

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.



2010 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's a good feeling to have gotten through that first century. It's an arbitrary measure, a mere artifact of our base ten numbering system, but it still carries an excuse for celebration and inevitable high expectations. The reality is that the 100th year was not all that much more exciting than the 99th year, but the reality also is that the 99th year was pretty exciting (and so on back down the line). On the other hand, this past year did witness a truly significant event. After decades of declining membership numbers, 2010 saw a modest uptick in membership. At the time of this writing we are in the midst of membership renewals, so exact numbers are not yet available. Nevertheless, it looks like we've begun the rebound.

A large part of last summer's board of directors meeting was spent on ideas for increasing membership. With the arrival of winter "catalog season" there seems to be time and ambition to actually do the work. Director Bob Stehli's idea to offer a free one-year membership to anyone buying nut trees from an NNGA-member nursery is about to begin. Likewise, a major upgrade of our website is commencing. More on these projects as they yield results.

All NNGA members have benefitted from the improvements (color photos and content) that Bill Sachs brought to the *Nutshell* during his six-year plus tenure as editor. It should be remembered that Bill was the first dedicated *Nutshell* editor. The *Nutshell* used to be edited by the secretary (*i.e.*, Tucker Hill at the time Bill started). Bill worked for over a year to ensure a smooth transition of the editorship to the capable hands of Karey Molnar. It's easy to heap praise and appreciation for Bill's "above and beyond" service to our organization and we can't thank him enough. But just when we hate to see him leave, he steps right into the office of treasurer. Okay, at this point I need to back up and thank Sandy Anagnostakis for her five-year service in that thankless and increasingly complicated role as treasurer. She's the one who had to deliver simplified explanations, bad news, and checks. In return, she received all manner of scribbled membership forms, ambiguous payments, and complaints. I'm sure the experience had its rewards. Now Bill can find out firsthand if being treasurer is as rewarding as being newsletter editor. And just to put the icing on this double-layer cake, Bill is helping Karey out by putting together this *Stakeholder's Report*. The NNGA board is thrilled to have Bill's hard work, analyses, ideas, and overall competence. But, as Bill made clear, he's only doing this until we find a successor.

Two things I try to avoid are repetition from past years and taking things for granted. But of course, it's the repeated things that shouldn't be taken for granted. The meeting in Wooster was superb (as usual). I'm really looking forward to visiting Utah. These meetings, like everything else in our organization, take a lot of work and a lot of working together. One thing I've learned in the NNGA is that the best way to show appreciation and honor to those who work for us is to pitch in and help. That's a request. We've got plenty to do.

Greg Miller
President, 2009 – 2010

Financial Report (Unaudited)

1 October, 2009 – 30 September, 2010

Prepared by Sandra Anagnostakis, Treasurer

Income

General Fund Income	Actual
Memberships (PayPal: \$3,273.00, Checks: \$6,684.00)	\$9,957.00
Advertising	\$1,096.00
Book Sales (PayPal: \$1,387.00, Checks: \$813.00)	\$2,200.00
Promotional Items (PayPal: \$96.00, Checks: \$739.00)	\$835.00
Misc. (reimbursement, donation)	\$1,240.00
Interest, Dividends, Capital Gains	\$2,237.41
Total	\$17,565.41
<i>Annual Meeting 2009, returned funds</i>	\$1,233.52
TOTAL INCOME	\$18,798.93

Expenses

General Fund Expenses	Actual
Annual Report (including mailing and tax)	\$8,496.10
The Nutshell (including mailing and tax)	\$16,649.53
Cookbook printing	\$1,392.00
Directory	\$3,235.84
Editor/K. Molnar expenses	\$761.71
File Maintenance (including tax)	\$1,062.65
Secretary/T. Molnar expenses	\$886.86
Office Supplies, photocopying, software	\$174.02
Post Office Box	\$176.00
Treasurer/postage	\$24.57
Mailing books and Promotional Items	\$506.87
Insurance (bonding Treasurer)	\$202.00
PayPal fees	\$145.16
Accountant, income tax preparation	\$2,400.00
Refunds to people who paid twice	\$170.00
Total	\$36,283.31
<i>Annual Meeting 2009, mail</i>	\$70.00
<i>Annual Meeting 2010, mail</i>	\$114.19
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$36,467.50

