President’s Patch

Another year has “flown” by! Spring hung around about a month later than usual and the summer was cooler than usual except for a two week period of hot, dry weather in late August. The summer with that exception was cooler than usual in the mid-west. This was in addition to record setting low temperatures during the winter months. Many NA pawpaw growers reported that the flower buds were killed. Our flower buds were not killed or injured by the cold but due to the cold and wet spring, the pollinators could not or did not fly to pollinate the flowers. Our pawpaw trees had less fruit than prior years, and the fruit was mostly on the lower half of the trees. The fruit was slower to size up and ripened later than usual. The pawpaws at the farm mostly dropped Labor Day weekend. These observations tie in quite well with the project that CC Hoy and his committee (Dr. Dick Munson and Jason Neumann) are working on—Pawpaw Phenology. I would encourage everyone to become a “citizen scientist” and help them with the project. It will only take a few minutes of your time to participate in this worthwhile project. Training and educational materials will be provided for those individuals interested.

Many volunteers have helped to make 2014 a successful year. I want to thank Monty Anderson, Director of Agriculture at Wilmington College for hosting the Annual OPGA meeting and grafting workshop. A number of individuals helped at this year’s Ohio Pawpaw Festival (Chris Chmiel, trademark owner) including: Tony Russell, Dave and Sharon Simpson, Greg and Susan Hoertt, Dick Glaser, CC and Valery Hoy, Jerry and Barb Lehman, Ron and Terry Powell, Deanna Powell, and Terri Frazier.

The fall newsletter is late due to a computer crash at home and then my wireless router decided to take a permanent vacation. I found it necessary to purchase a new laptop computer and move all of my files. Fortunately, I had my files backed up but it was still a long process. I then had to transition from XP to Windows 7!

This newsletter contains the bylaws of the NAPGA and the OPGA. You can see from the two bylaws the future direction we are planning to move the NAPGA. Be sure to see the NAPGA E-zine as it will contain a calendar for 2015 and interesting articles.

We hope you had a wonderful Christmas and wish you a Happy New Year.

- Ron

Mission Statement

NAPGA

is an organization of pawpaw enthusiasts, backyard and commercial pawpaw growers, small and large, dedicated to promoting the superior traits of the pawpaw plant and fruit, developing a pawpaw industry and marketing plan, preserving and studying the wild pawpaw genetics.

Please check with Ron (Botrytis@fuse.net) regarding your membership status.
The NAPGA/OPGA Board of Directors this past summer, 2014, approved the NAPGA Bylaws. We had been working on the bylaws for a couple of years. We wanted to make sure that the NAPGA could grow unencumbered and continue to be successful. Since this is a new direction and uncharted territory for us, we wanted to be confident in what we are doing was sound and reasonable. Many hours were spent researching how bylaws were written by other organizations and “borrowed” the best ideas for the NAPGA bylaws.

**NAPGA Bylaws**

North American Pawpaw Growers Association (2014)

**Article I – Name & Purpose**

I. 1 - Name. The name of the organization shall be the North American Pawpaw Growers Association.

I. 2 - Registered Trade Mark. The North American Pawpaw Growers Association is a registered Trade Mark in the state of Ohio held by the Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association, a nonprofit corporation, existing under the laws of the state of Ohio and is on file with the IRS as a DBA, i.e., doing business as the North American Pawpaw Growers Association (NAPGA).

I. 3 - Organization. The NAPGA is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as defined in IRS Code Section 501(c)(5), or any analogous.

I. 4 - Purpose. The NAPGA is a non-profit association dedicated to providing encouragement, education and support North American pawpaw (*Asimina triloba*) growers around the world.

I. 5 – Activities. In order to fulfill the purpose, the NAPGA shall endeavor to advance *Asimina triloba* cultivation and the needs of its members through the following objectives:

- **I. 5. a** – NAPGA shall publish educational publications for growers and consumers on all aspects of cultivation, benefits, and opportunities of the North American pawpaw.
- **I. 5. b** – Support scientific research, i.e., cultivation and processing, on the NA pawpaw.
- **I. 5. c** – Focus on promoting best management practices and establishing industry standards.
- **I. 5. d** – Distribute relevant and current information among the members and chapters.
- **I. 5. e** – Promote and advocate fair trade practices and new market opportunities.

