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## THE WORKINGS OF THE NEW FRUIT GROWERS' AGENCY

Plan of Organization as adopted at Tacoma meeting of the Fruit Growers Council.  
ington, Chairman.  
Truman Butler, Hood River, Oregon.  
W. H. Paulhamus, Puget Sound, Wash.  
C. T. Haskell, Wenatchee, Wash.

ington--Executive Committee.  
Clifford E. Chase of Brewster, Wash., for the Wenatchee district; Harry Jones of Wapato, Wash., for the Yakima district; A. D. Moe of Hood River, Ore., for the Hood River district; W. M. Sackett, of Corvallis, Mont., for the Montana district; A. W. Simmons of Freewater, Ore., for the Walla Walla district; John F. Davis of Opportunity, Wash., for the Spokane district and J. A. Westerlund, of Medford Ore., for the Rogue River district.--Board of Control.

The plan:  
For the purpose of securing, so far as possible, proper and legitimate cooperation which will lead to the obtaining for the benefit of the fruit growers of the Pacific Northwest the full amount to which they are entitled for their fruits in the markets of the world; and for the purpose of preventing unfair business methods by the various shippers and handlers of fruits, which will adversely affect the interests of the growers of such fruit, and for the purpose of further advancing the welfare of the fruit growers of the Northwest; Be it hereby:

RESOLVED:  
1. That the Growers Council, now in session, be made a permanent organization; that the members elected thereto serve for the ensuing year and until their successors are elected. Subsequent representation in said Council to be determined at each annual meeting of the Council upon the tonnage of each district for the preceding year, provided, that representation in the Growers Council to be held in January, 1916, shall be on the same basis as the representation in the Council now in session. The annual meeting of the Growers Council shall be held on the third Monday in January of each year, and the members thereof shall be elected by the fruit growers of their respective districts on the first Saturday after January 1st of each year. Special meetings of the Growers Council shall be called by the President and Secretary thereof on the written demand of the members of the growers Council of any one or more districts and as otherwise provided herein.

2. That a Board of Control shall be formed consisting of one member from each of the fruit growing district designated and described below and for any additional district that may hereafter be formed. Members of this Board shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Growers Council upon the nomination and recommendation of their respective districts. Members of the Board of Control shall serve for one year or until their successors are elected. Vacancies in the membership of the Board of Control shall be filled by the Board of Control upon nomination by a majority of the members of the Growers Council from the

district unrepresented by reason of such vacancy.

3. The qualifications for membership in the Growers Council or the Board of Control shall be as follows: Such member shall be a bona fide fruit grower in and from the district that he represents, and no member of the Board of Control shall be a salaried official of any fruit sales agency or one whose principal business consists in buying, assembling, or selling for his own profit, fruit that is not grown by himself. Members of the Board of Control shall receive \$5 per day, and shall be paid their necessary traveling expenses while attending to duties of their office.

4. The Board of Control shall be authorized and empowered to elect an Executive Committee of three, provided, that the Board of Control is hereby instructed to elect as such Executive Committee the three men nominated by the Growers Council who shall each be acceptable to the delegation of the respective districts. Each member of said Executive Committee shall receive such compensation for his services as shall be fixed by the Growers Council.

The powers conferred by the Growers Council upon the Executive Committee are hereby declared and defined as follows:

It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to enter into negotiations with the Shippers of Northwestern fruits, or any considerable numbers of them, for the following purposes:

(a) To obtain for fruit growers the maximum amount of service in return for the compensation paid the shipper by the grower.

(b) To secure the adoption of such uniform methods for the transaction of business between shipper and grower as will furnish a fair basis of comparison.

(c) To establish such practices with regard to the selling and marketing fruit as will tend to eliminate consignment and auction sales, prevent unfair and unfair competition, and in every possible manner stabilize the market and secure for the grower the greatest possible net return for his product.

(d) In conjunction and cooperation with the shippers, to proceed, as occasion offers, by conservative and well-considered measures to improve the conditions affecting the production and marketing of fruit, and especially to promote the interests of the boxed apple industry of the Northwest.

(e) To arrange for the collection through the shippers of a tax, to be paid by the grower, not to exceed 1-4 cent per box on apples and pears 1-4 cent per box on strawberries and 1-6 cent per package upon other small fruit shipped, to provide for the cost and expense of this organization, all such funds to be subject to disbursement by the Executive Committee, who

shall make periodic reports to the Board of Control.

(f) To make agreements with the shippers for the carrying out of the purposes herein outlined, and for other purposes as the same may appear to be mutually advantageous, and to enforce the same; and to that end they are authorized to establish headquarters and engage such employes and assistance as may be necessary.

5. The Executive Committee shall have charge of all the details of carry-

ing into execution the purposes of this organization; but its acts shall have charge of all the details of carrying into execution the purposes of this organization; but its acts shall be under the general supervision and direction of the Board of Control. Any member of the Executive Committee may be removed on a three-fourths vote of the membership of the Board of Control, but such member of the Executive Committee may ap-

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