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The Legislative Committee 2023 by Jim Kellie

We have extended our report to include some national issues that are happening because we believe that some of these could affect our beekeepers in Kansas as well at some point.

With regards to our state news, we have a new person in charge of Specialty Livestock which is the group that our honey bees fall into. Her name is Tessa Bee-man. She is very interested in pollinators and our state insect, the honey bee. President Becky Tipton and I have been in contact with her through several emails. We have been trying to set up a meeting whether in person or via Zoom, but so far, our schedules haven't cooperated. If nothing else, we will meet her at the State AG meeting in Manhattan in August. Most of our goals at this meeting will be education and the need for

pastures to have pollinator plants included. We still wish to have a state extension person working with honey bees, pollinators, and how modern agricultural farming affects our honey bees. There are a number of other concerns, but we are starting with these strategies first to keep clutter and confusion out of the equation.

This year, USDA is reporting that Kansas, once again, has 7,000 colonies in our state. Beekeepers with above 5 colonies are counted in this survey. Our state is growing in the number of sideliners, making me believe we are under-counted. We have many sideliners that are growing rapidly to over 100 colonies. Unfortunately, they are growing too rapidly with little experience and come crashing down in about two years. Our associa-

tion has many instructional videos on our website. We have spring and fall meetings that bring in national speakers that address beekeeping issues. We are in hopes that this will help those who are expanding to have a better outcome. We always welcome beekeepers to let us know what programs and speakers they would like to hear in order to help them with beekeeping on a part-time scale. Bee Informed is also out with their survey count which does include beekeepers with under 5 colonies. Our highest colony winter losses occur with the hobbyist sector. This is likely due to media and social media presenting beekeeping as though it is easy to do. Unfortunately, beekeeping has a steep and expensive learning curve. Finding mentors, books, and

bee clubs are the best way to keep losses and mistakes at bay. YouTube is getting better with a few good teachers; however, it is also getting popular with people wanting to be beekeeping influencers. Be aware of what and who you are listening to. Vermont has become the first state to ban neonicotinoids for certain uses. The state has become aware of their harm. Neonicotinoids are starting to show up on the radar as harmful and we hope all of this can be studied further.

I also received word just a few days ago that the test kits one can buy to see if a colony has American Foul Brood or European Foul Brood, are being stopped from entering the U.S. The test kits were made in Europe. The EPA labeled these as Pharmacology and decided they must be approved. There is a meeting being set up with the powers that be and those involved with using the test kits to see what action could be taken to resume obtaining test kits. Suppliers at this point still have some test kits that can be bought. If you suspect you have AFB or EFB, get with your mentor, local bee club, master beekeeper, or commercial beekeeper in your area to help you decide how to help your colony. Information is still coming in and is somewhat sketchy. Editors of bee magazines are gathering information to help clear up confusion.

For the “Sour Grapes Award”; I received word that a national congressman has entered a bill into committee that will allow pesticide corporations to not be responsible for what the pesticides harm. We so hope this bill never sees the light of day. I hope to see you all in November at the meeting in Salina. We have some great speakers who will be there.

Beekeeper of the Year

For any of you who have been around KHPA for a while, a Beekeeper of the Year is often awarded at the fall meeting. I use the term ‘often’ as this award has a history of not being handed out each year. Speaking with some longtime members, I’ve been told “some years no one really offered a real stand out performance deserving of the award.” That said, quite often a person (or even a couple) in the beekeeping industry of Kansas stands out and deserves the award as a comment to all – ‘We noticed your hard work as a steward of Kansas Beekeeping.’ There have been twelve recipients out of the last twenty-two years.

If you happen to be aware of a standout performing member of Kansas beekeeping, whom you feel is deserving of this award, please go to our website: www.kansashoneyproducers.org and complete the application. I chair the committee this year, so submit those applications to me and I will forward them to the remainder of the committee. Mark Mounce & Stephanie Brown along with Cecil Sweeney make up the remainder of the committee, as it historically consists of the last three recipients.

