

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.



# 2011 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

The first thing that comes to mind as I reflect on 2011 is the fact that at our annual meeting banquet, the NNGA presidency passed to the capable hands of Dennis Fulbright. I can't think of a past president who stepped into the position with more prior service to the NNGA. We're in good hands.

The NNGA stepped into new territory (literally) at its annual meeting this past summer. It was the first time we met in Utah; in fact, it was the first time we met in the Rocky Mountains. We found that the cold desert of Utah presents growing conditions and challenges that are different than those that most NNGA members deal with. Utah State University and IPPFBE (Improving Perennial Plants for Food and Bioenergy) hosted an excellent meeting featuring well-organized tours and entertainment along with technical presentations. Hats off to Tim Ford of IPPFBE for his tireless work in organizing this outstanding meeting. IPPFBE was started by Reed and Clarence Funk on their family's farm. It is noteworthy that our secretary, Tom Molnar, was a student of Reed Funk and Tom's research on hazels at Rutgers is supported by Reed Funk's plant breeding legacy. Because of Dr. Reed Funk's contributions to nut growing and especially because of his role in bringing nut growing and the NNGA to Utah, the annual meeting was enthusiastically dedicated to him.

Last year, the NNGA took bold action to address the problems of declining membership and accompanying declining income. Board member Bob Stehli spearheaded a 1-yr free membership campaign offered to nursery customers who purchased nut trees. Cooperating nurseries were all NNGA-member nurseries who volunteered to participate in the program. About 200 people took advantage of our "free" membership offer (free to them, not to us). It's still too early to tell how many of these new members will become paying members, but at this point we can say that at least some of them have. We are surviving financially, but cash income still falls short of cash expenditures. The board agrees that new members are the key to the continuance of the NNGA. It's not simply a matter of "living within our means" financially; it's a matter of recruiting the next generation of nut growers.

It seems that our declining membership is not due to a decline in the interest in nut growing. There are lots of people out there interested in buying and planting nut trees (based on my nursery business and others that I know of). My impression is that people think they can get all the nut growing information they need from the internet. Because the internet is continually growing as the go-to place for information, we see the need and are taking action to make the NNGA website the go-to place for nut growing information. We intend to supply enough information on our website so that people can get started and have success in growing nut trees. Then, as their interest grows they will be easily enticed to become NNGA members.

I may sound like a broken record, but I have to acknowledge the over-the-top service being rendered by Bill Sachs. He remains as treasurer and is also serving as back-up editor for the Nutshell and Stakeholder's Report since Karey Molnar has found herself unexpectedly overwhelmed with other things in the recent past. Even though Bill has graciously stepped up as our "safety net", he would much prefer a successor rather than accolades.

Anyone who has read this far should by now be aware that the NNGA has plenty of stakes to hold. I encourage you to grab and hold one.

Greg Miller  
President, 2010 – 2011

# Financial Report (Unaudited)

1 October, 2010 – 30 September, 2011

Prepared by Bill Sachs, Treasurer

## Income

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Memberships (PayPal: \$3,705.00; Checks: \$13,312.00)	\$17,017.00
Advertising	\$2,227.00
Book Sales (PayPal: \$2,142.00; Checks: \$927.00)	\$3,069.00
Promotional Items (PayPal: \$233.00; Checks: \$192.00)	\$425.00
Misc. (reimbursement, donation)	\$170.00
Interest, Dividends, Capital Gains	\$924.69
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,832.69</b>
<i>Annual Meeting, returned funds</i>	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$23,832.69</b>

## Expenses

<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Annual Report (including mailing and tax)	\$0.00
The Nutshell (including mailing and tax)	\$17,142.57
Marketing	\$2,455.18
Editor/K. Molnar expenses	\$611.03
File Maintenance (including tax)	\$1,299.90
Secretary/T. Molnar expenses	\$1,938.39
Office Supplies, photocopying, software	\$175.61
Post Office Box	\$264.00
Treasurer/postage	\$117.36
Promotional Items	\$479.56
Mailing books and Promotional Items	\$301.35
Insurance (bonding Treasurer)	\$202.00
PayPal fees	\$188.98
Accountant, income tax preparation	\$3,100.00
Miscellaneous expenses	\$401.36
Refunds to people who paid twice	\$95.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$28,772.29</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$28,772.29</b>

## Research Grant Expenditures

1 October, 2010 – 30 September, 2011

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Recipient</b>	
Bryan Connolly	\$1,836.00
Kurt Belser	\$3,000.00
Univ Kentucky (Rieske-Kinney)	\$1,315.00
PayPal Fees	\$11.30
<b>Research Grants, Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$6,162.30</b>

## Assets

30 September, 2011

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Amount</b>
General Endowment, Harrisburg <sup>1</sup>	\$6,877.75
Research Endowment, Harrisburg <sup>2</sup>	\$8,886.60
Library Checking Account Balance	\$2,008.36
PayPal Balance	\$1,837.59
General Fund Money Market Balance <sup>3</sup>	\$6,926.30
Investment value: General Fund	\$46,110.62
Investment value: Life Member's Fund <sup>4</sup>	\$29,983.38
Investment value: Research Fund	\$141,403.61
Research Fund Money Market Balance <sup>5</sup>	\$2,749.47
<b>TOTAL LISTED ASSETS</b>	<b>\$246,783.78</b>

<sup>1</sup>Includes dividends (\$175.50) and fees (-\$265.82).

