

BC Hazelnut Growers Association (BCHGA) CONSTITUTION

ORGANIZATION NAME:

The name of this organization shall be British Columbia Hazelnut Growers Association, hereafter referred to as the BCHGA.

PURPOSE:

The purposes of the BCHGA, per the BCHGA's Constitution, are:

- a) To promote the interests of the hazelnut growers of British Columbia including, but not limited to:
 - i) obtaining and publishing information relevant to hazelnut growers;
 - ii) promoting and funding research, public relations, education, advertising and other activities to enhance the development of the hazelnut industry;
 - iii) representing the interests of hazelnut growers in dealing with governments, public agencies, suppliers, processors, consumers and others;
- b) To promote generally the interests of the hazelnut industry in British Columbia;
- c) To do all such other things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the foregoing.

MEMBERSHIP:

Membership in the BCHGA is voluntary and shall be open to any individual interested in or involved in the hazelnut industry.

MANAGEMENT:

BCHGA members shall elect Directors at each year's Annual General Meeting.

Elected volunteer Directors shall work on behalf of hazelnut growers in BC to:

- explore opportunities at the provincial and federal level for funding to assist with re-establishing hazelnut orchards affected by Eastern Filbert Blight;
- partner with other organizations to provide opportunities for research and innovation;
- conduct variety trials and research; and
- fulfill the BCHGA's purpose to assist growers and promote and enhance the BC hazelnut industry.