Research Grant Expenditures

1 October, 2009 – 30 September, 2010

Description	Amount
Recipient	
SUNY Albany (C. Maynard)	\$736.00
Rutgers University (T. Molnar)	\$750.00
Research Grants, Total Expenditures	\$1,486.00

Assets

30 September, 2010

Asset	Amount
General Endowment, Harrisburg ¹	\$7,246.21
Research Endowment, Harrisburg ²	\$9,297.96
Library Checking Account Balance	\$2,042.69
PayPal Balance	\$446.57
General Fund Money Market Balance ³	\$12,997.07
Investment value: General Fund	\$53,216.13
Investment value: Life Member's Fund ⁴	\$33,767.25
Investment value: Book Fund	\$0.00
Investment value: Research Fund	\$161,731.32
Research Fund Money Market Balance ⁵	\$2,910.85
TOTAL LISTED ASSETS	\$283,656.05

¹Includes dividends (\$124.25) and fees (-\$105.08).

²Includes dividends (\$159.42) and fees (-\$134.80).

³Includes General Fund interest and the dividends and capital gains from General Fund and Life Fund investments (\$2,237.41).

⁴179 Life and Honorary members.

⁵Includes Research Fund interest, dividends, and capital gains (\$2,650.27) and proceeds from the Annual Auction (\$2,328.00). Does not include donations (\$180.00);

Notes on the Treasurer's Report for 2009 – 2010

Sandy's Swan Song

The NNGA's money went through some ups and downs with the stock market this year, and members responded to my plea for money by making donations and paying their dues on time. When bills piled up in the summer I had to use the Research Fund checking account to pay them. We then sold some stock from the Book Fund investments to generate cash, and transferred the remainder of the stocks to the Research Fund investments to pay the fund back. You will see that the Book Fund is now zeroed out.

There are no fees for our Edward Jones investment funds or checking (money market) accounts, but the Endowments held in Harrisburg charge a quarterly fee besides generating a little income. Our \$20,000 investment in Harrisburg (now worth less due to the market decline) generated \$283.67 in income, but we paid \$239.88 in fees. Our Edward Jones investments (\$248,714.47) earned \$4,887.68, and the Annual Auction proceeds (for Research) were \$2,328.00. Members donated an additional \$180 to the Research Fund with their membership renewals, and that was transferred into Research after 1 October (I was a little slow this year!).

Our membership dues are low compared to many other organizations. If you divide our total expenses by the total number of members (currently 679) it comes out to \$51 each per year. Just using the cost of the Nutshell and the Annual Report for the year, the cost per member is \$34. I think it is time to raise the dues to \$35 per year, letting our investment income pick up the additional \$2,873 of our expenses. The Board will have to come to terms with this problem in the coming years.

Tom Wahl has done a wonderful job recruiting students to accept our one year free membership. More than 40 of them are now getting our publications, and are becoming familiar with our splendid web page. Surely some of these young people will get excited about nut growing and continue as members. Hopefully, before they reach retirement age.

The cost of preparing our income tax return is more than I would like. The return the last couple of years has been about 26 pages long, and there is no way I could have done it myself. Rules for non-profit organizations have been tightened up, and we don't want to mess with the IRS.

I've included in the report table that follows a break-down of how our income is reaching us. I think it is interesting that twice as much membership money comes in as checks as comes through PayPal. On the other hand, twice as much money for book purchases comes *via* the web as by check. The Treasurer's job would be much easier if there was less paper to mail around, but that probably isn't going to change any time soon. Bill Sachs will now be taking over as Treasurer, but I will keep the Post Office box in Hamden, CT for NNGA mail. I can just pack up stuff once a week and send it to Bill, and save the confusion for our members of where to send their money. Since Ken Bauman, who hasn't been Treasurer since 1999, still gets NNGA mail and renewals, I think we should not confuse people with a new address.

I have enjoyed being NNGA Treasurer, and will continue to see you at the Annual Meetings.