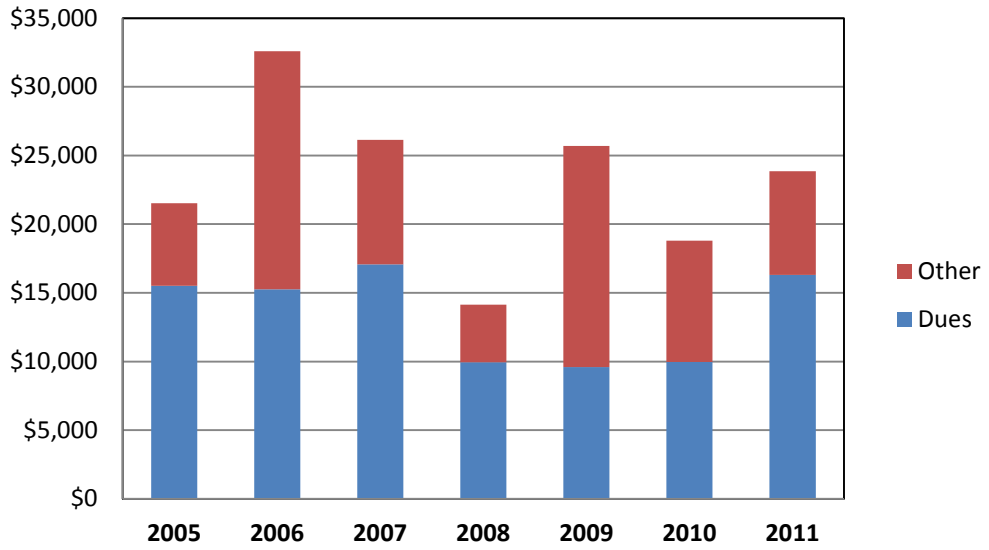
<sup>2</sup>Includes dividends (\$226.10) and fees (-\$271.22).

<sup>3</sup>Includes interest, dividends and capital gains from General Fund investments (\$924.69).

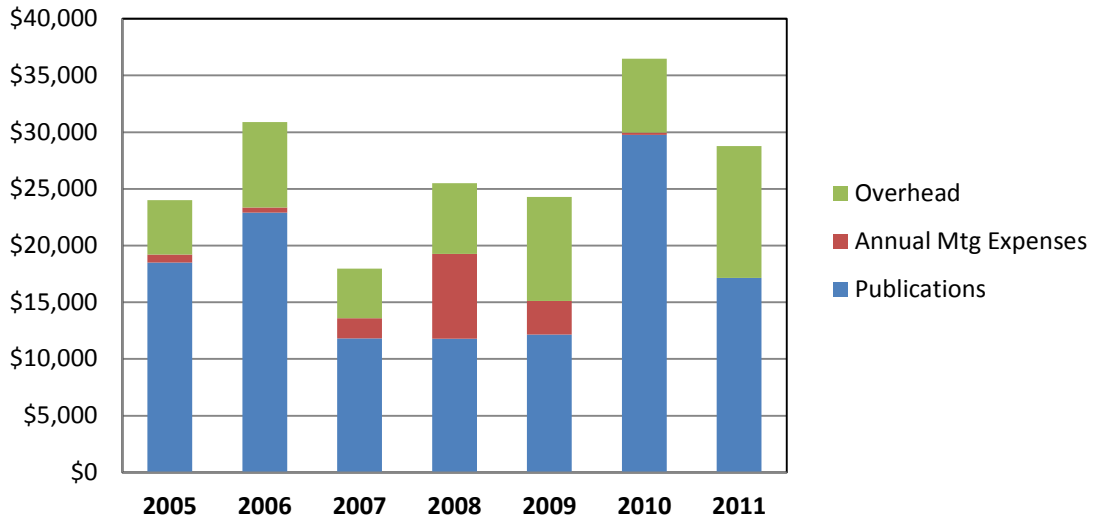
<sup>4</sup>178 Life and Honorary members. Includes dividends and capital gains from Life Fund investments (\$627.06).

