report

Greg Miller reported that two grants were being awarded for a total of $11,000. The grants will go to Dr. Lynne Rieske-Kinney of the University of Kentucky and Dr. Michele Warmund from the University of Missouri.

Details of the awards can be found in the Committee's report in ***Individual and Committee Reports*** on page 14.

Awards

Dennis Fulbright announced that no awards were being presented this year.

Annual Elections

Tim Ford, chairman of the Nominating Committee ran the elections naming those proposed for each position and then opening the floor for additional nominations.

President

Bob Stehli was nominated for President. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion:

Jerry Lehman moved that nominations for President be closed, seconded by Bill Nash.

Carried.

Vice President

Tim Ford was nominated for Vice President. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion:

Rodney Hart moved that nominations for Vice President be closed, seconded by Linda Grimo

Carried.

Secretary

Tom Molnar was nominated for Secretary. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion:

Jerry Henkin moved that nominations for Secretary be closed, seconded by Bill Nash.

Carried.

Treasurer

Jeanne Romero-Severson was nominated for Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor.

Motion:

Jerry Lehman moved that nominations for Treasurer be closed, seconded by Rodney Hart.

Carried.

Directors until 2018

Ray Rusmeil and Sally Martyn withdrew their names for Director. Michele Warmund and Gordon Wilkinson were nominated for three year terms.

Motion:

Moved by Joe Hietter and seconded by Shawn Mehlenbacher that nominations for Director be closed.

Carried.

No election was needed and the nominated officers and directors were declared elected. The slate of officers and directors elected was:

President	Bob Stehli
Vice-President	Tim Ford
Secretary	Tom Molnar
Treasurer	Jeanne Romero-Severson
Directors until 2018	Michele Warmund Gordon Wilkinson

Other business

President Bob Stehli announced that Gina Zimbardi is the new editor of *The Nutshell* and the *Annual Report.* He announced that the winter photo issue is now available online and that photos for next winter's issue should be sent in now. He thanked Bill Sachs again for all his hard work over the years and Bill received a standing ovation..

Adjournment

President Bob Stehli adjourned NNGA's 106th Annual Business Meeting..

Minutes recorded by Tom Molnar and Sally Martyn.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Molnar, Secretary

CONSTITUTION OF THE NORTHERN NUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

As amended 1 August, 2005 and 13 August, 2007

NAME

Article 1. The name of the corporation is **the Northern Nut Growers Association, Incorporated**, hereinafter referred to as the "Association." The Association is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the provisions of the District of Columbia Non-Profit Corporation Act.

PURPOSES

Article 2. The purposes of the Association shall be to promote interest in the nut bearing plants; scientific research in their breeding and culture; standardization of cultivar names; the dissemination of information concerning the above and such other purposes as may advance the culture of nut bearing plants, particularly in the North Temperate Zone.

MEMBERS

Article 3. Membership in the Association shall be open to all persons interested in supporting the purposes of the Association. Classes of members are as follows: Individual members, Family members, Contributing members, Sustaining members, Life members, and Honorary members. Applications for membership in the Association shall be presented to the Secretary, the Treasurer, or the Membership Director, accompanied by the required dues.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Article 4. The elected officers of this Association shall consist of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Article 5. The Board of Directors shall consist of eleven members of the Association: the four elected officers of the Association, the preceding elected president of the Association, and six members elected at large. If the preceding elected president is unable to serve, her or his elected predecessor shall serve on the Board of Directors.

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Article 6. The Editor of the *Annual Report of the Northern Nut Growers Association*, the Editor of *The Nutshell*, the Membership Director, the Librarian, the Cultivar Inventory Coordinator, the Sales Coordinator and the Annual Meeting Coordinator (when needed) shall be appointees.

PROVISIONS FOR NON-PROFIT INCORPORATION

Article 7. Said Association is organized under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code which is defined as associations organized for charitable, religious, educational and/or scientific purposes, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

NON-COMPENSATION

Article 8. No part of the net earnings of the Association shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, members of the Board of Directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the Association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any provision of this document, the Association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

DISSOLUTION

Article 9. Upon the dissolution of the Association, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or shall be distributed to the federal government or to a state or local government for public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Association is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

Article 10. This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any annual meeting, notice of such amendment having been read at the previous annual meeting, or copy of the proposed amendments having been mailed by the Secretary, or by any member to each member thirty days before the date of the annual meeting.