Sandra Anagnostakis

Sandy.Anagnostakis@gmail.com

101st Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.
College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
Sunday, 18 July 2010

ATTENDANCE

Board members present:

Greg Miller, President	Sam Fleet Joe Hietter
Dennis Fulbright, Vice President	Sally Martyn Robert Stehli
Sandy Anagnostakis, Treasurer	Alan Van Antwerp
Tom Molnar, Secretary	

Guests:

Jerry Henkin	Jerry Lehman
Marsha Henkin	Joyce Glatt
Tucker Hill	Bill Sachs
Grant Glatt	Bill Totten

President Greg Miller welcomed everyone.

Minutes from the 100th Annual Meeting as published in the 2009 Stakeholders' Report

Motion:

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

Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Board Action by E-mail

Tom Molnar passed out a sheet outlining the email business conducted by the board during the past year. It outlined the two actions taken

during the year: Printing of 200 more copies of the cookbook and officially bestowing the title of Secretary Emeritus on Tucker Hill for all his work as secretary and continued work. Both motions carried. Tom also reported on the confusion over the nominating committee and that it was finally agreed that it was Jerry Henkin and Bill Sachs that were added to the nominating committee at last year's business meeting even though it was left out of the minutes.

Secretary's Report

Tom Molnar submitted his expense report of \$881.06 for internet and mailing. He noted that the mailing expenses needed to be adjusted with Treasurer's records. He also gave a printed report of some of his activities for the past year.

Treasurer's Report

Sandra Anagnostakis distributed a copy of the Tax Report Form 990 for all to see. Her financial statement showed that income was \$15,910.84 and expenses were \$31,036.71. She asked the group to seriously look at finances due to the large deficit. A discussion followed on removing funds from our endowments, suggestions for saving money by publishing digitally rather than hard copy and that a strategic planning committee should be set up to get our finances in order. A committee was set up with Dennis Fulbright, Sandy Anagnostakis, Bill Sachs with additions to be appointed from the larger body of members. Karey Molnar will be kept informed of all discussions.

Motion:

Moved by Bob Stehli, seconded by Alan

Van Antwerp that we entrust the Investment Advisory Committee to decide what will be sold from Endowments Funds and transfer assets to reimburse the Research Fund \$7,302.30 that was borrowed to pay bills and that any future deficits to the Research Investments be reimbursed. Sandy Anagnostakis opposed the motion.

Carried.

Raising dues was discussed but not acted upon.

Sandy Anagnostakis also distributed a sheet comparing income and expenses for each year from 2006 to the present so the Board could better understand the trends in income and expenses.

REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION

Annual Meeting Coordinator and Local Arrangements Committee

Jerry Lehman reported that he assists local arrangement committees and that Joe Hietter had done a great job on the arrangements and Bob Stehli as well on the speakers. Jerry felt he should be replaced as he had been on so long but no action was taken.

Meeting Site Committee Report

Jerry Henkin and Jerry Lehman reported that 2011 will now be in Utah as Kentucky has had to postpone hosting the meeting due to Dr. Strang's health. 2012 is open (hopefully in Kentucky), 2013 has two possibilities, Nebraska or Minnesota.

Research Grants Committee (NNGA membership required)

Greg Miller reported that there was only one proposal submitted and that the committee still needed to look at it to determine whether it should be supported.

Investment Advisory Committee

Bob Stehli has been appointed to the com-

mittee along with Jerry Lehman and Ron Richardson. The treasurer is an automatic member of the committee.

Membership Report

Grant Glatt asked for a description of his full duties. Sandy Anagnostakis has been the only contact with the records keepers of our membership list as there is a cost whenever they are contacted. At present we have 679 members. Grant has done a great job contacting all life members and updating the records. Grant asked to be notified of new members as he wishes to contact them to welcome them. Greg Miller thanked Grant for his work.

Advertising Manager

Woody Longnecker volunteered but needs some guidelines on what to do.

Cultivar Inventory Coordinator

Bryan Dayton was to send the spread sheet information to Marsha Henkin. Password access on the web site was discussed.

Librarian

Jerry Henkin submitted a written report noting that he filled 19 orders for members and 7 for non-members. He has completed the NNGA Annual Report Index from 1910-1975 which may be published as a booklet. He noted that there was \$2,080.14 left in the account.

Annual Report of the NNGA and Book Editor

Dennis Fullbright reported that 2006 is out and 2007 and 2008 are being assembled now and will go out together. This leaves only 2009 to be completed in the old format. With the new format, 4 or 5 articles will come out in the *Nutshell* quarterly. The second growers' book has 60% of the articles finished and the book should be out by next summer. The editor succession is on hold till the new format is up and running.

