

TACF-MA Bylaw Amendments as of April 29, 2001 (CHANGES ARE ITALICIZED)

4.5 Standing Committees shall be as follows and may include such other committees as may be constituted by the Board of directors to carry out the functions of the Chapter:

**Tree Inventory/Preservation Committee**

The Committee shall make efforts to discover the location of American chestnut trees growing in this Commonwealth. It shall keep an accurate computer database record of the locations of such trees, their condition, size, and other matters of interest relating to such trees in connection with the work of the Foundation. It shall attempt to preserve these trees using methods approved by the Foundation and the property owners. In addition, it shall pollinate these trees when possible and harvest the nuts in accordance with the Foundation's guidelines.

**Research Committee**

The Research Committee shall maintain close contact with TACF's research farms. *It shall propose and engage in research and promotional activities relating to hybridization of chestnuts and backcrossing of chestnuts, blight hypovirulence, chestnut insect pests, chestnut culture, habitat, and chestnut restoration, and other matters relating to chestnut trees. It shall maintain a database of all backcross pollinations and hybridizations results.*

**Land/Orchard Committee**

The Land and Orchard Committee would develop partnerships with organizations and individuals in order to establish and maintain orchards for the following purposes: display plantings, provenance plantings, gene banking & scion orchards, open pollination sites, and back cross orchards. The Committee would also supervise any land holdings and orchards acquired in the course of long-term hybridization efforts. *The Committee shall collect yearly information from each grower or orchard manager about conditions in each orchard and maintain a database inventory of trees. The committee shall select and designate sites for planting for each year's backcross nuts based on Meadowview recommendations for backcross orchards.*

**Membership Committee**

The Membership Committee shall maintain close contact with the Membership Department of the Foundation. It shall keep the Chapter's membership records and shall conduct membership campaigns to enroll new members. It shall welcome new members and endeavor to retain those members who have become delinquent in the payment of their dues. The membership director shall maintain an up-to-date computer database of the Chapter's membership.

**Education Committee**

The Education Committee shall make arrangements for public lectures, discussions, displays, and such other events as may promote interest and appreciation of conservation, renewal, ecology, and natural history of the American chestnut tree. In addition, it shall promote the use of the Charlie Chestnut Education protocol in public education.

**Publicity/Promotion Committee**

The Publications Committee shall publish, at least once a year, a bulletin or newsletter for the members of the Chapter and shall prepare any other publications and news releases helpful to the Chapter's programs.

**Fund-Raising/Liaison Committee**

The Fund-Raising/Liaison Committee will explore areas for sources of funds, including philanthropic organizations and government funding under guidelines of the Foundation. In addition, the Committee will coordinate activities with other like-minded organizations as approved by the Foundation.