BYLAWS OF THE NORTHERN NUT GROWERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

As amended 1 August, 2005, 13 August, 2007, 12 August, 2008 and 19 July, 2010

SECTION 1. MEMBERSHIP

Article 1. Individual Member. The Individual member shall be any person interested in the purposes of the Northern Nut Growers Association who pays annual dues. The Individual member shall be a full voting member of the Association and receive a copy of the Association's annual report and newsletter. Annual dues for the Individual member shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

Article 2. Family Members. Family members shall be any two members of a household who are interested in the purposes of the Northern Nut Growers Association and who pay annual dues. Both Family members shall be full voting members of the Association. A single copy of the Association's annual report and newsletter shall be sent to Family members. Annual dues for Family membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be no less than $5.00 more than the annual dues of the Individual member.

Article 3. Contributing Member. The Contributing member shall be any person interested in the purposes of the Northern Nut Growers Association and who wishes to provide additional financial support to further the activities of the Association. The Contributing member shall be a full voting member of the Association and receive a copy of the Association's annual report and newsletter. Annual dues for Contributing membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be not less than $10.00 more than the annual dues of the Individual member.

Article 4. Sustaining Member. The Sustaining member shall be any person interested in the purposes of the Northern Nut Growers Association and who wishes to provide additional financial support to further the activities of the Association. The Sustaining member shall be a full voting member of the Association and receive a copy of the Association's annual report and newsletter. Annual dues for Sustaining membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors and shall be not less than $20.00 more than the annual dues of the Individual member.

Article 5. Life Member. The Life member shall be any person interested in the purposes of the Northern Nut Growers Association and who purchases a lifetime membership in the Association. Life members may purchase at the basic, bronze, silver or gold level and may upgrade to a higher level at any time they choose to financially assist the association. After purchasing lifetime membership, the Life member shall pay no annual dues. The cost of lifetime membership shall be determined by the Board of Directors. The Life member shall be a full voting member of the Association and receive a copy of the Association's annual report and newsletter.

Article 6. Honorary Member. The Association may elect any person an Honorary member in recognition of their achievements and contributions to the Association. The Honorary members shall be a full voting member of the Association and receive a copy of the Association's annual report and newsletter. The Honorary member shall pay no annual dues.

SECTION 2. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Article 1. President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and Board of Directors, and may call meetings of the Board of Directors when he or she believes it to be in the best interests of the Association. The President shall appoint a recorder for the Director's and Annual Meetings. The President shall appoint the standing committees, except the Nominating committee and the Awards Committee; such special committees as the Association may authorize, and the Editor of *The Nutshell*. The President shall keep the Vice President fully informed of her or his activities so that the Vice President could assume the duties of the President if necessary.

The President shall investigate the status of any possibly inactive officer, director, or appointed position and shall report the findings to the Board of Directors for consideration of agreement on any positions found to be apparently vacant. He or she shall appoint members to temporarily fill the vacancies when deemed advisable and reasonably possible, and shall report the officer and director vacancies to the chair of the Nominating Committee so they can present candidates for the next election.

Article 2. Vice President. The Vice President shall do all in her or his power to gain as much knowledge of the Association as possible and to prepare herself or himself for the presidency. In the absence of the President, the Vice President shall perform the duties of the President.

Article 3. Secretary. The Secretary shall be the active executive officer of the Association. He or she shall conduct the correspondence relating to the Association's interests, assist in obtaining memberships, actively forward the interests of the Association, report her or his yearly Association activities at Annual Meeting and provide special reports to the meetings of the Board of Directors as they may request.

Article 4. Treasurer. The Treasurer shall receive and record memberships, receive and account for all moneys of the Association, and shall pay all bills approved by the President or the Secretary. He or she shall give such security as the Board of Directors may require or may legally be required, shall invest life memberships or other funds as the Board of Directors may direct--subject to the legal restrictions and in accordance with the law, and shall submit a verified account of receipts and disbursements to the Annual Meeting and such current accounts as the Board of Directors may from time to time require. Before the final business session of the Annual Meeting of the Association, the accounts of the Treasurer shall be submitted for examination to the Auditing committee.

SECTION 3. DUTIES OF DIRECTORS

Article 1. Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall manage the affairs of the association during and between meetings. One member of the Board of Directors shall be responsible for coordinating solicitation of donations. One member of the Board of Directors shall head a committee to advise the Treasurer on investment of the Association's funds. For a Board of Directors meeting, four members, including at least two elected officers, shall be considered a quorum.