If you’ve noticed someone who: Does the most to promote the art of beekeeping * Promotes the KHPA * Promotes membership in the association * Publicizes beekeeping and introduces the art of beekeeping to prospective future beekeepers... Complete and send in an application for them.

Send the application by email to: gswob@mwenergy.com with Beekeeper of the Year in the Subject line or by mail to: Greg Swob – Swobee Honey Farm - 1569 Toulon Ave. – Hays, KS 67601

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER by Becky Tipton

What's an "Open Apiary" and why are they important? An open apiary is also known as a Teaching Apiary. They are a collection of hives manned by a master or seasoned beekeeper willing to share his/her knowledge with novice beekeepers. The state of Kansas has several teaching apiary locations and one may be closer to you than you realize. New beekeepers have often read books and articles, attended classes, watched videos, and shopped bee suppliers but the actual hive manipulations can be daunting. Open apiary visits can take the uncertainty out of hive inspections. Every open apiary visit will include tips to lighting a smoker, demonstration of how to approach the hive, and safe frame removal. Need help locating the queen, determining hive strength, or tips on supering; the open apiary master beekeepers can help.

We (KHPA and several Kansas beekeepers) have offered open/teaching apiary opportunities for several years. We believe it is the bridge between book knowledge and applied beekeeping. Even seasoned beekeepers who have attended open apiary sessions often learn new tips or techniques to make hive manipulations and examinations easier and less stressful.

Here are some open apiary opportunities. Contact these beekeepers to learn the exact open apiary date/time and to reserve a spot. All scheduled open apiary events are subject to change because of weather conditions. Most have monthly sessions.

Northeast

Becky & Steve Tipton, Meriden. bstbees@gmail.com

Joli Winer & Cecil Sweeney, Spring Hill. heartlandhoneyks@gmail.com

NEKBA hives located at Pendleton's Country Market in Lawrence. Watch the NEKBA Facebook page for contacts and times.

N. Central

Nikki Bowman, Riley. nikkibfarm@gmail.com

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We were recently criticized because this information hasn't been published more widely. If you are doing something to foster good bee husbandry and education, let us know. If you see someone else doing good work, compliment them, and share their good effort.

I have mentioned before that I think podcasts are an underutilized resource that can make us all better beekeepers. Like anything else published on the web, you need to select wisely and get your information from university-based, reliable sources. One of my favorites is *Beekeeping Today* with hosts Jeff Ott and Kim Flottum (Kim was editor of *Bee Culture Magazine* for years and has been a keynote for NEKBA Funday.) On the July 24th episode of *Beekeeping Today*, the first guest was Becky Masterman from the University of Minnesota. Dr. Master-

man spoke about an upcoming deadline of the USDA-ARS (Agriculture Research Service). NOW is the time ARS is deciding where to focus their \$\$\$ and their research during the next 5 years. We (beekeepers/farmers) have until August 7, 2023, to make our voices heard. By clicking on the link below, you can have your interests considered. I went to the website, clicked, and gave them an ear full. Don't be shy, you can contribute, too! <https://np305.arsnet.usda.gov/>

Topics that I addressed in my comments to ARS included:

Maybe one of the most frustrating challenges to beekeepers here in the Midwest is lack of support from government agencies. If we have a real bee health concern, we turn to each other for answers and then the University of Nebraska for bigger problems. We do not have apiary support through veterinary medicine, local university faculty, or a state apiary specialist. Research priorities need to continue to target varroa (we haven't won that battle yet). If we can't keep bees alive, we can't learn how to become efficient and productive honey producers. We can't keep bees alive without effective and safe mite control. On the beekeeping horizon, we know *Tropilaelaps* mite is out there and likely making its way to our hives. Last, ARS asked how they can partner with us most effectively. I have daily internet conversations with gardeners using Sevin dust and contracting with Mosquito Joe and wanting to know why they aren't effective. They lack the understanding to make better environmental choices to make the world healthier. We need help to get accurate information to all stakeholders to improve forage for our bees. News flash, everyone on the planet is a stakeholder in the fight for pollinator health.