101st Annual Meeting

Individual and Committee Reports

Email Motions and Other Business 2009 – 2010

by Tom Molnar

1. Printing of NNGA Cookbook: (Carried)

Motion, by Sandra Anagnostakis, to reprint 500 copies of the NNGA cookbook at the best price that Rose Powell can obtain. Seconded by Sally Martyn.

Votes for (9):

Dennis Fulbright, Bob Stehli, Sam Fleet, Tom Molnar, Joe Hietter, Sally Martin, Alan Van Antwerp, and Greg Miller

Votes against (0)

Not voting (2):

Andre Flys, Robert Miller

Rose received estimates from three companies and chose the lowest price—McNaughton & Gunn. As per a suggestion from Tucker Hill she ordered 200 copies instead of 500.

2. Title of Secretary Emeritus for Tucker Hill: (Carried)

Motion, by Sally Martyn, to officially bestow the title of *Secretary Emeritus* on Tucker Hill. Seconded by Joe Hietter.

Votes for (6):

Greg Miller, Sandy Anagnostakis, Sally Martyn, Joe Hietter, Tom Molnar, Bob Miller

Votes against (1):

Alan Van Antwerp

Not voting (4):

Dennis Fulbright, Andre Flys, Bob Stehli, Sam Fleet

Excerpts from the discussion are reproduced below:

Quoting NNGA President Greg Miller:

“I consider this to be a one-time honorary designation by the board and not the creation of a new office. There is a precedent. After retiring as long-time secretary, Spencer Chase was designated as the Dean of the NNGA. He is now deceased, and there has been no clamor to find a new Dean. “Secretary Emeritus” is an accurate description of what Tucker continues to do for the NNGA. His work is completely voluntary and much appreciated. I vote “yes”. Let’s hear from the rest of the board so we can resolve this issue and put it in the minutes.”

Quoting Sally Martin:

“He has devoted a great deal of time [17 years] and energy to keeping the organization well run.”

Quoting Tom Molnar:

“Tucker continues to help me out a lot as Secretary and should be recognized for this and for all the years and great effort he put into the NNGA.”

Other Email business worthy of note in the records

Nominating Committee Membership

Confusion over who was elected to the Nominating Committee at the 2009 Annual meeting was resolved through email.

Jerry Henkin was nominated by Don Kostka (a motion was made to that effect), was seconded (although notes are lacking on who

seconded the motion), and Jerry Henkin was elected.

Bill Sachs recalled being elected. Unfortunately, notes are lacking on who made the nomination and who seconded it. However, Bill has an excellent memory and after discussion through email, and no objections by the Board, Bill Sachs was elected.

Quoting Greg Miller:

“Unless someone objects, we will let stand the memories of Jerry Henkin and Bill Sachs that they were, in fact, elected to the Nominating Committee. Having resolved the issue, Sally’s motion becomes null and void. Tom, for the minutes you should acknowledge that up to this point, there was no written record of members recently elected to the Nominating Committee, but collective memory has filled that gap.”

No objections were made by the Board, or other NNGA members included in the email discussions

Proposed changes to NNGA’s bylaws

Bill Sachs sent around proposed changes in NNGA bylaws to:

1. accommodate the combination of the *Nutshell* and the *Annual Report*, and
2. altering the requirements of being a member of the Awards Committee

--to be discussed at Board Meeting

Auction and Exhibits Committee Report

In late winter of 2010, 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 the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio. Of those contacted, twenty do-

nors 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 \$2328 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 not be funding any research projects this year but we welcome applicants for next year.

About a dozen exhibitors provided displays of products and nut related items. I must commend the Ohio Nut Growers for their efforts to make the display room live. We had several mechanical black walnut crackers displayed with one that was cleverly motorized and another that used a twisting action to help crush the shell.

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, Tucker Hill, Ray Rusmiel and Don Cobb 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.