SECTION 4. DUTIES OF APPOINTEES

Article 1. Committee Chairpersons. Each Committee Chairperson shall generate an annual report presenting the committee's goals and objectives and a summary of the committee's achievements. Said report to be submitted to the Secretary who will secure its publication for the membership.

Article 2. Cultivar Inventory Chairpersons. Each Cultivar Inventory Chairperson shall develop and maintain a database of cultivar information for the assigned species or genus. An up-to-date copy of the database will be provided to the Cultivar Inventory Coordinator at least two months prior to the Annual Meeting.

Article 3. Cultivar Inventory Coordinator. The Cultivar Inventory Coordinator shall maintain a master copy of all Cultivar Inventory data generated by the Cultivar Inventory Committees and make it available at each Annual Meeting or as the Association may direct.

Article 4. Editor of the *Annual Report of the N. N. G. A.* The Editor of the *Annual Report* shall edit and publish a report each year for the educational benefit of members of the Association. The Editor shall solicit, collect, and edit manuscripts concerning the culture of nut crops for publication in the *Annual Report*. The Editor will consider all papers presented at the Annual Meeting for inclusion in the *Annual Report*.

Article 5. Editor of *The Nutshell*. The Editor of *The Nutshell*, the Association's newsletter, shall edit and publish such educational information as will further the purposes of the Association. The editor of *The Nutshell* shall edit and publish news of the Association and business of the Association as an *Annual Stakeholders Report*. The Board of Directors shall approve the frequency of publication of the newsletter.

Article 6. Librarian. The Librarian shall acquire, preserve, organize, and distribute informational material deemed either of historic or of practical value to the Association, including backup copies of minutes, policies, and other documents that are important to the continuity of the Association.

Article 7. Membership Director. The Membership Director shall assist the Treasurer and the Secretary in matters related to services to members.

Article 8. Sales Coordinator. The Sales Coordinator shall assist the Treasurer in matters related to sales of NNGA books and other items.

Article 9. Annual Meeting Coordinator. The Annual Meeting Coordinator shall oversee the development of each annual meeting.

Article 10. Diligence of Appointees. Appointees shall be diligent in performing their respective duties and should make every effort to be available to the Board of Directors at meetings. Any appointee who finds herself or himself unable to perform her or his duties shall promptly notify the President.

SECTION 5. ELECTIONS

Article 1. Terms. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting and hold office for one year beginning immediately following the close of the Annual Meeting. The at-large members of the Board of Directors shall hold office for three years beginning immediately following the close of the Annual Meeting at which each is elected. The Association shall elect two at-large members to the Board of Directors annually one of which will be placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee and one will be placed in nomination by the membership at large.

Article 2. Nominations. The Nominating committee consists of six members elected by the Association. Each member of the Nominating Committee shall serve a three-year term. The Association shall elect two new members to the committee each year to replace retiring members. At the first session of the Business Meeting each year nominations for these members will come from the floor. The election of the new members of the Nominating committee will take place at the conclusion of this first session of the Business Meeting.

The Nominating committee shall also present a slate of officers and one director at the first session of the Business Meeting. The election of officers and directors shall take place at the closing session of the Business Meeting at the Banquet. Nominations for any office may be presented from the floor at the time the slate is presented at the first session of the Business Meeting or immediately preceding the election at the Banquet. The slate shall be submitted to the Editor of *The Nutshell* by 1 May for inclusion in the June issue.

Article 3. A quorum at a regularly called Annual Meeting shall be fifteen members and must include at least two of the elected officers.

Article 4. All full voting members shall be eligible to vote and hold office.

SECTION 6. FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

Article 1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall extend from 1 October through the following 30 September. All annual memberships shall begin 1 January.

Article 2. Delinquent Members. All dues-paying members whose dues have not been paid by 1 January shall be delinquent members. Notices of non-payment of dues shall be mailed to delinquent members on or about 1 March by the Membership Director. The names of all delinquent members shall be dropped from the rolls of the Association on 1 April.

Article 3. Benefits. The *Annual Report of the N.N.G.A.* and *The Nutshell* shall be sent to only full voting members for the current year. Members who are delinquent on 1 April will not be entitled to receive the Association publications or other benefits of the Association until dues are paid.

Article 4. Life Membership Funds. Life membership contributions at the basic level will be placed in the investment fund. All additional Life Membership funds above the basic level will be placed in the general fund of the Association.

