

OREGON STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION BYLAWS

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ARTICLE 1 - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Membership. All applications for membership of whatever class must be made to the secretary or authorized representative and must be accompanied by the annual dues. Upon acceptance of the membership fee, he or she is entitled to receive a copy of the Oregon State Beekeepers Association's constitution and bylaws.

Section 2. Fees and Dues.

(A) Paid members. Paid members shall pay annual dues of \$20.00. Any member wishing to donate funds toward the general fund or a specific program may do so. Such funds shall be earmarked and spent only for the benefit of the program so specified at the time of the donation.

(B) Honorary Life Members. Honorary life members shall freely participate in all activities of the state association and shall pay no dues or fees, except if an honorary life member wishes to join more than one branch association, he or she shall pay the dues of the additional branch(es).

(C) Branch Associations. One dollar (\$1) of the dues collected for membership in Oregon State Beekeepers Association may be retained by the branch association. If the member resides where there is no branch association, the state association shall retain the one dollar.

(D) Dues.

Dues may be paid at any time and are current for twelve (12) months. Any dues not paid within one month after they are due are delinquent, and membership is canceled.

ARTICLE 11 - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. President.

The president shall be the directing head and chief executive officer and shall preside at all meetings. He or she shall act as chair of the executive committee, appoint all committees not otherwise provided for, fill all vacancies in office taking place between elections, and call all special meetings of the executive committee and of the general membership when requested to do so as provided in the constitution. He or she shall be responsible for seeing that all officers, elected or appointed, perform their respective duties and take the initiative in all matters pertaining to the welfare of the organization and its membership.

Section 2. Vice-president.

In the absence of the president, the vice-president shall assume the responsibilities ordinarily falling upon the president. In the absence of both officers, the members may select a chair to serve for the time being. It shall be the duty of the vice-president to serve as program chairman of the association.

Section 3. Secretary-treasurer.

It shall be the duty of the secretary-treasurer to record all minutes of the annual and special meetings of the general

membership. He or she shall keep financial records in good condition showing all amounts received and disbursed by him or her, from whom received, to whom and for what paid. He or she shall perform such other duties as would naturally be assigned to that office.

Section 4. Regional Directors.

Regional directors shall serve on the executive committee. The seven regional directors shall be elected from different areas of the state and will be expected to be aware of the problems facing beekeeping in those areas and be responsible for bringing these problems to the attention of the executive committee and the members.

ARTICLE 111- DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Section 1. Fairs and exhibitions.

It shall be the duty of this committee to cooperate with the Oregon State Fair Board in developing the bee and honey exhibit at the Oregon State Fair, and to cooperate with local and district fair managers in developing larger and better honey exhibits in their respective fairs.

Section 2. Public Relations.

It shall be the duty of this committee to secure news items and photographs for publication at all beekeeping functions, to work with officers and committees on proper exposure of apiculture to the public, whenever and however possible, whether by newspapers, radio, television or other news media.

Section 3. Honeybee Workshops

Section 4. Other committees to be established as directed by the president and executive committee.

ARTICLE IV - AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered or amended only at an annual convention by a three-fourths vote of the total membership present at the meeting, provided notice of the proposed changes have been sent to all members at least one month (30 days) prior to the said meeting.