

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.



**2009 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

It was truly an honor to preside over the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the NNGA at Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. I now will have the honor of serving during NNGA's 100<sup>th</sup> year and celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary next year in Wooster, OH. These century landmarks provide an excuse for celebration and also an incentive to look back in time and to look forward in time. We were founded by an exuberant bunch whose enthusiasm for growing nut trees greatly exceeded their collective successes. Over the years nut growing knowledge increased and was disseminated among NNGA members. At the present time the NNGA publications and the collective experience of NNGA members comprise an unparalleled reservoir of nut-growing knowledge. The NNGA membership has been built mostly on interested academics, enthusiastic hobbyists, and a few start-up commercial enterprises. What has not yet happened is the vision of our founders, namely, large-scale commercial success of nut growing in the "North" (Midwestern USA, Northeastern USA, and southern Ontario). We still have things to do for the next 100 years.

In the process of looking back and looking forward, one glaring trend stands out. In the 1970's our membership grew to over 2,500. Since reaching its peak it has steadily declined to our present membership of about 500. Clearly, this is a troubling trend that cannot be sustained for another 100 years. At the moment, we are financially solvent and we still are carrying out our core activities. However, our declining membership is something that demands not just attention but action.

A notable transition for this year is the retirement of our *Nutshell* editor, Bill Sachs, and the preparation of his successor, Karey Molnar. Bill will remain as editor until early 2010, but Karey is already up to speed for a smooth transition. Bill has made tremendous contributions to our organization. During his tenure, Bill has greatly enhanced the quality of the *Nutshell*, improved the Membership Directory, and introduced the *Stakeholders' Report* as we know it. At the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Bill Sachs and Dennis Fulbright presented plans and received Board approval to combine the *Annual Report* with the *Nutshells*. Combining five publications into four will save mailing costs, and we look forward to the new look and better way to disseminate nut-growing information.

With the exception of Bill Sachs, we have retained all of our officers for another year. I look forward to working with an experienced crew. I would also like to note that we seem to have acquired an unofficial officer, namely our Secretary Emeritus, Tucker Hill. Tucker has continued to offer his much appreciated insight and advice, as well as dealing with people who still think he's secretary.

As anyone can see from the rest of this report, the NNGA continues to maintain and improve its legacy through its publications, its annual meeting, and its research grants. Our financial assets and budget are sound. The total value of the volunteer efforts that have brought us to this point is huge. I trust that the NNGA can meet the challenges of the coming year, the coming decade, and the coming century.

Greg Miller  
President, 2008 – 2009

# Financial Report (Unaudited)

1 October, 2008 – 30 September, 2009

Prepared by Sandra Anagnostakis, Treasurer

## Income

<b>General Fund Income</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Memberships	\$9,598.00
Donations for student/disabled	\$50.00
Advertising	\$1,939.00
Book Sales	\$4,366.00
Promotional Items	\$1,493.00
Interest, Dividends, Capital Gains	\$1,739.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,886.36</b>
<i>Annual Meeting 2008, returned funds</i>	\$5,805.36
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$25,691.72</b>

## Expenses

<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Actual</b>
Treasurer/postage	\$101.76
Student/Disabled Persons Membership	\$25.00
Annual Report (including mailing and tax)	\$1,088.04
The Nutshell (including mailing and tax)	\$9,510.63
Cookbook production costs	\$1,544.17
Editor/K. Molnar expenses	\$173.89
File Maintenance (including tax)	\$497.94
Post Office Box rent	\$170
Office Supplies, photocopying, software	\$1,064.19
Secretary/T. Molnar expenses	\$1,730.35
Promotional Items purchase	\$333.50
Mailing books and Promotional Items	\$352.61
Equipment (computer, printer) for editor K. Molnar	\$1,849.65
Insurance (bonding Treasurer)	\$202.00
PayPal fees	\$109.15
Accountant, income tax preparation	\$2,400.00
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	
Membership telephone calls	\$36.53
Service plaques	\$106.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,296.15</b>