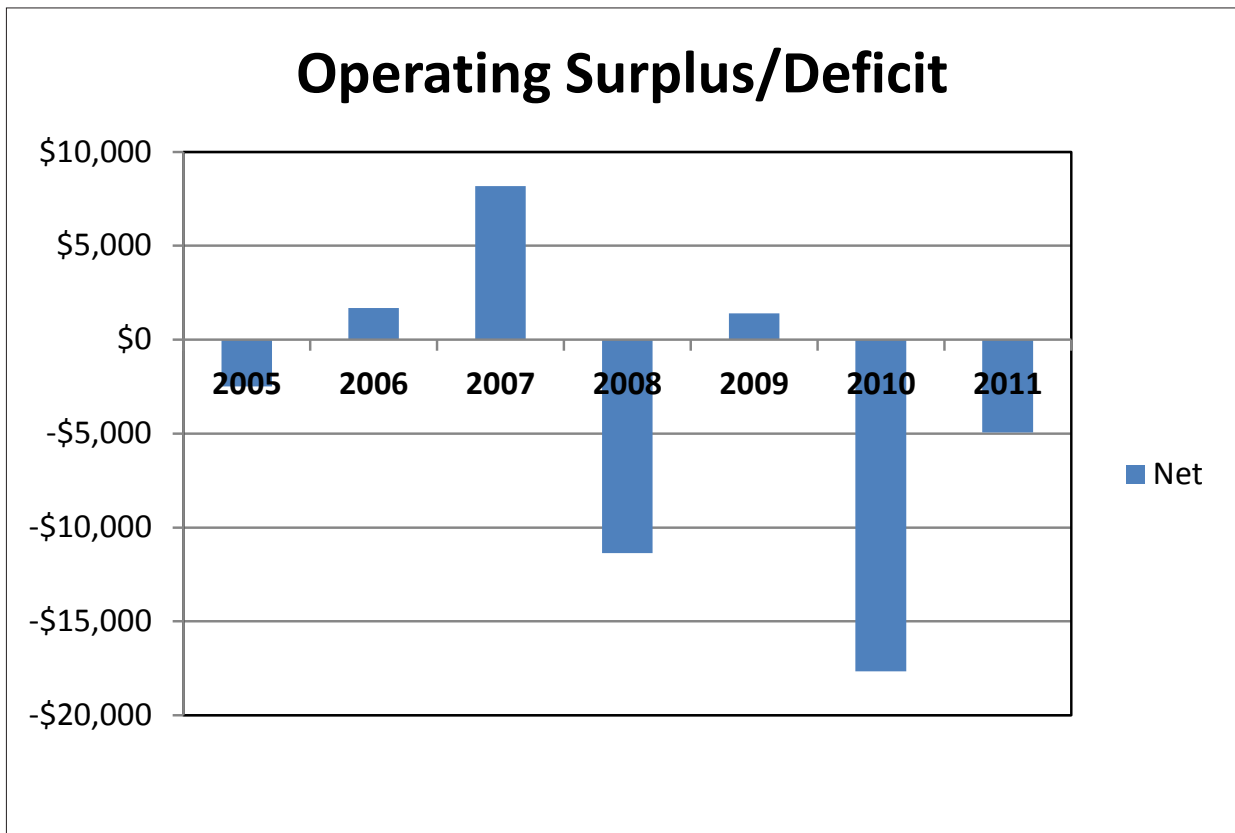
<sup>5</sup>Includes Research Fund interest, dividends, and capital gains (\$3,000.51), proceeds from the Annual Auction (\$1,449.00), and donations (\$1,551.41).

## Operating Income



## Expenses





## Notes on the Treasurer's Report for 2010 – 2011

First, I'd like to express my sincere thanks to Sandra Anagnostakis for her thorough and well-organized record keeping as Treasurer and for her patience and help as I assumed my new role as Treasurer late last year.

Please refer to the accompanying tables and charts for detailed information about NNGA's financial performance during FY2011. The notes below are intended to highlight some of the more significant data in these tables.

### Income

Income from membership dues exceeded FY2010 income by approximately \$7,000. This is primarily due to the addition of 95 new NNGA members at a chestnut seedling give-

away organized by Bob Stehli in collaboration with the Portage County Soil and Water Department in Ohio, and our Membership Director's mail campaign asking members who had neglected to renew their memberships for 2010, but who nevertheless received full membership benefits during the year, to voluntarily pay their dues for the 2010 membership year. A little over one third of those contacted responded favorably. This year was also the first time in several years that reminder letters were mailed at the end of February to members who had not renewed their memberships for 2011. (Article 2 of NNGA's Bylaws specifies that members who have not paid their dues by April 1 shall be dropped from the Association's roles.)

Income from the sale of books ordered through our website also increased this year as did advertising revenue. In contrast, investment income dropped and we had no realizable gain in 2011 from our 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

NNGA received over \$1,500 in donations for research in FY2011, and the annual auction at the 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting this past summer netted an additional \$1,449 for research.

## Expenses

NNGA incurred an operating deficit of approximately \$5,000 in FY2011. This will be our fourth operating deficit in the past seven years (see chart); however, this was significantly less than last year's deficit, primarily due to higher dues income this year, no miscellaneous publications, and the fact that none of our outstanding *Annual Reports* (the 98<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup>, and 100<sup>th</sup> *Annual Report*) were published during year. Except for a jump in the fee for preparing our income tax return and the addition of marketing expenses for our member recruitment campaign in 2011, NNGA's remaining expenses are in line with past experience. Reimbursement of our Secretary's annual meeting expenses this year is a return to past practice; last year our Secretary was able to use a research grant to cover his expenses.

