## **BIAN MISSION STATEMENT**

Founded in 1968, the Big Island Association of Nurserymen (BIAN) was organized to promote the nursery industry on the Big Island of Hawaii and to bring together like minded people. Since that time, the Big Island has become the hub of a \$100 million dollar statewide floriculture and nursery products industry.

With 70 members and counting, the BIAN actively participates in State and County legislative decisions, bringing forth ideas and points of view specific to people in the agricultural sector.

In furtherance of the objectives set forth in the Articles of Incorporation but not in limitation thereof, the Association shall endeavor to promote the general welfare of its members by:

- 1) The cultivation of acquaintanceship.
- 2) Featuring and promoting a greater use of nursery products.
- 3) The improvement and standardization of nursery products.
- 4) The advancement of lawful and fair trade practices, customs, and usages.
- 5) Continuing cooperation with all allied interests.
- 6) The compilation and dissemination of scientific information to members.
- 7) The study of business methods and standards for recommendation to and for use by members.
- 8) Gathering, analyzing, and disseminating information of general interest. Securing and presenting the views of the members to the public, the governmental agencies, and
- 9) to other organizations.
- 10) Cooperating with governmental agencies in molding policies on legislative and administrative matters in the interest of the industry and the public.
- 11) Promoting the exchange and sale of nursery stock and related items.
- 12) The exhibition of plants, fruits, flowers, or other articles produced by or used in the industry.
- 13) Engaging in any lawful activities which will enhance the efficient and economic progress of the industry and acquainting the public with the scope and character of these activities.

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