## Expenses (continued)

<b>General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>Actual</b>
<i>Annual Meeting 2007 expenses (PAID 2009)</i>	\$2,635.99
<i>Annual Meeting 2008 registration refund (PAID 2009)</i>	\$120.00
<i>Annual Meeting 2009 advance Annual Meeting mail</i>	\$231.67
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$24,283.81</b>

## Research Grant Expenditures

1 October, 2008 – 30 September, 2009

<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Research Fund Money Market Balance*	\$11,902.58
Balance owed on awarded grants	\$8,444.00
<b>Recipient</b>	
Michigan State University (D. Fulbright)	\$5,000.00
Missouri State University	\$304.00
Skip Mourglia (MO)	\$112.00
University of Missouri	\$304.00
University of Missouri (Warmund)	\$4,200.00
University of Notre Dame (Hoban)	\$1,305.00
University of Kentucky (Riesky-Kinney)	\$5,259.00
<b>Research Grants, Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$16,534.00</b>

\*Includes Research Fund interest, dividends, and capital gains (\$4,235.80); donations (\$65.00); and proceeds from the Annual Auction (\$4,092.00)



# Notes on the Treasurer's Report for 2008 – 2009

I was pleased to see that our Income balanced our Expenses this year. I have started putting the cash earnings from investment interest and dividends into the Money Market accounts for General and Research use instead of reinvesting it. These earnings give us more flexibility in paying our bills. Expenses for Annual Meetings are calculated separately (and listed in italics), as the meetings are run by local nut grower groups or brave individuals. Money from our General Fund Money Market account (our checking account) is advanced to pay expenses, and any money not spent on the meeting is returned to us.

We have been able to award significant grants this year to scientists doing research on nut crops. The information gained by this research is always reported at our Annual Meetings, and helps to increase interest in growing nut trees and solving their problems.

Karey Molnar is getting ready to take over the huge job of putting together *The Nutshell* and we have purchased a computer, printer, and software to help her do that job. Bill Sachs has made *The Nutshell* into a significant publication, with articles of many kinds that interest nut growers. This outreach effort goes to many Universities as well as to members and helps to advertise our presence. In addition, advertisements in *The Nutshell* inform our members and bring in a little extra income. Remember that members are entitled to one free classified advertisement each year.

Both Karey and her brother, Secretary Tom Molnar, have Internet service to help them do their job. In this electronic age, this is vital. Much of my work as Treasurer is now done by e-mail, and I send profound thanks to all of you who pay for membership and buy books using the Internet. I can easily send the member-

ship information on to our list keeper/mailler, the book orders on to Rose Powell, our book and promotional items handler, and then move the money from our PayPal account into the Money Market account. It is all done faster than is possible with my once-a-week visits to our post office box, followed by mailing pieces of paper to the list keeper or Rose, and adding up checks and mailing them to Edward Jones where our money is managed.

The Northern Nut Growers Centennial Cookbook is selling very well! We have printed more copies, and cooks around the world are benefiting. Christmas sales have been especially brisk for the cookbook as well as for our Handbook and *The Hazel Tree* given to us by author Cecil W. Farris. People continue to order caps, and more of the light tan caps are being made to fill those orders. The new ones will not be "Centennial" as were the first ones made, but will be the same color and with our NNGA logo.

Grant Glatt has stepped up to deal with increasing our membership, and has already contacted all of the Life Members whom he could find. He will soon be trying to find out why some members don't renew their memberships. Please answer his e-mails or phone calls and tell us how we can improve to serve the needs of our nut growers better. Our membership numbers have declined year by year, from:

2,404 members in 1979  
1,387 members in 1989  
1,019 members in 1999  
537 members in 2009

Don't let the Northern Nut Growers Association fade away. Recruit! You surely don't want to put me out of a job!