This is the first year NNGA has co-published its *Annual Report* from the preceding summer's annual meeting with *The Nutshell*. Note, however, that only two issues of the consolidated publication are reflected in expenses for FY2011 (in Q3 and Q4). If the printing and mailing costs incurred in Q3 and Q4 are a good indication of future costs, co-publishing the *Annual Report* with *The Nutshell* in magazine format should cost no more than their separate publication cost previously, and may even result in a modest savings.

NNGA awarded two new research grants in FY2011 and dispersed over \$6,000 in grant money.

## Liabilities

NNGA's current liabilities include the future cost of assembling, printing and mailing its three unpublished *Annual Reports* at an anticipated cost of between \$21,000 and \$30,000, the future publication of the second volume of "A Guide to Nut Tree Culture in North America,"

and \$3,756 in future research grant disbursements.

## Assets

For anyone who has been following the financial markets this year, the drop in the value of NNGA's investments during Q3 and Q4 will come as no surprise. After peaking in April, our investments have dropped with the market as a whole, and while there has been some recovery in value since the end of Q4, the stock market remains extremely volatile.

The fluctuation in the value of our operating reserves has made planning for future cash flow needs difficult; consequently I recommend that our Investment Advisory Committee take a serious look at our current diversification strategy with the goal of significantly reducing the volatility of the investments that make up our operating reserves.

## Membership

NNGA's current membership stands at 703, 191 of whom are LIFE or some other category of non-paying member. Of our current dues-paying members, 421 must renew their memberships before April 1 to continue as members of NNGA in 2012. If 80% of these members renew their memberships at the new individual rate of \$40, our dues income from renewals in FY2012 should be approximately \$13,500. In addition, we currently have 401 "free" one-year members enrolled through collaborating nurseries in Bob Stehli's trial membership program. If 50% of our trial members continue next year as dues-paying members, our total dues income from renewals in FY2012 will be in the neighborhood of \$21,500. While this will not be enough to meet next year's total anticipated expenses, especially when the cost of publishing one or more of our outstanding *Annual Reports* is included, once these obligations are met, and if our efforts to recruit new members are successful, I believe NNGA will soon have a balanced budget.

Bill Sachs



# 102<sup>nd</sup> Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.  
Utah State University, Logan, UT  
Sunday, 17 July 2011

## ATTENDANCE

### Board members present:

Greg Miller, President	Sam Fleet Joe Hietter
Dennis Fulbright, Vice President	Sally Martyn Troy Pabst
Bill Sachs, Treasurer	Robert Stehli Alan Van Antwerp
Tom Molnar, Secretary	

### Appointees and Guests:

Sandy Anagnostakis	Gladys Hill
Ken Bauman	Tucker Hill
Bryan Dayton	Dwight Ittner
Tim Ford	Jerry Lehman
Rodney Hart	Bud Luers
Jerry Henkin	John Martyn
Marsha Henkin	Cary Millstein

At 10:10 a.m. President Greg Miller welcomed everyone, and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

### Minutes from the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting as published in the *2010 Stakeholders' Report*

#### Motion:

Moved by Jerry Henkin, seconded by Alan Van Antwerp that the minutes be approved as circulated.

**Carried.**

## OLD BUSINESS

### Board Action by E-mail

Tom Molnar outlined the email business conducted by the board during the past year.

- The Nut Planting at Hershey Gardens was approved with Tucker Hill acting as the co-ordinator.
- Permission was given to the Utah Annual Meeting committee to contact all members by email to encourage registration.
- A dues increase motion was brought but then tabled to be re-introduced at the annual meeting.
- The printing of coupons for free new memberships through the purchase of nut trees from participating nurseries was approved up to \$2000. New members brought in through this campaign would receive the four 2011 newsletters.

### Secretary's Report

Tom Molar submitted his expense report of \$720.84 for internet and \$73.50 UPS and office supplies. The costs for his Annual Meeting attendance were covered by Rutgers last year. On his handout he listed his activities for the year.

### Treasurer's Report

Bill Sachs distributed several sheets outlining Membership, Research Funds, Assets, Income, Expenses, Investments, and comparison graphs for Operating Income and Operating Surplus/Deficit. Membership has remained steady and the back dues requested

for 2010 helped increase the income. There was some discussion on the costs still to come in for the Annual Reports not yet printed. Due to Dennis Fulbright not needing the second half of his grant (\$5000) because of another source of funding, we have \$9,116.12 available for Research Grants this year. To decrease the high cost of preparation for the tax return each year, Bob Stehli's wife has offered to do it for less.

## **REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION**

### **Annual Meeting Coordinator and Local Arrangements Committee**

Tim Ford gave announcements about the location of events and buses as well as the food arrangements. He reported that there were about 100 registered.

### **Meeting Site Committee Report**

Jerry Henkin reported that 2012 will be in Lexington, Kentucky from July 22 to the 25th with Dr. Strang in charge. 2013 will be in Nebraska.

### **Research Grants Committee (NNGA membership required)**

Greg Miller reported that there were 8 proposals submitted and that the committee had not made up its mind. He read off a summary of the proposals. He asked for directions as to the amount of money available. Discussion followed.

### **Motion:**

Moved by Alan Van Antwerp, seconded by Greg Miller that the Research Grants Committee be authorized to consider funding of up to \$12,000 in research grants.