**Article II – Membership & Dues**

II. 1. Membership. Membership shall be open to all individuals / families, whose interests are consistent with the purpose of the NAPGA and who, upon application and payment of the required dues, shall be a member with full rights and privileges.

II. 2. Non-Transference. Membership is non-transferable, non-assessable and non-assignable.

II. 3. Membership Categories. Categories of membership shall be established by the Board of Directors

II. 4. Membership Terms. All memberships shall be based on a year period, unless otherwise specified by the Board of Directors.

II. 5. Dues. Dues shall be established by the Board of Directors.

II. 6. Honorary Members. An individual that has made a significant contribution to the advancement of the NA pawpaw may be recognized as an honorary member. In order to qualify for this recognition, the following procedures must be followed.

- **II. 6. a** – Any member in good standing may nominate an individual to a Board member prior to an International Meeting.
- **II. 6. b** – To qualify as an honorary member, the individual must be approved by 2/3 of the Board.
- **II. 6. c** – An individual who fails to receive a 2/3 vote may be re-nominated after a one year period.
- **II. 6. d** – Honorary members are not required to pay membership dues, unless they wish to do so in order to have a vote on NAPGA business matters.

**Article III – Voting Requirements**

III. 1 – In order to vote, a member must be in good standing.

III. 2 – The member must be present at the meeting.

III. 3 – A member in good standing is entitled to one vote per person.

III. 4 – Exceptions. In situations where a voting member’s health, location or other circumstances prevent him/her from attending a meeting, the member may, at the discretion of the chair, be allowed to participate in the meeting with the assistance of real time technology.
Article IV – Chapters (State chapters, state affiliates, state branches, clubs, etc.)

IV. 1 - Authorization: Chapters shall be issued a “Certificate of Affiliation” upon approval of the Board of Directors. A Chapter that meets the requirements will be recognized by the Board as being in good standing and issued a “Certificate of Affiliation.”

IV. 2 - Organization: A nucleus of Six (6) NAPGA members in good standing is required in an adjoining state(s) to organize an autonomous Chapter.

IV. 3 - Bylaws: Chapters shall set forth operational guidelines and select a name consistent with the bylaws of the NAPGA and OPGA and notify NAPGA 90 days after the Chapter is organized.

IV. 4 - Officers: All Chapter officers must be members in good standing of NAPGA and the Chapter in which they are an officer.

IV. 5 - Affiliate Board Member: Each Chapter shall elect an Affiliate Board Member from their membership roster to serve on the NAPGA Board for a period of three years. The Affiliate Board Member shall have full voting rights on the NAPGA Board.

IV. 6 - Chapter membership: Chapter membership shall be limited to NAPGA members in good standing but visitors may attend chapter meetings.

IV. 7 - Dues: Chapters in good standing may set their own local dues.

IV. 8 - Information exchange: The NAPGA is to keep an open exchange of information with the various groups and Chapters affiliated with the NAPGA where ever they may occur.

IV. 9 - Educational publications: Each NAPGA Chapter will be encouraged to contribute to “Pawpaw Pickin’s” or other educational publications of the NAPGA.

IV. 10 - Dues distribution: The NAPGA will set aside an amount determined by the Board of Directors not to exceed eight dollars per Chapter member in good standing each calendar year. These funds will be distributed to the Chapters in good standing upon receipt of a written request from the Chapter. The written request shall include but not limited to the Chapter name, a current list of officers, number of Chapter members in good standing, and any other information the Board of Directors may require.

IV. 11 - Operating procedures: The Board of Directors shall adopt Rules and Procedures for Chapter operations on any matters it deems appropriate. Chapters shall be allowed maximum local autonomy if consistent with these Bylaws. Chapters shall be supportive of the NAPGA and shall operate with the letter and spirit on these Bylaws.

