

Ohio State Beekeepers Association Board Meeting  
October 14, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Terry Lieberman-Smith, Vice-President.

In Attendance: Mike Doseck, Dwight Wilson, Brad Hibbard, Joe Kovaleski, Alex Zomchek, Dwight Wells, Tom Rathbun, Terry Lieberman-Smith, Michele Colopy, Marishka Wile, Richard Manley, Peggy Garnes, Annette Birt Clark

Vice-President: ADK Grant

- More than half of free kits shipped – on track
- Kits still available
- 24 Presentations complete, 1 on calendar, 5 still available to book
- Over 800 beekeepers to date have seen presentation
- All required reports have been submitted before deadlines

Vice-President:

- Budget for traveling speaker program supplied to board was reviewed (\$5,155.00)
  - Document is attached to meeting minutes
- Committee chair and members will select topic and speakers in the future
  - Many ideas are available from grant speaker assessment forms

Traveling Speaker Program Proposed Budget Vote

- ✓ Mike made a motion to accept the budget as presented.
- ✓ Peggy seconds the motion.
- ✓ All in favor.
- ✓ Annette abstains from vote.
- ✓ Motion carries.

Treasurer: Apiary Liability Law Activity

- Efforts of Michele, Peggy and Terry have garnered a sponsor for the bill and two co-sponsors
- Bill will be introduced to the House October 23, 2017
- OSBA will inform local clubs, when the need arises, to contact their local representatives to support the bill

Treasurer: City of Akron Bee Ordinance

- Akron has conflicting and antiquated laws regarding pollinators
- Michele is working with local officials to introduce updated language

Secretary: ABF Delegate Conference Call

- Notes attached to minutes

Vice-President: Strategic Planning Meeting

- To be held December 2, 2017
- Wittmeyer Conference Room

- <https://fsr.osu.edu/about/facility-reservation/wittmeyer-conference-room>
- Proposed time- 9:00am to 4:30pm, lunch included
- Details to follow fall conference and annual meeting and elections

#### Vice-President: Fall Conference

- 300 registered participants to date
- Walk-ins are accepted
- Sign up sheet for board member participation has been sent

#### Mike Doseck: Election Nominations

- Thank you to outgoing board members, Joe Kovaleski Richard Manley and Mike Devaughn
- Candidates for three regions
- Candidates for executive board seats
- Need Representative candidates for Miami Valley and Heart of Ohio
- Nomination forms must be completed by all candidates and currently seated board members as required by the IRS 990 form
  - If you have any questions, contact Michele

#### Treasurer: Financial Report

- Documents presented prior to meeting
- Some variances in ADK Expenses are due to grant materials purchased in 2016 prior to reimbursement
- All board members, please, submit all expense requests and reimbursements within 30 days of the expense for timely bookkeeping

#### Vote to accept Financial Report

- ✓ Joe make a motion to accept the financial report.
- ✓ Peggy seconds.
- ✓ All in favor.
- ✓ Motion carries.

#### Treasurer: Ohio MP3 Update (Managed Pollinator Protection Plan) AKA Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative (OPHI)

- Six-page constraint for OSBA submission on behalf of beekeepers
- Additional information will be supplied with a link on the OSBA web site

#### Master Beekeeper Program

- No follow-up available as Tim Arheit, President is not call

Michele puts forth a motion to adjourn the meeting. Peggy seconds. All in favor. Motion carries. Meeting is adjourned at 8:43pm.

Thank you all for your attendance.

## Questions for the State Delegates Call: September 21, 2017

1. What states are we missing delegates? The following states are missing delegates but have been contacted.

Oregon  
Pennsylvania  
Rhode Island  
South Carolina  
South Dakota  
Tennessee  
Texas  
Vermont  
Virginia  
Washington  
West Virginia  
Wisconsin  
Wyoming

2. Are delegate duties listed on website for reference? Yes, see webpage <http://www.abfnet.org/?page=ABFStateDelegates>
3. More people might read an email if it came from an "official" address.
4. What is the 2018 membership goal? This goal is set at the ABF Board Meeting prior to the ABF Conference in January. This year's conference is in Reno and will mark the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for ABF.
5. What about an email address for [ABFCODElegate@abfnet.org](mailto:ABFCODElegate@abfnet.org)? Regina is looking into.
6. What are the current committees and what are their purposes?

Executive Committee  
Audit  
Budget and Finance  
Bylaws  
Conference  
Education  
Honey Queen Program  
Honey Show  
Legislative  
Marketing/Membership  
Policies  
President's Award  
Research  
Resolutions  
State Delegates

7. Ted Jones, CT...a lot of states don't pick their delegates until the month before the conference, how are you going to handle that? We will allow delegates that are newly elected to attend the luncheon. We anticipate that the past State Delegate has passed on information to the newly elected on. They are also welcome to contact Debbie Seib as the Committee Chair
8. Show value to all local clubs to become members
9. Do you allow clubs to replay webinars at local meetings?
10. What is the education chairs name? Roger Hoopingarner
11. What if the local club joins as a member?
12. Do the states know they need to elect a delegate annually? States have been contacted and we'll continue to follow up with those that do not have a Delegate.
13. Many smaller clubs have a lack of available speakers and webinars may be an attractive option for some.
14. What are the parameters/ criteria
15. Where / who does the state delegate information go to?
16. Are all the state clubs members of ABF? No, they are currently not, but we'd like to encourage them to be.
17. Why don't you base the state membership fee on the size of the association, ie members. State membership is a volunteer basis and as such we'd prefer to have a state join based on what they can pay rather than be excluded because they couldn't afford to join.
18. How many paid employees are there at ABF? ABF is managed by Meeting Expectations. This management group has a full time paid employee on our staff and a part time employee paid on our staff as well as the financial accountant.
19. Are ABF board members paid? ABF Board Members are not paid a salary. We volunteer our time for both calls, travel, serving time on committee, etc. We are reimbursed for some expenses.
20. Who actually votes for a state delegate? State Delegates are chosen by the states and can decide whether the membership votes on them or the State Board of Directors.
21. Technically no vote- just state association assigning delegate
22. So how many members = a delegate? Regina will research this.

23. Do you conduct strategic planning? The ABF Board of Directors holds a strategic planning meeting prior to the ABF Conference in January. We follow up after the conference with the new board.
24. Are state delegates required to be members in good standing prior to appointment? Yes, State Delegates are required to be a paid up member of ABF.
25. How do you gather membership feedback? Feedback from our members is gathered in many ways, most informal. We received feedback at the Annual Conference in January, some members send email to [info@abfnet.org](mailto:info@abfnet.org), some members call Board of Directors that they know.