Sandra Anagnostakis,  
Treasurer

Sandy.Anagnostakis@gmail.com

# 100<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
Sunday, 19 July 2009

## ATTENDANCE

### Board members present:

Greg Miller, President	Sam Fleet Sally Martyn
Dennis Fulbright, Vice President	Robert Miller Robert Stehli
Sandy Anagnostakis, Treasurer	Alan Van Antwerp

### Non-voting members:

Jerry Henkin	Jerry Lehman
Marsha Henkin	Ron Richardson
Bill Sachs	

### Guests:

Ken Bauman	Joyce Glatt
Bruce A. Bauman	John Harrell
Charles Spurgeon	David, G. Johnson
Don Cullman	Pete Jones
Barb Cullman.	Jerris Richardson
Grant Glatt	

President Greg Miller welcomed everyone in attendance and opened the meeting at 10:07 AM.

### Minutes from the 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting as published in the 2008 Stakeholders' Report

#### Motion:

Moved by Sandy Anagnostakis, seconded by Alan Van Antwerp that the minutes be accepted with the correction that the Research

Grants be changed to \$8,700 for last year, in all parts of the minutes.

Carried.

## OLD BUSINESS

### Board Action by E-mail

1. 9 Dec 2008, Greg Miller moved that the board authorizes Karey Molnar (newsletter editor designate) to spend up to \$3,000 on computer equipment and software of her choice; and that the board authorizes up to \$50 per month for internet service. Motion seconded by Alan Van Antwerp. 8 "Yes" votes received; motion passed. Subsequent action was taken to implement the motion.
2. 22 Jan 2009, Tom Molnar moved to offer up to \$250 to Joyce Glatt (after her unsolicited request) for materials to make a quilt to be sold at the Annual Meeting of the NNGA in 2009. Motion seconded by Greg Miller. 6 "No" votes received; motion failed.

### Cecil Farris Award

Gina Farris' offer to endow an award in her late father's name was withdrawn. Greg Miller will send her a thank you note for her original offer.

### Life Member Inventory

In December 2008 Grant Glatt volunteered to call all life members to update their information. He did a commendable job.

## **Motion:**

Moved by Sandy Anagnostakis, seconded by Alan Van Antwerp that Grant Glatt be reimbursed for his expenses in doing the life membership updating.

**Carried unanimously.**

## **Secretary's Reports**

Tom Molnar sent a financial report with total expenses of \$2,333.65. Sandy Anagnostakis suggested the activities of the secretary as noted in the bylaws should be reported also.

## **Treasurer's Report**

Sandy Anagnostakis circulated financial reports for the third quarter with general fund expenses of \$19,591.93 to June 30 and income of \$14,843.74. She also reported the total assets of \$243,663.99 with about 50% of them designated as research investments. Sandy noted that the Endowment Funds were down considerably but the diversified investments with Edward Jones had started to rise in the last quarter.

Greg Miller asked how often the money in the Research Investments has interest that is deposited in the research account. Sandy reported that most of it is deposited in the account at the end of December.

It was felt that the tax form done by a tax service would act as an audit, but Bob Miller felt this should be re-visited each year.

## **REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION**

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

Greg reported that Jerry Lehman has done a commendable job getting this meeting together.

### **Membership Report**

Bob Miller asked that a new Membership Director be found as he does not have the time at home to do the job.

Membership numbers were discussed as the membership has dropped for several years and is now at 537. It was at a high of 2404 in 1980. Ideas were suggested for increasing membership and it was agreed that a committee should be set up to examine ideas and make recommendations.

## **Motion:**

Moved by Dennis Fulbright, seconded by Bob Stehli that a membership recruitment committee be formed. The committee will consist of Chair: Dennis Fulbright, and Members: Sam Fleet, Bob Miller, Bob Stehli and Jerry Henkin.

**Carried unanimously.**

## **Meeting Site Committee Report**

Jerry Henkin reported that 2010's annual meeting will be in Ohio, July 18 to the 21<sup>st</sup>; 2011 in Kentucky; that 2012 may be in Utah; and that 2013 may be in Nebraska.

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

Greg reported on the two proposals that were submitted and the committee is recommending that they both be supported. (Greg will email titles) for \$4,995.00 and Chestnut Gall Wasp for \$6,574. Greg Also noted that Sean Hoban is the newest member of the Research Grants Committee.

## **Investment Advisory Committee**

Ron Richardson reported that nothing much has been done this year.

## **Cultivar Inventory Coordinator**

Marsha Henkin reported on the database on the web and that it needs more work.