IV. 12 - Revocation of Chapter Certificate of Recognition: A Chapter Certificate of Affiliation may be revoked for cause after a hearing and vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Board of Directors. Upon such revocation, the Chapter shall cease any official reference to NAPGA in its meetings and its publications and any Chapter monies shall revert to the NAPGA.

Article V – International Meetings

V. 1 - International Meetings. Meetings shall be held at any declared International Meeting:

V. 2 - Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or one-half (1/2) of the NAPGA Board Members.

V. 3 - Notice of International Meetings. Notice of each International Meeting shall be given to each voting member by mail or email, not less than two months prior to the meeting.

V. 4 - Order of Business. The order of business listed below shall be followed at the International meeting.

  Recording Secretary’s report, approval of previous meeting minutes
  Treasurer’s Report
  Committee Reports
  Old Business
  New Business
  Announcements
  Adjournment

Article VI – Officers and Board of Directors, role, size, and compensation

VI. 1 - Board of Directors. The NAPGA Board shall consist of the fifteen (15) Board members of the OPGA and any duly elected affiliate board members in good standing.

VI. 2 - Executive Committee. The NAPGA Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the North American Pawpaw Growers Association and delegates responsibility for day-to-day operations to the Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association Executive Committee. The six officers serve as members of the Executive Committee.

VI. 3 - Board Compensation. The Associate Board Members receive no compensation other than reasonable expenses, approved by the Board.

VI. 5 - Board Quorum. The Board members present at any declared meeting shall constitute a quorum of the Board. Board members may appoint proxies or be counted as “present” by conference call.

VI. 6 - Officer Duties. The NAPGA officers and their duties shall be identical to those listed in the OPGA bylaws.

VI. 7 - Resignation, Termination, and Absences. Resignation of a Board member or Associate Board member from the Board must be in writing and received by the Corresponding Secretary. A Board member or an Associate Board Member shall be dropped for excess absences from the Board if they have two unexcused absences or is not a member in good standing of the NAPGA. A Board member or an Associate Board Member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the Board directors.
Article VII – Committees

VII. 1. Committees. The Board may create committees as needed to carry out the business of NAPGA.

VII. 2. Committee Chairs. The President appoints all committee chairs and is an ex officio member of all committees.

VII. 3. Executive Committee. The six officers of the OPGA shall serve as members of the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall have all the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, subject to the direction and control of the Board of Directors.

Article VIII – Fiscal Year

VIII. 1. Fiscal year. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year.

Article IX – Amendments

IX. 1 – Amendments, Corrections and Additions. These bylaws may be amended or corrected by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote or by a simple majority vote of the members present at any declared International Meeting not inconsistent with these bylaws or with the Articles of Incorporation of the OPGA. The Secretary shall draw up a document of all adopted motions, corrections or additions and incorporate that record into the bylaws of the NAPGA.

Article X - Dissolution

X. 1 - Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the NAPGA, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this association shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of this state.

Article XI – Finances

XI. 1 - Finances. All financial accounts in any financial institution shall be held in the name of NAPGA or OPGA with authority in the President, the Treasurer, or an individual authorized by a majority vote of the Board to act and sign for the NAPGA on financial matters.

XI. 2 - Signatures. It shall require two of three officers (President, First Vice President and/or Treasurer) to sign checks.

Article XII – Tax Exemption Provisions

XII 1 - Limitation on Activities. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) on the Internal Revenue Code.

XII. 2 - Prohibition against Private Inurement. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.
OPGA BYLAWS
Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association, State Chapter, NAPGA

ARTICLE I – NAME & PURPOSE

I. 1: The name of the organization shall be the Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association (OPGA), State Chapter of the North American Pawpaw Growers Association (NAPGA).

I. 2: IRS Section 501(c)(5). Purposes. The Association is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes as defined in Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c)(5), or any analogous.

I. 3: Specific purpose. The Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association is a not for profit organization formed to encourage, educate and support pawpaw growers.

