

BY-LAWS: PAWPAW CHAPTER OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY (FNPS)

ARTICLE I NAME:

- A. The name of the organization shall be Pawpaw Chapter of the FNPS.

ARTICLE II PURPOSES

- A. The purposes of the Pawpaw Chapter of the FNPS are:
 - a. Support the FNPS Mission.
 - b. Conserve, protect and restore native plant communities.
 - c. Provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and knowledge regarding native flora of the region.
 - d. Provide and make recommendations regarding issues that concern native plants and/or their habitats.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

- A. All members of the Pawpaw Chapter must be members of the FNPS.
 - a. Dues are established by the FNPS as a portion of which is allocated to our chapter.
- B. Each member shall be entitled to one vote on any question requiring a vote by the Membership.
- C. The Membership shall elect Chapter Officers at the Annual Meeting. A nominating committee shall present a slate of officers one month prior to the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

- A. There shall be four officers of the Pawpaw Chapter of the FNPS: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall serve for one year and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting.
 - a. DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT:
 - i. Preside at all meetings.
 - ii. Serve as ex-officio on all committees, except the nominating committee.
 - iii. Appoint committees and all committee chairpersons, etc.
 - iv. Appoint a Chapter Representative
 - b. DUTIES OF THE VICE PRESIDENT:
 - i. Exercise the functions of the President during the absence of or disability of the President.
 - ii. Shall have such powers and discharge such duties as may be assigned from time to time by the President.
 - c. DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY:
 - i. Custodian of all chapter records except financial.
 - ii. Take responsibility for all correspondence.
 - iii. Keep accurate minutes of meetings.
 - iv. Report minutes of previous meeting at each chapter meeting.

- d. DUTIES OF THE TREASURER
 - i. Keep and maintain correct accounts of all financial transactions.
 - ii. Provide treasury reports at all meetings.
 - iii. Deposit all monies to the credit of the Pawpaw Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society.
 - iv. Disperse funds of the Pawpaw Chapter of the FNPS as may be ordered by the President or the Board.
- B. VACANCIES:
 - a. The Board of Directors shall appoint a member to fill any vacancy.
- C. RECORDS:
 - a. Each officer shall upon the termination of his/her term of office, deliver the records of past office to the board or newly appointed or elected officer.

ARTICLE V STANDING AND TEMPORARY COMMITTEES:

- A. The President shall create such standing and temporary committees as may be deemed necessary to accomplish the aims of the Pawpaw Chapter of the FNPS.
- B. The nominating committee shall be appointed and will meet two months prior to the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS:

- A. The Pawpaw Chapter of the FNPS shall meet at least 10 times per year.
- B. The Annual Meeting shall be in December.
- C. The Board of Directors shall meet at least 4 times per year.
- D. The Board shall consist of current officers, standing committee chairs, immediate past president and Chapter Representative.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS:

- A. Shall be distributed to members one month prior to being voted on.

ARTICLE VIII CHAPTER POLICIES:

- A. Public plant sales and fundraising events shall consist solely of Florida native plants.

Approved at the August 12, 2024 meeting by members present. All ayes. No Nays.