

## FUNCTION & AUTHORITY OF THE HAP COMMITTEE:

The committee shall oversee and enforce all the rules and regulations governing the HAP program. Among these are: verifying and awarding points to qualified members in a timely manner, keeping proper records of the awards, making proper awards to qualified members, publishing the results in the **Youngstown Aquarist**, reviewing the rules and regulations of the program at least once each year for possible improvements, sending the proper reports to FAAS in a timely manner and reporting to the Board of Directors regularly.

Special ruling may be requested by the committee. Appeals to those rulings may be referred to the Board of Directors and may be modified by a two thirds majority.

Should the committee ever feel that certain changes in the rules may be advised, they will adhere to the following procedure and no changes will be retroactive:

- 1.—A date for the changes or modifications will be chosen by the committee.
- 2.—The changes or modifications will be brought before the Board of Directors. If it is approved there, then:
- 3.—The proposal, with the effective date, will be published in a conspicuous manner in the **Youngstown Aquarist** at least 3 months preceding the effective date.

The HAP committee reserves the right to temporarily assign any plant not covered by the program to whichever class they feel appropriate until such time as it can be given its rightful designation, according to the steps outlined above. The points will not be awarded until this time but the plant will be registered as a successful propagation, etc.

## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PERTAINING TO THE HAP:

- 1.— The definition of a "family" is outlined in the Constitution. Art. 3, Seet. C
- 2.—To avoid future confusion, children within a family are encouraged to participate separately in the HAP program.
- 3.—Understanding that married couples or partners will often wish to participate in the HAP program jointly, YATFS has made the following provisions.
  - A.— In the event that 2 people who are jointly engaged in the HAP program should be separated by divorce, death, etc.:
    - I.— Each party will maintain the award level and total points equal to what they previously earned together
    - II.— In the event a divorced couple re-marries, they may either, continue the HAP program where they left off as a partnership, in which case any points accumulated after their dissolution will be null—OR—they may choose to continue their participation separately.