ARTICLE II – MEMBERSHIP & DUES

II. 1: Membership shall be open to all persons whose interests are consistent with the purpose of this organization.

II. 2: Categories of membership shall be established by the Board.

II. 3: Dues. Dues shall be collected year round with the anniversary date on the date the dues were originally paid. Dues shall be established by the Board.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

III. 1: Annual meeting. The Board of Directors, who shall also set the time and place, shall set the date of the regular annual meeting.

III. 2: Special meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or the Executive Committee.

III. 3: Meeting Notices. Notice of each meeting shall be given to each voting member by mail or e-mail, not less than two weeks prior to the meeting.

III. 4: The order of business listed below shall be followed at the Annual Meeting:
   Recording Secretary’s report, approval of previous meeting minutes
   Treasurer’s report
   Committee reports
   Old business
   New business
   Announcements
   Election of new Board members and officers

ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS

IV. 1: Board role, Size, Compensation. The Board is responsible for overall policy and direction of the Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association and delegates responsibility for day-to-day operations to the Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association Executive Committee. The OPGA Board shall have up to 15 and no fewer than 5 members. The Board receives no compensation other than reasonable expenses.

IV. 2: Meetings. The Board shall meet at least annually at an agreed upon time and place. Meetings may be held by electronic conference calling or e-mail conferences. After such debate, the Board may entertain a motion, second and vote by e-mail or telephone. Any resultant action may be implemented in the same manner as if business were conducted during a regular Board meeting. Board members are expected to attend Board meetings. Failure to do so is grounds for dismissal.

IV. 3: Board elections. Approximately one-third (1/3) of the directors shall be elected for three-year terms (3-year) by the membership at each Annual Meeting. Directors must be members of the NAPGA and OPGA. Directors will be elected by a majority of the current members in good standing attending the annual meeting of the association. Each member in good standing is entitled to one vote and shall have the right to vote by written proxy.

IV. 4: Terms. All Board members shall serve three year terms, but are eligible for reelection with no limit on the number of terms that can be served.
ARTICLE IV – OFFICERS and BOARD OF DIRECTORS cont.

IV. 5: Quorum. The Board members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum of the Board. Board members may appoint proxies or be counted as “present” by conference call.

IV. 6: Notice. All Board meetings require that each Board member have written or e-mail notice two weeks in advance.

IV. 7: Officers and Duties. There shall be six officers of the Board consisting of a President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary and Treasurer. Officers shall be elected to a three year term by a majority of the Board members constituting a quorum at the annual meeting. Their duties are as follows:

IV. 7a. The President shall preside at Annual Meetings, shall convene regularly scheduled Board meetings, and shall appoint standing committees and special committees. The President shall perform all duties incident to the office and such other duties that may be required by law, the Articles of Corporation, by these By-Laws, or that may be prescribed by the Board.

IV. 7b. The First Vice-President will chair special committees as designated by the President. In the absence of the President, shall perform the duties of that office.

IV. 7c. The Second Vice-President shall be responsible for sending out the email newsletters, maintaining the OPGA discussion group, and other duties assigned by the President.

IV. 7d. The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each Board member, and assuring that association records are maintained.

IV. 7e. The Recording Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of Board actions, including overseeing the taking of minutes at all Board meetings and the Annual meeting.

IV. 7f. The Treasurer shall make a report at each Annual Meeting and Board meeting. The Treasurer shall chair the Finance Committee, assist in preparation of the budget, help develop fundraising plans, and make financial information available to Board members and the public.

IV. 7g. The Web Master shall be a member of the Board and maintain the OPGA web site and other related duties.

IV. 8: Vacancies. When a vacancy on the Board exists, nominations for new members may be received from present Board members by the Corresponding Secretary. These nominations shall be sent out to Board members with the regular Board meeting announcement, to be voted upon. These vacancies will be filled only to complete the particular Board member’s unfinished term.

IV. 9: Resignation, Termination, and Absences. Resignation from the Board must be in writing and received by the Corresponding Secretary. A Board member shall be dropped for excess absences from the Board if s/he has two unexcused absences or is not a member in good standing. A Board member may be removed for other reasons by a three-fourths vote of the remaining directors.