**Carried.**

### **Investment Advisory Committee**

Bob Stehli reported that nothing had happened during the year.

### **Membership Director**

No report.

### **Advertising Manager**

No report.

### **Cultivar Inventory Coordinator**

Bryan Dayton will report on this during the business meeting on Monday.

### **Librarian**

Jerry Henkin submitted a written report noting that he filled 34 orders. He has copied the NNGA Annual Report Index from 1910-1975 to a CD which is for sale. He noted that there was \$2,008.14 left in the account. This account has remained within \$400 of this amount for the last five years. Jerry stores all our library materials in his co-op and apartment and the future of this material was discussed. When Jerry retires, Tom Molnar offered to store the materials till a successor is found. Jerry with the assistance of Alan Van Antwerp and Tucker Hill will flesh out a policy for the succession of materials so they are not lost.

### **Annual Auction**

Tim Ford reported that the auction will be held in the Eccles Conference Centre following the Monday evening barbecue. All items need to be brought to the Eccles Conference Centre before that time.

### **Annual Report of the NNGA and Book Editor**

Dennis Fulbright reported that 2007 and 2008 are ready to go to the printer. This leaves only 2009 to be completed in the old format. It was agreed to get the two out immediately even though it will make a large one time expenditure.

### **The Nutshell and Stakeholder's Report Editor**

Bill Sachs reported for Karey Molnar that the new format began in March and that he published this one and the Stakeholders' Report. Karey did the June issue which Tom Molnar had copies of with him. Bill praised Karey for

her work. Going to an online version should be seriously considered.

### Website Upgrade

Marsha Henkin will present the new format at “Show and Tell” tonight. She said the site went from 3 to 50 pages since 1996 and had become slow and hard to navigate. The new format will be easier and faster as well as having material for beginning nut growers. Marsha does all the work for the site and receives only 80% of the advertising money. She was thanked and praised for her hard work. The site won two awards because of the live ask a question and get a real person who will answer it. Tucker Hill reported that the committee had made real progress and that it would all be in place before next year.

The meeting was recessed for lunch at 12:46 PM and reconvened at 2:03 PM.

### Free Membership Campaign

Bob Stehli reported that many nurseries volunteered to take part. 376 trial memberships were started. Of the coupons given out by the nurseries, about 18% took us up on the free offer. Bob suggested that a follow up letter go out when renewal time comes. Bob also tried another approach. He gave out 5 trees of the “Sleeping Giant” cultivar to anyone who took out a new paid membership in his county and succeeded in recruiting 99 new paying members. Bob proposed that we try again next year and the year after.

#### Motion:

Moved by Sam Fleet, seconded by Troy Pabst that we authorize Bob Stehli to spend up to \$500 for renewal letters and *Nutshell* mailings.

**Carried.**

### Dues Increase

Bill Sachs presented a hypothetical dues schedule that would help the association cover costs. Discussion followed.

#### Motion:

Moved by Sam Fleet, seconded by Sam Fleet that the hypothetical dues schedule be adopted and include a \$100 per category increase in Life Memberships effective for 2012.

**Carried.** (Note that it was agreed that the increase in Life Memberships would be effective immediately, but that the remaining increases would become effective on October 1, 2011 for 2012 memberships.)

### New Dues Schedule

Individual (US)	\$40.00
Family (US)	\$50.00
Individual (Canada)	\$45.00
Family (Canada)	\$55.00
Individual (Other)	\$50.00
Contributing	\$60.00
Sustaining	\$80.00
Three year discounted membership	(3 x annual category rate - \$10.00)
Life	\$1,000.00
Bronze Life	\$1,200.00
Silver Life	\$1,400.00
Gold Life	\$1,600.00

#### Motion:

Moved by Greg Miller, seconded by Joe Hietter that new Life Memberships be eliminated as of 2013 to be voted on at the 2012 annual meeting.

**Carried.**

### NEW BUSINESS

Joe Hietter suggested that all annual meeting sessions should be video taped even when Jerry Lehman is not present for accurate record keeping. He will bring a proposal to the board concerning board meetings also being taped.

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# 102<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting

## Individual and Committee Reports

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### Auction and Exhibits Committee Report

In late winter of 2011, emails and letters were sent to approximately 100 prospects encouraging them to participate at our annual meeting at the Utah State University in Logan by providing displays at no charge for the exhibit room and/or donations to our auction. Of those contacted, seventeen donors provided items for the auction. The many items provided by our donors ranged from trees to nuts, books, ceramics and others too many to mention. Ken Bauman, our volunteer auctioneer, raised \$1449 for us this year.

The money raised from our auction will go to our research fund. The interest from this fund will go to support research projects. As our research fund grows, it will perpetually seed more research in nut growing.

About a dozen exhibitors provided displays of products and nut related items. We had a mechanical black walnut cracker displayed that was cleverly motorized to accept a variety of nut sizes.

I would like to thank our auctioneer, Ken Bauman, who made this event an enjoyable experience. I would also like to thank our helpers and committee members Sally Martyn, Linda Grimo, Leah and Alan VanAntwerp, Sandra Anagnostakis, and Tucker Hill who volunteered to make our auction a success.