SECTION 7. MEETINGS

Article 1. Annual Meeting. The Association shall hold an annual meeting for the educational benefit of its members and for the purpose of conducting the business of the Association. The Annual Meeting shall be open to the general public and attendance by non-members shall be encouraged.

Article 2. Meeting Site Committee. The location and date for the Annual Meeting shall be chosen by the Board of Directors upon advisement by the Meeting Site Committee. Meeting locations and dates should be determined no less than three years in advance.

SECTION 8. PUBLICATIONS

Article 1. *Annual Report* and *The Nutshell*. The Association shall publish an *Annual Report* each fiscal year, a periodic newsletter called *The Nutshell*, and such other publications with formats and publication schedules as authorized by the Board of Directors.

Article 2. Responsibility. All NNGA publications shall be the responsibility of the Publications committee.

SECTION 9. AWARDS

Article 1. Merit and Service. The Association may provide suitable awards for outstanding contributions to the cultivation of nut-bearing plants, suitable recognition for meritorious exhibits, and suitable recognition for service to the Association as may be appropriate. The Awards Committee shall be chaired by the most recent past president, who will appoint three additional past presidents or officers to serve as members.

Article 2. Honorary Members. The Awards Committee shall recommend members for Honorary membership and shall also recommend members for the highest honorary membership, Dean of the NNGA. These recommendations should be voted-on by the membership at the annual meeting.

Article 3. Big Nut. The Big Nut is to be perpetuated by the current Big Nut whose honor and sole privilege it is to crown her or his successor at the Annual Banquet. The Big Nut reigns for one year and may be seen wearing the Big Nut crown and necklace at any Annual Meeting event but in particular at the Annual Banquet. Should the Big Nut die in office, the previous Big Nut will name a second successor.

SECTION 10. COMMITTEES

Article 1. Standing Committees. As soon as practical after the Annual Meeting of the Association, the President shall appoint the following standing committees: Auction and Exhibits, Auditing, Evaluation of Research Proposals, Investment Advisory, Local Arrangements, Meeting Site, Meeting Speakers, New Member Host, and Publications. The President shall also appoint a Cultivar Inventory Committee for each genus or species of nut bearing plant that the Association may direct. The President may delegate the appointment of the Cultivar Inventory Committees to the Cultivar Inventory Coordinator.

Article 2. Ad Hoc Committees. The President may create and appoint members to additional committees to address current issues important to the Association and its membership.

SECTION 11. AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

Article 1. Procedure. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present at any Annual Meeting, notice of such amendment having been read at the previous Annual Meeting, or copy of the proposed amendments having been mailed by the Secretary, or by any member to each member thirty days before the date of the Annual Meeting.

NOTES:

Annual Sales, continued from page 15

Tee shirts – Green. Eight were sold. An order of 10 was made to have an inventory of 20 for the annual meeting.

Tee shirts – Burgundy. None were sold; 15 are in inventory.

Marsha Henkin has done good work in setting up the Nutwear information on the NNGA website. Her pricing form is excellent. Going to the store and paying are easy steps for beginners to use for online purchases.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Powell

Research Grants, continued from page 14

which is a serious disease that causes significant losses to chestnut growers. So, obvious questions arise: Is the same fungus attacking chestnut galls and chestnut kernels? If so, how do the disease cycles of these two targets interact? The answers to these two questions will be addressed by this research project.

"A Comparative Study of Midge-Induced Hickory Galls and Their Larval Inhabitants," by Michele Warmund, University of Missouri Department of Horticulture ($5,043).

Michele is another perennial contributor to NNGA research. This study is a continuation of prvious work. Gall-inducing midges (*Caryomyia* species) limit growth and decrease nut production of hickory trees. The different species of these midges can be distinguished by morphological characteristics of the adults, but adults are rarely observed. On the other hand, larvae are easily found inside galls, but not so easily identified as to species. In order to differentiate species of larvae, scanning electron microscopy and light microscopy with z-stack imaging (multiple photos combined for superior focus) will be used to provide the necessary detailed morphological information. This technology combined with the recent discovery of two rich sources of midge-induced galls will enable this work.

The NNGA is fortunate to have both donors and researchers that facilitate these kinds of research that are so important for nut growing. Every year at the annual meeting, we host a fund-raising auction. Members and exhibitors contribute items to be sold and then on auction night, members generously outbid each other. It's a lot of fun! The money goes directly and exclusively to funding research projects like the ones described above. At his past year's auction, we raised a total of $3,662. Many thanks to the contributors! Our Treasurer will gladly accept your research fund contribution any time of year.

Greg Miller

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