IV. 10: Special meetings. Special meetings of the Board shall be called upon the request of the President or of a majority of the Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall send out notices of special meetings to each Board member two weeks in advance.

ARTICLE V – COMMITTEES

V. 1: The Board may create committees as needed, such as membership, education, Ohio Pawpaw Festival, etc. The President appoints all committee chairs.

V. 2: The six officers serve as members of the Executive Committee. Except for the power to amend the Articles of Corporation and Bylaws, the Executive Committee shall have all of the powers and authority of the Board of Directors in the intervals between meetings of the Board of Directors, subject to the direction and control of the Board of Directors.

V. 3: Finance Committee. The Treasurer is chair of the Finance Committee, which includes two other Board Members. The Finance Committee is responsible for developing and reviewing fiscal procedures, a fundraising plan, and annual budget with staff and other Board members. The Board must approve the budget and all expenditures must be within the budget. The Board or the Executive Committee must approve any major change in the budget.

ARTICLE VI - FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year shall be the calendar year. An annual report is required to be submitted to the Board showing income, expenditures, and pending income. The financial records of the organization are public information and shall be made available to the membership, Board members and the public.
ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

VII. 1: These Bylaws may be amended when necessary by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors or by a simple majority vote of the members present at any regularly called meeting. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary to be sent out with regular Board announcements.

VII. 2: The Articles of Corporation may be amended when necessary by a two-thirds majority of the Board of Directors or proposed amendments must be submitted to the Corresponding Secretary to be sent out with regular Board announcements.

The Bylaws were approved at the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Pawpaw Growers Association in 2002, 2007 & 2013.

ARTICLE VIII – DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this association, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this association shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue code or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Such distribution shall be made in accordance with all applicable provisions of the laws of this state.

ARTICLE IX - FINANCES

All financial accounts in any financial institution shall be held in the name of the NAPGA or OPGA with authority in the President, the Treasurer, or an individual authorized by a majority vote of the Board to act and sign for the Association on financial matters. It shall require two of three officers to sign for checks, President, First Vice President, and/or the Treasurer.

ARTICLE X – TAX EXEMPTION PROVISIONS

X. 1: Limitation on Activities. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and this corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Bylaws, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(5) of the Internal Revenue Code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) on the Internal Revenue Code.

X. 2: Prohibition against Private Inurement. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Happy Birthday Smokey! Smokey Bear celebrates his 70th birthday this year. Smokey was giving Terry Powell a difficult time regarding the size of the NA pawpaw that she brought for him. He is asking her where are the large NA pawpaws that he has been hearing about being grown in Indiana by Jerry Lehman and Lee Brumley.
Pawpaw Cake with Candied Lemon Peel
Submitted by Derek Morris
North Carolina

1 cup sugar
1/2 cup softened butter
3 eggs
1 cup pureed pawpaw pulp
1/2 cup milk
2 cups flour
1 tsp salt
1 1/4 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp ground black pepper
1/2 tsp ground ginger
1/2 tsp ground cloves
1/2 tsp ground nutmeg
1 cup golden or regular raisins
1/4 cup candied lemon peel—dredged in additional flour

Cream butter and sugar
Beat in eggs
Mix in pawpaw pulp and milk

In separate bowl mix all dry ingredients well
Gradually mix the dry ingredients into the wet mixture until completely blended
Mix in raisins and candied lemon peel
Place in well greased cake pan or well greased loaf pans

Bake at 300 degrees for 90 minutes

Potomac

Lee Brumley in Indiana sent in pictures of his large (2.19 pounds) Potomac pawpaw to share with NAPGA members.

The black spots are Phyllosticta fungus.

Thanks Lee. For sharing the pictures.

NAPGA/OPGA Dues

Please check with Ron (Botrytis@fuse.net) regarding your dues status or be sure to read the reminder in your email correspondence. Your membership dues are now collected on your anniversary date.

Please renew your membership in NAPGA/OPGA to show your support. Your continued support is needed to further the education and the promotion of North American pawpaws.

Go to www.Ohiopawpaw.com, for a membership form.

Membership dues are: $20.00 — family membership
$5.00 — student membership

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