Finally, I would like to recognize and thank, in first word alphabetical order, the individuals and organizations that provided the items for our auction and made it a money maker for our research fund.

Bill Sachs, Princeton, NJ  
Bob Stehli, Mantua, OH  
Dwight Ittner, Noel, MO  
Jerry Henkin, Yonkers, NY  
Ernie & Linda Grimo,  
Grimo Nut Nursery,  
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON  
Iris Ford, Hyde Park, UT  
IPPFBE, UT  
Joy Brisighella, Logan, UT  
Joe Heitter, Pataskala, OH  
Sally Martyn, Sparta, ON  
Sharon Celbreth, UT  
Shawn Mehlenbacher, Corvallis, OR  
Stuewe & Sons, Inc, Tangent, OR  
Tim Ford, Hyde Park, UT  
Tom Molnar, East Brunswick, NJ  
Triple Brook Farm, Inc, MA  
Tucker Hill, Etters, PA  
University of Missouri,  
Center for Agroforestry, Columbia, MO

Sincerely,

Ernie Grimo, Chairperson  
Auction and Exhibits Committee

# NNGA Library Report

July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

The current balance of the NNGA Library bank account with Apple Bank for Savings is 2,008.14. This amount, within \$400, has remained constant for the past five years.

Monies are received from the sale of current and past *Annual Reports* and the printed copy of the *Index to Annual Reports* from 1910 through 1975; the charge for copying services; and from financial donations. Expenditures include the purchase of new books for the library; shipping costs of NNGA publications to state/province organizations, which are used to acquaint potential members with our activities; mailing envelopes and copy paper; and a monthly charge of \$10.00 per month for the storage bin in my co-op, which houses 95% of the library's holdings.

The remaining 5% of the NNGA Library's holdings are stored in a large filing cabinet in my apartment. These include a complete set of *Annual Reports*, copies of *The Nutshell*, copies of frequently requested books, and NNGA Library records.

This past year I filled a total of 34 orders from the NNGA Library. There were no requests from NAFEX members. At least once or twice a week I have written to individuals or organizations regarding nut growing, offering to send the updated *Annual Report Index*, 1975 to the Present. The master list is stored on my computer, but I have made a copy on a CD, and I will offer copies of the CD for sale at this meeting. Two of the people who ordered copies articles from the *Annual Reports* and *The Nutshell* later sent in a "shopping list" of dozens of articles listed in the index.

Here is a list of my goals for the coming year:

- purchase additional books that would be useful to our members.

- complete the physical inventory of all books, magazines, DVD's, and magazines from state and other non-profit agricultural organizations.
- update this information on the NNGA web site list.
- coordinate the proofreading of additional NNGA *Annual Reports* with Project Gutenberg.
- coordinate a sharing of information on library holdings and servicers with the Nafex Librarian, John Hillbrand.
- solicit contributions of nut-related publications and DVD's.
- find out which institutions and individuals have a complete set of *Annual Reports* and a library of books on nuts.
- distribute copies of *Annual Reports* and *Nutshells* for membership promotion to state and province organizations.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Henkin  
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## NNGA Research Grant Report 2011

The research grant committee received a whopping eight grant proposals this year! It was a challenge for the committee members to evaluate them and eventually select two for funding:

"Shagbark Hickory Processing: Researching Commercial Viability of Cultivars and Wild Specimens" by Kurt Belser and Marie DeMange, Southeast Ohio Niche Nut Processing Project (\$4,937). This was the second submission of a proposal from this group;

we had received a similar proposal in 2010 and concluded that the project wasn't ready for funding at that time. After a year's work and following through with suggestions, this year's proposal offers a more reasonable approach to the problem. The project is a feasibility study that will test various commercially available nut crackers and cleaners with respect to their ability to handle hickory nuts. It will compare the costs and performance of wild collected hickory nuts with selected cultivars grown by NNGA members. And it includes marketing studies of cleaned kernels. The grant money will cover labor costs and machine use. The information generated is a prerequisite for subsequently setting up a commercial hickory nut cracking facility in Southeast Ohio.

“Assessment of Butternut (*Juglans cinerea*) Genetics in Massachusetts” by Bryan Connolly, Massachusetts State Botanist (\$2,160). The objective of this project is to locate, sample, and genetically assess 50 putative butternut trees in MA. The rationale is to evaluate the local and native germplasm base for this threatened species so that informed decisions can be made with respect to appropriate actions to be taken. Of particular interest is distinguishing between pure butternuts and Japanese walnuts or hybrids.

Both of these projects are self-contained to the extent that they do not require subsequent or ongoing funding. They are based on previous work and existing, producing nut trees. Both projects have additional financial support from sources other than the NNGA. And most importantly, they will generate information that is valuable to NNGA members and to nut growing, in general. Most of the grant proposals that were not funded involved the establishment of nut tree plantings. New nut tree plantings generally don't yield much useful information until after the 2-yr duration of grants. This year's funded projects once again represent good value for the NNGA's research dollars.