Alice Hunter, OH

Dan Sorensen, Russell, PA

Don Cullman, Marysville, OH

Don Cobb, Waterloo, NY

Elaine Scrivener, Smithsburg, MD

Ernie & Linda Grimo, Grimo Nut Nursery,

Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON

Gary Coley, Blanchard, OK

Gerald Gardner, Sarcoxie, MO

Henrietta Olson, Erie, PA

Jerry Lehman, Terre Haute, IN

Joe Heitter, Paraskala, OH
John Freeberg, Fairfield, IA
NeNGA/Heartland Nuts 'N More,
Valpariaso, NE
Ohio Nut Growers Association,
Pataskala, OH
Oikos Tree Crops, Kalamazoo, MI
Robert Wallace, Chestnut Hill Nursery,
Alachua, FL
Rose & Mike Powell, Palmyra, MI
Sally Martyn, Sparta, ON
Tom Wahl, Wapello, IA
Tucker Hill, Etners, PA

Sincerely,
Ernie Grimo, Chairperson
Auction and Exhibits Committee

NNGA Library Report

July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010

The current balance of the NNGA Library bank account with Apple Bank for Savings is \$2,080.14. A major expense this year was for the repair of the Mira copier: \$294.71 in March, 2010.

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 for NNGA Library books, Nutshells, and Annual Reports is still \$10.00 per month.

Hundreds of *Nutshells* were brought to the 2009 meeting in Indiana by Bob Miller. Over the course of three months they were brought eastward to the NNGA Library in Yonkers,

thanks to Sara Fitzsimmons, Tucker Hill and Tom Molnar. I have been distributing them as promotions for the NNGA at farm fairs, green markets, and schools. State/Province organizations or individuals who want copies in bulk to give out as samples can send me a request.

I filled a total of 19 orders for NNGA members and 7 for non-members. There were no requests from NAFEX members.

There were numerous e-mails and phone calls on nut related topics that came from New York City's Green Markets and Tufts University's Comfood list-serve. I responded when I could be helpful, but most often referred inquiries to experts.

I have updated the *NNGA Annual Report Index*, 1910 - 1975. The lists are now complete up through 2006. I will publicize this updated index as a research service. The NNGA Publications Committee will consider creating a booklet from these lists.

New titles that have been acquired by the library are:

1. *What is Sustainable Agriculture? and 2009–2010 Report from the Field*. Both are published by SARE (Sustainable Agriculture and Education Program) with funding from USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture
2. *An Integrated Vision for Agroforestry*, University of Missouri, Center for Agroforestry, 2009.
3. *Natural history, distribution, phylogenetic relationships and conservation of Central American black walnuts (*Juglans sect. Rhysocaryon*)*, Donald E. Stone, et al., published in the *Journal of the Torrey Botanical Society*, 136 (1), 2009, pp. 1 – 25.
4. *A Joaninha*, No. 86, spring and summer, 2010, published by Agrobio, (Portugal).

- 5. *Dennis Madison, The Man Who Planted Trees*, Memorabilia of Mr. Madison's life as a planter of nut trees, by his sister, Mrs. June C. Crawford, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Henkin
 NNGA Librarian

Secretary's Report

To: Sandra Anagnostakis, Treasurer
 From: Tom Molnar, Secretary
 Cc: NNGA Board
 Re: Secretary's expenses for 1 July, 2009 to 31 July, 2010
 Date: 16 July, 2010

Expenses incurred on NNGA credit card

Item	Expenditure
Verizon Internet (*12 months @ \$60.07 per month).....	\$720.84
Mailing and office supplies	\$161.02

No cash expenditures were made this fiscal year.

Total Secretary Expenditures: \$881.06

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; 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 *The Nutshell*; submitting minutes of the NNGA Board meeting and Business meeting and as-

sisting in obtaining committee reports for the *Stakeholders' Report*; assisting in website related content/link sharing/etc.; compiling NNGA Board email business; contributing to *Nutshell* and *Annual Report* content by submitting articles and soliciting articles of value and interest from others.

NNGA Research Grant Report 2010

The research grant committee received one grant proposal this year. After deliberation, the committee members concluded that the proposed research project was not yet sufficiently well-defined to be funded. We encouraged the proposers to submit a proposal next year.

The guidelines for awarding research grants specify that grants are awarded only if the proposals merit funding. There is no requirement that grants be awarded each year. In the past, there have been years when no grants were funded. On the other hand, there have been years when we have received more good proposals than we wanted to fund. In these cases, with Board approval, we "overspent" our budget to fund worthy research at a sustainable level. Equally importantly, we strive to make best use of NNGA's research dollars.