## **Librarian**

Jerry Henkin reported on the new books obtained: *Fruit and Nut Production*, *The Texas Pecan Handbook*, *Black Walnut in a New Century*, *Pecan Cultivars: Past and Present*.

He has filled 30 requests for information this year, 28 from members and two from others. He is also making a new index of articles found in the annual reports since the 1975 index. Greg commended him on his excellent work.

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

Dennis Fulbright reported that the 2006 *Annual Report* was sent out and he is now turning in the 2007 report to the printer. In order to complete the second *Handbook*, he needs a person to do the Carpathian Walnuts chapter, but all others have been completed.

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

Bill Sachs reported that four *Nutshells* were published as well as the *Stakeholders' Report* which is available on the website. He has a replacement editor lined up in Karey Molnar. She is set to take over with the March 2010 issue. The Membership Directory was last published in 2006. Bill will publish it in 2009 to come out with the December *Nutshell* if the board agrees to the expense. A cover design was discussed.

### **Merger of The Nutshell and Annual Report**

Bill Sachs showed us a mock-up of the combined *Nutshell* and the *Annual Report*. Grade of paper was discussed to make a thinner publication. The earliest consolidated issue would be March 2011 as it was agreed the 100<sup>th</sup> *Annual Report* would be in the old format. It would still need the two separate editors. NNGA Bylaws will have to be altered to accommodate this change.

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Sandy Angnostakis, seconded by Sally Martyn that Bill Sachs, Karey Molnar and Dennis Fullbright proceed with the new combined publication.

**Carried unanimously.**

### **Web access to The Nutshell**

The storage space available holds eight issues and Bill Sachs hosts it on his account. A question arose as to whether we should continue this method or set up a new site as a "members only" page with all past copies on the web site? Marsha reported that if we have one password she can set this up immediately.

### **Webmaster**

Marsha Henkin will update the officers on the website after the election. If we go with the member section only route and do it the easy way it can be done quickly and all we need to decide is what goes in that part. One password per year is all we would need.

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Alan Van Antwerp, seconded by Bob Miller that we create a members only section with details to be worked out by the board. There will be no cost for this additional service.

Sandy will provide a list of numbers of members we gain through the year from the website.

**Carried unanimously.**

## **PROPOSED PROJECTS**

### **History of the NNGA, by Charles Spurgeon**

Charles Spurgeon's *History of NNGA* needs to be published and distributed to the membership. Ideas were suggested as to how this can be accomplished. It was suggested that it go into the *Annual Report* for this meeting.

#### **Motion:**

Moved by Dennis Fulbright, seconded by Sam Fleet, that we publish Charles Spurgeon's *History of the NNGA* in the *Annual Report* from this meeting. It is still available for publication as a separate booklet or in the front of the second volume of the *Handbook*.

**Carried unanimously.**



# 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

## Individual and Committee Reports

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### Auction and Exhibits Committee Report

In late winter of 2009, a letter was sent to approximately 100 exhibits and auction prospects, encouraging them to participate by providing a display free of charge for our Exhibit room and to also provide items for auction for our annual meeting at Perdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. Of those contacted, thirty-three 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 a record \$4092 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. We will be funding two research projects this year as a result of available interest money and donations.

About ten exhibitors provided displays of products and nut related items. This is an area where greater participation is needed.

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 Jim McKenna, Sally Martyn, Linda Grimo, Chris Cunliffe, Leah and Alan VanAntwerp, Sandra Anagnostakis, and Don Cullman who volunteered to make our auction a success.