Greg Miller

## Secretary's Report

To: Bill Sachs, Treasurer  
 From: Tom Molnar, Secretary  
 Cc: NNGA Board  
 Re: Secretary's expenses for 1 July, 2010 to 30 June, 2011  
 Date: 17 July, 2011

### Expenses incurred on NNGA credit card

<u>Item</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Verizon Internet (*12 months @ \$60.07 per month).....	\$720.84
Mailing USPS and office supplies.....	\$73.50

*No cash expenditures were made this fiscal year. Travel and accommodations for the 2010 meeting were covered by grant funds at Rutgers University.*

**Total Secretary Expenditures: ..... \$794.34**

Some secretary activities for this past year included, but are not limited to: 1) sending welcome letters and back-issues of the Nutshell to new NNGA members and those that renewed late in the year; 2) abundant email correspondence with NNGA members, people interested in the organization, or the general public with specific nut related questions; 3) mailing NNGA information to those who inquire, including brochures and back issues of Nutshell; 4) Submitting minutes of the NNGA Board meeting and Business meeting and assisting in obtaining committee reports for the Stakeholders Report; 5) assisting in website related content/link sharing/etc.; 6) Compiling NNGA Board email business; 7) contributing to Nutshell and Annual Report by submitting articles and soliciting articles of value and interest from others.

# 102<sup>nd</sup> Business Meeting Minutes

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.  
Utah State University, Logan, UT  
Monday, 18 July 2011 and Tuesday, 19 July, 2011

## Monday, 18 July, 2011

President Greg Miller called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. It was noted by Greg that this was the first ever NNGA meeting in Utah.

### Minutes of the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Meeting

#### Motion:

Moved by Sandy Anagnostakis, seconded by Ken Bauman that the 101<sup>st</sup> Annual Business Meeting minutes be accepted as published in the *2010 Stakeholders' Report*.

**Carried.**

### Secretary's Report

#### Motion:

Moved by Sandy Anagnostakis, seconded by Bill Sachs that the Secretary's Report be accepted as presented by Tom Molnar.

**Carried.**

### Treasurer's Report

Bill Sachs presented the NNGA Treasurer Report consisting of a brief overview of the NNGA financial state. He reminded us that useful information is available in the previous Stakeholders' report. In summary, three of the past six years we have run a deficit. The deficit is due to variability in membership dues and other resources including investment returns, sales, surplus/deficits for annual meetings. Bill provided a very clear overview of our operating expense breakdown. He also discussed our revised membership dues schedule. The last time the NNGA Board decided to raise dues was in 2004 from 20 to 25 dollars. He also highlight-

ed the fact that we now have 179 life members. We have to cover the expenses associated with these life members. One of the main reason we cannot support our current expenses is because membership is declining.

#### Motion:

Moved by Tucker Hill, seconded by Troy Pabst that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented by Bill Sachs.

**Carried.**

### Meeting Site Committee Report

Jerry Henkin, on behalf of Jerry Lehman who was absent, presented the Meeting Site Committee report. Jerry provided the following list of potential NNGA annual meeting locations:

- 2012 University of Kentucky (July 22-25 not yet confirmed)
- 2013 Nebraska
- 2014 Open

### Nominating Committee Report

Jerry Henkin presented the Nominating Committee's report. Jerry asked for nominations for two vacant positions on the nominating committee with 3-year terms. Rodney Hart was nominated by Jerry Henkin and John Martyn was nominated by Alan Van Antwerp.

#### Motion:

Moved by Ken Bauman, seconded by Joe Hietter that nominations for the Nominating Committee be closed.

**Carried.**

The nominees were elected to the Nominating Committee by acclamation.

Nominating Committee membership for 2011 – 2012 is as follows:

<b>Committee Member</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
Don Cullman	2012
Jerry Henkin	2012
Linda Grimo	2013
Tucker Hill	2013
Rodney Hart	2014
John Martyn	2014

The Nominating Committee's slate of officers and directors was presented by Jerry:

President	Dennis Fulbright
Vice-President	Bob Stehli
Secretary	Tom Molnar
Treasurer	Bill Sachs
Director until 2014	Mark Coggeshall

Jerry opened the floor for further nominations. There were no further nominations from the floor for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Sandra Anagnostakis was nominated by Tucker Hill for the second vacant three year term for Director, and Tim Ford was nominated by Tom Molnar to fill Bob Stehli's unexpired term as Director. The election will continue at the banquet.

### **Membership Enhancement**

Bob Stehli provided an in-depth overview of the membership drive he is conducting with the help of various nurseries who sell nut trees. At the time of the meeting, 376 brochures for free membership were sent back to Bob. He is optimistic that many will join as paying members next year. Bob gave a lot of credit to the success of the program to the nurseries that helped with his project. He will prepare a list to include in the nutshell. Bob also discussed his second promotion technique. This included the distribution of nut trees in cooperation with soil and water extension offices across his county in Ohio. In his pilot project he grew and distributed 500 sleeping giant chestnuts seedlings along with information on the plants to those provid-

ing a \$25.00 donation to the NNGA, which included membership. In one day he was able to get 99 new paying members from one county in Ohio (each received 5 seedlings with membership). Bob discussed that we will have to evaluate responses of return membership next year. If the results are positive he will bring it to the Board's attention and suggest that we expand the project to work with NNGA and other state nut grower groups and state extension services. He also mentioned it may be useful to combine NNGA and state membership at one time along with tree distribution. He reminded us that we need nurseries to buy into this project to produce the trees. Those attending the meeting said kind words to Bob including congratulations and thanks for all your hard work.