Greg Miller

NOTES:

101st Business Meeting Minutes

Northern Nut Growers Association, Inc.
College of Wooster, Wooster, OH
Monday, 19 July 2010 and Tuesday, 20 July, 2010

Monday, 19 July, 2010

President Greg Miller called the meeting to order.

Minutes of the 100th Annual Business Meeting

Motion:

Moved by Sandy Anagnostakis that the 100th Annual Business Meeting minutes be adopted as corrected. Seconded by Sam Fleet..

Carried.

Secretary's Report

Tom Molnar submitted his expense report of \$881.06 for internet and mailing. He noted that the mailing expenses needed to be adjusted with Treasurer's records.

Treasurer's Report

Sandy Anagnostakis reported that we have 679 members at present and that it costs NNGA \$41.74 for each member but that our dues are only \$25/member. *The Nutshell* and *Annual Report* cost \$30.00 per member to print and mail.

Meeting Site Committee Report

Jerry Lehman reported that 2011 will be in Utah, 2012 is open but may be in Kentucky, and 2013 could be in Nebraska.

Auction and Exhibits Committee Report

Ernie Grimo said there was nothing to report until the auction is held which is tonight at 6:30 in Lowery.

Cultivar Inventory Coordinator's Report

Greg announced that it will be moved to the web with password access for members.

Nominating Committee Report and Nominations from the Floor

Jerry Henkin reported on the proposed nominations from the committee for all officers and a director. The slate of officers and directors nominated are:

President	Greg Miller
Vice-President	Dennis Fulbright
Secretary	Tom Molnar
Treasurer	Bill Sachs
Directors until 2013	Troy Pabst

Jerry opened the floor for further nominations. John Martyn nominated Bob Stehli for director. Jerry Henkin nominated Greg Reighard for director. The election will continue at the banquet.

Election of Nominating Committee Members

Jerry Henkin asked for nominations for two vacant positions on the nominating committee with 3-year terms, and one additional nomination for the two remaining years of Bill Sachs' unexpired term resulting from his resignation from the committee. Linda Grimo and Tucker Hill agreed to serve for three years and Don Cullman for two years. They were elected.

Committee Member	Term Expires
Gary Coley	2011
John Martyn	2011
Don Cullman	2012
Jerry Henkin	2012

Committee Member	Term Expires
Linda Grimo	2013
Tucker Hill	2013

Bylaw Amendments

Two proposed amendments to NNGA's Bylaws which were published in the March *Nutshell* were adopted by the membership present at the Business Meeting.

The Bylaws, as amended, are:

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.

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.

Membership Enhancement

Greg Miller recapped what had taken place at the Board meeting:

1. Financial Strategic Planning Committee formed.
2. Increase membership through:
 - a) upgrade to website.
 - b) offering of free memberships when nut trees purchased from nurseries of members.
 - c) re-introduce seed distribution programme.

The meeting was recessed until the Tuesday banquet

Meeting reconvened at the banquet on Tuesday, 20 July, 2010

President Greg Miller reconvened the business meeting at the banquet.

Big Nut

Sally Martyn, the 2009 Big Nut, crowned Bill Sachs Big Nut for 2010.

Guest Speaker

Professor Goodwin entertained us all with his interpretation of Mark Twain

Roster of States and Countries

Ken Bauman did the roll call.

Secretary Emeritus

Greg Miller announced Tucker Hill's honorary new title.

Research Grant Report

Greg Miller reported that only one research proposal was received this year and that the committee felt that the submitter should refine the proposal and resubmit it next year.

Other Business

Greg Miller thanked the Ohio Nut Growers for a well organized and educational meeting. He challenged everyone to bring in new members for their benefit and ours. He announced the 102nd Annual Meeting will be in Utah with Tim Ford in charge of arrangements.

Awards

Alan VanAntwerp presented the awards on behalf of the committee. The plaques presented were on Black Walnut prepared by Harold Kentner using lumber donated by Bill Hanson.

Merit Award: Tommy Thompson (Texas)

Service Award: Jerry Henkin (New York)

Annual Elections

Jerry Henkin, chairman of the nominating committee, ran the elections naming those pro-

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.

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