Finally, I would like to recognize, 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

Bill Totten, Alexis, IL

Bob & Sandy Miller, Pleasantville, IA

Charles NovoGradac & Debbie Milks,  
Laurence, KS

Crystal Gimbel, Bag-A-Nut Corporation,  
Jacksonville, FL

Don Cullman, Marysville, OH

Duke Company, West Point, MS

Ernie & Linda Grimo, Grimo Nut  
Nursery, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

Gary Coley, Blanchard, OK

Gary Fernald, Monmouth, IL

Gordon & Theresa Kempf, Kansas City,  
MO

Harold Kentner, Osceola, IA

Henrietta Olson, Erie, PA

Janice Limbacher, Adrian, MI

Joe Heitter, Paraskala, OH

John Sutherland, Stow, OH

Jerry & Marsha Henkin, Yonkers, NY

Jerry Lehman, Terre Haute, IN

Joyce Glatt, Cedar Hill, MO

Kathy Dice & Tom Wahl, Wapello, IA

Ken Bauman, New Carlisle, OH

Lafayette Convention and Visitors Bureau

Lois Davie, Alliquippa, PA

Marilynda Fraser-Cunliffe,  
Mississauga, ON

Oriana Kruszewski, Slokie, IL

Phillys Foster, Huntington, IN

Robert Wallace, Chestnut Hill Nursery,  
Alachua, FL  
Ron Richardson, Missouri Valley, IA  
Rose Powell, Palmyra, MI  
Sally Martyn, Sparta, ON  
Stuewe & Sons, Inc., Corvallis, OR  
Tripple Brook Farm  
Zel Allen, Granada Hills, CA

Sincerely,

Ernie Grimo, Chairperson  
Auction and Exhibits Committee

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## NNGA Library Report

July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009

The current balance of the NNGA Library bank account with Apple Bank for Savings is \$2,411.32. Last year's balance at this time was \$2,526.58, a decrease of \$115.26 from last year.

There have been several small donations to the Library, where NNGA members who borrowed books or ordered copies sent more money than was requested. The rental cost of a bin in my Co-Op is still \$10.00 per month. There were no additional donations of *Annual Reports*, *Nutshells*, or books.

New titles that have been acquired by the library are:

1. *Fruit and Nut Production*, Brenda and William Reid
2. *The Texas Pecan Handbook* (Vols. 1 and 2), USDA
3. *Black Walnut in a New Century*, USDA
4. *Pecan Cultivars: Past and Present*, Tommy Thompson and Fountain Young, Texas Pecan Growers Association

I filled a total of 30 orders for NNGA members and 2 for non-members. There were no requests from NAFEX members.

There were numerous e-mails that came through Tufts University's Comfood list-serve involving sustainable agriculture, CSA's, and hunger issues to which I responded with information about the nut growing informational services offered by the NNGA.

I am currently updating the NNGA Annual Report Index, which ended in 1975. The lists are complete up through 1989. I will publicize this list as a research service. The introduction and a sample page are attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Henkin  
NNGA Librarian

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## NNGA Research Grant Report 2009

The research grant committee received two grant proposals this year which were subsequently funded. Both are excellent proposals submitted by previous grant recipients:

"Interactions between the Asian chestnut gall wasp and potential natural enemies," by Lynne Rieske-Kinney, University of Kentucky for \$6,574. Chestnut gall wasp is a serious introduced pest of all chestnut species. The only known effective control for this insect is biological control, mainly from parasitoid wasps. Apparently, adult parasitoid wasps feed on nectar, and therefore, effective gall wasp control may depend on the presence of flowering plants under or near the chestnut trees. Dr. Rieske-Kinney will study the effects of orchard floor vegetation management on the seasonal presence of flowers and associated parasitism of gall wasps. This 2-yr study will be aimed at orchard floor management practices such as



# 100<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting Minutes

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.  
Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN  
Monday, 20 July 2009 and Wednesday, 22 July, 2009

## Monday, 20 July, 2009

President Greg Miller called the meeting to order with the mallet and block.

### Members present

There were over 100 present, including all members of the Board who had been present at the Board meeting.

### Board action on the funding of this year's research grant awards

#### Motion:

Moved by Greg Miller, seconded by Bob Miller that the two grant awards recommended by the Research Grant Committee be funded.

**Carried unanimously.**

## 2008 Business Meeting Minutes

#### Motion:

Moved by Sandy Anagnostakis, seconded by Alan Van Antwerp that the minutes be approved as circulated in the 2008 Stakeholders' Report.

**Carried.**

### Secretary's Report

There was no Secretary's Report as Tom Molnar was unable to attend due to family concerns.