### **Dues Increase**

Greg Miller led a discussion on the need for the dues increase. He noted that the NNGA was a frugal organization already. It would be very challenging to reduce our expenses further. He noted that the consolidation of the *Nutshell* and the *Annual Report* has the potential to save us money. In addition, the publication is perceived as being even more valuable and could be considered a better service to our members regardless if it saves us significant dollars. He reminded the group that we still have three annual reports to publish which will cost a considerable amount of money. We're also supporting the free membership program.

### **The Business meeting was recessed until the Tuesday banquet**

### **Meeting reconvened at the banquet on Tuesday, 19 July, 2011**

President Greg Miller reconvened the business meeting at the banquet.

### **Big Nut**

Bill Sachs crowned Dennis Fulbright as the 2011/2012 Big Nut.



## Guest Speaker

Greg Miller introduced the keynote speaker Lee Dehann from the Land Institute.

## Call to order of Business meeting

### Auction Report

Sally Martyn reported \$1449.00 was collected at the NNGA auction to be used for NNGA research grants.

### Research Grant Report

Greg Miller stated that there were eight proposals submitted this year, which was a record for the NNGA. The five member committee found it a challenge to pick the proposals to award funding to. They decided to fund the proposal on Shagbark Hickory Processing by Kurt Belzer and the Assessment of Butternut genetics in Massachusetts.

### Awards

Alan Van Antwerp (and other members Ken Bauman, David Johnson, and Jerry Lehman) awarded the NNGA Service Award to Rose Powell (absent) and the NNGA Merit Award to Charles Spurgeon (absent).

**Merit Award:** Charles Spurgeon (Indiana)

**Service Award:** Rose Powell (Michigan)

A Resolution was made by Greg Miller to thank Tim Ford, IPPFBE, and Utah State University for hosting the NNGA meeting. He then dedicated the meeting to Dr. Reed Funk, the person who ultimately made the meeting in Utah possible.

### Annual Elections

Jerry Henkin, chairman of the nominating committee, ran the elections naming those proposed for each position and then opened the floor for more nominations.

President	Dennis Fulbright
Vice-President	Bob Stehli
Secretary	Tom Molnar
Treasurer	Bill Sachs

Directors until 2014     Sandy Anagnostakis  
   Mark Coggeshall

Director until 2013     Tim Ford  
(unexpired term)

### President

There were no further nominations for the office of President.

#### Motion:

Moved by Tucker Hill and seconded by Ernie Grimo that nominations for President be closed.

**Carried.**

### Vice President

There were no further nominations for the office of President.

#### Motion:

Moved by Rodney Hart and seconded by Troy Pabst that nominations for Vice President be closed.

**Carried.**

### Secretary

There were no further nominations for the office of Secretary.

#### Motion:

Moved by John Martyn and seconded by Rodney Hart that nominations for Secretary be closed.

**Carried.**

### Treasurer

There were no further nominations for the office of Treasurer.

#### Motion:

Moved by Rodney Hart and seconded by Ernie Grimo that nominations for Treasurer be closed.

**Carried.**

## Directors until 2014

Tucker Hill was nominated from the floor. There were no further nominations.

### Motion:

Moved by Rodney Hart and seconded by Ernie Grimo that nominations for Treasurer be closed.

### Carried.

An election was held and Sandy Anagnostakis and Mark Coggeshall were elected to three year terms on the Board of Directors.

## Director until 2013

There were no further nominations from the floor to fill the unexpired term left vacant by Bob Stehli.

### Motion:

Moved by Rodney Hart and seconded by John Martyn that nominations for the unexpired Director's term.

### Carried.

The slate of officers and directors elected were:

President	Dennis Fulbright
Vice-President	Bob Stehli
Secretary	Tom Molnar
Treasurer	Bill Sachs

Directors until 2014     Sandy Anagnostakis  
   Mark Coggeshall

Director until 2013     Tim Ford  
(unexpired term)

## Roster of States

The roster of states was read by Bill Nash.

## Concluding Remarks

Jerry Henkin reminded presenters at the annual meeting to please send their presentations (write-ups) to Dennis Fulbright

Greg Miller thanked the NNGA officers, board members, committee members, etc. for their hard work over his term and for making a lot of progress.

## Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned by the new President Dennis Fulbright with a motion to close made by Rodney Hart, seconded by Jerry Henkin, and a unanimous vote.

Minutes recorded by Tom Molnar, Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Molnar, Secretary

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## **Board Meeting Minutes, continued from page 11**

### **Meeting adjourned to email mode at 3:45 PM**

Minutes graciously recorded by Sally Martyn for Tom Molnar, Secretary

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.

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