

associations is not within the scope of this article, national associations should be aware of possible antitrust implications in connection with chapters. Most national associations are aware of the risk involved in excluding competitors from membership in a trade association.

Therefore, if a membership relationship between a national and a chapter is established in such a way that the chapter may be able to deny a competitor membership in the national association — by virtue of having the right to deny membership in the chapter — then an arbitrary decision by a chapter to deny membership may have repercussions for the national association. In other words, just as in other areas of association activity, the national must be careful not to turn over decision-making authority to the chapter when that authority, if used arbitrarily or capriciously, may result in antitrust liability to the national

organization.

Informing chapter of obligations

Chapters are valuable components of a national association. As such, the national association will doubtless want to provide any possible assistance to the initiation and success of the chapters. Part of this assistance should consist of informing the chapter of its obligations as a separate legal entity with respect to the choice of form of business and tax-exempt status. By providing information and guidance, the national association can ensure that the chapter operates on a sound and effective basis for the good of the entire organization.

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ABSTRACTS

BAGLEY, W.T. 1979. **Hackberry — a hardy plant often overlooked.** *Am. Nurseryman* 150(3): 15, 88-89.

The hackberry's ability to withstand adversity has been overlooked in recent years as trees are selected for ornamental plantings in the Central Plains region. Although there are no serious insect or disease problems, the leaf nipple galls caused by insects of four pachypsylla species detract from its appearance. Occasionally the witches'-brooms caused by eriophyes species, a gall mite, working in conjunction with powdery mildew fungus, can cause unsightly deformity. Phenological information and injury to trees due to drought or cold in the Nebraska and Kansas plantations are compared. It is quite likely that there are many variants in the total population within and beyond the extremes described. Eventually the original and the other test plantations can be used as seed orchards. The result should be hackberry nursery stock improved in uniformity, vigor, and adaptability to Great Plains sites.

LEWIS, C.E. 1979. **Interesting tree trunks.** *Am. Nurseryman* 150(1): 12-13.

Tree trunks are fascinating. Whether the trees are found deep in the forest, gracing the front lawn of a home or along a street, people can enjoy the various trunk characteristics by merely stopping and looking. The few tree trunks pictured here show the diversity among the different trees. Tree trunks may differ in size, color, character, smoothness or roughness of the bark, and the way the branches break from the main trunk. A tree trunk can be viewed from close range, but it is better to view the whole trunk as a unit and then gradually move in to observe the details.