### Treasurer's Report

Sandy Anagnostakis gave the financial report using Power Point. Our assets at present are \$243,663.99. She also asked that when a check is sent in, it include a note to inform her of its intended use. She asked that renewals use the membership renewal form. Subscription services have also caused problems. She also noted that membership has been declining and asked

all in attendance to help recruit new members. A committee has been formed to look at ideas for increasing our membership.

### Meeting Site Committee Report

Jerry Lehman reported on future meeting sites: Wooster, Ohio in 2010 and Frankfort, Kentucky in 2011. Talk of Utah or Nebraska for 2012 is in the works.

### Cultivar Inventory Coordinator's Report

Greg Miller reported about getting the Cultivar Inventory database up and running on the web.

### Nominating Committee Report and Nominations from the Floor

Greg Miller summarized what is needed and Sally Martyn reported for the nominations committee. Greg Miller opened nominations for director from the floor: Joe Hietter was nominated by Don Cullman, seconded by Bob Miller. No further nominations were made at this time. Additional nominations can be made when the meeting continues at the banquet on Wednesday.

The slate of officers and directors nominated are:

President	Greg Miller
Vice-President	Dennis Fulbright
Secretary	Tom Molnar
Treasurer	Sandra Anagnostakis
Directors until 2012	Robert Miller Joe Hietter

The election will continue at the banquet.

## **Election of Nominating Committee Members**

As there are errors in the report, this item will be dealt with at the banquet. Sally Martyn will find out the correct list of members and years.

## **The meeting was recessed until the Wednesday Banquet**

## **Meeting Reconvened on Wednesday, 22 August 2009**

President Greg Miller reconvened the business meeting at the banquet on Wednesday, 22 July, 2009.

## **Big Nut**

Linda Grimo, the 2008 Big Nut, crowned Sally Martyn Big Nut for 2009.

## **Guest Speaker**

Dr. Robert Swihart presented a slide show entitled "Squirrel Tales" on the good and bad qualities of the Red, Grey and Fox squirrels, as well as chipmunks and mice. His talk was both enlightening and entertaining.

## **Roster of States and Countries**

Bill Nash read the roster of those attending, introducing each state and province with interesting facts. He declared Indiana as having the highest number attending.

## **Awards**

### **Lifetime Achievement Award**

Jim McKenna presented a Lifetime Achievement Award to Ken Dooley from the Indiana Nut Growers Association for all his work. It was made from the wood of the "Deam" walnut, Ken Dooley's own hybrid, in the shape of the state of Indiana.

### **NNGA Service Awards**

Two NNGA service awards were presented: David Johnson presented a service award to Bill Sachs for all his work on *The Nutshell* and Bill Nash presented a service award to Dennis

Fulbright for his work on the *Annual Reports* and his presentations at meetings. Alan Van Antwerp explained that the black walnut plaques were made by Harold Kentner.

## **Annual Elections**

Linda Grimo, chair of the nominating committee presented the slate and opened the floor for additional nominations. Gary Fernald nominated Alan Beck for director and Bob Miller seconded the nomination.

### **Motion:**

Ken Bauman moved that nominations be closed, seconded by John Herbert.

**Carried.**

### **Officers:**

### **Motion:**

David Johnson moved that the four officer positions be declared elected, seconded by Robert Miller.

**Carried.**

### **Directors until 2012:**

The nominees for directors left the room and the election was held. Joe Hietter and Sally Martyn were elected.

The slate of officers and directors elected are:

President	Greg Miller
Vice-President	Dennis Fulbright
Secretary	Tom Molnar
Treasurer	Sandra Anagnostakis
Directors until 2012	Sally Martyn Joe Hietter

## **Auction Results**

Greg Miller reported that the auction raised **\$3,467.00** and that a further donation of \$25.00 had been received.

## **Auction of Quilt by Joyce Glatt**

Ken Bauman auctioned off the quilt receiving a high bid of \$600.00 to add to the Research



# 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 and 12 August, 2008

## 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 as may be 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 composed of the five most recent past presidents, the most recent one to serve as chairperson.

**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.



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