Our legislative committee (see Jim Kellie's report) is well aware of the issues related to beekeeping in Kansas and through several avenues tries to influence lawmakers to consider issues important to pollinators. Keep up the good work Jim, Steve, Brian, Mark, and Gerrett. Hope to see you at the Ag Summit in Manhattan later this month. We will be the "buzz" in the legislator's ears, promoting Kansas honey bees.

Becky Tipton, President

News from Northeast Kansas

Over the last few weeks, a sizable percentage of Northeast Kansas has experienced above average temperatures. A few areas have been fortunate to receive rainfall at strategic times. The timing of rainfall has ensured that abundant nectar continued to be available to honey bee foragers despite hot conditions. Weather maps indicate a mix of drought conditions. Some areas are still experiencing drought conditions while other areas have been elevated back to near normal. These periodic rains produced a good Black Locust flow in the first week of May. This year was exceptional because of the absence of storms that typically end the Black Locust bloom early.

Many beekeepers in the area did not notice significant honey stores until White Sweet Clover began blooming. Other beekeepers saw steady weight gains in hives due to periodic rains followed by significant nectar sources blooming such as Lindens, White Dutch Clover, and blackberries.

Beekeepers are still in the process of harvesting honey. Some have experienced a particularly good year. I would assume that a look at the drought map, for NE Kansas, would be an indicator of who had a good year and who did not. Hopefully, mite counts have been done and followed by treatments as needed. As of this writing, temperatures are forecasted to reach into the 100-degree range for an extended period. Elevated temperatures can certainly impact the number of choices available for mite treatments.

The Northeastern Kansas Beekeeping Association's educational apiary, located at Pendleton's Country Market and family farm, just east of Lawrence, KS, continues to be a popular learning oppor-

tunity for eager beginners. There are four colonies there that have provided a lot of learning opportunities for the students. There have certainly been many challenges but it is up and running well now. Thus far, NEKBA has been able to provide sessions at least two or three times per month since installation this spring. Those teaching at the hives include Kristi Sanderson, Robert Burns, Matthew Brandes, Joli Winer and Cecil Sweeney. Attendance has been so popular that there is talk of mentors partnering up to be able to accommodate all the attendees. The educational hives were made possible by a grant received from the Great Plains Master Beekeeping Program.

Jo Patrick, Northeastern Region Representative

North Central Region News

Hello Bee Friends,

The North Central Region has seen its usual mix of nectar flows these past 3 months. Rain is hit or miss throughout our region, and sometimes comes with damaging winds.

The biggest differences in honey flows I see continue to depend on forage location. Large grassy pastures just won't produce honey in quantities like a smaller meadow of clovers will 2 miles away.

A theme around here lately seems to be "Who will take care of the bees?" As hobbyist and small-scale beekeeping have become popular in the past few years, some are finding that a larger apiary takes more time than what they have to give. Perhaps they are scaling down or getting out of bees altogether. I respect those beekeepers for knowing what they are comfortable with to provide good care for their bees.

The other issue we've encountered lately is who will care for the bees when the beekeeper can't at all. Sometimes it's simple and temporary, such as a vacation or surgery. In those cases, hopefully a nearby beekeeper can cover the gap, making our local club connections ever more valuable. Sometimes beekeepers pass away, leaving the family to find new homes for the colonies and all that gear we seem to acquire. And sadly, sometimes a freak accident hits, like the Wamego couple at Woolly Bee Farm who were hit by lightning early this month. Luckily, they are close friends of mine and I was already managing their bees, but it's taken over 100 volunteers to take care of their other various animals twice a day and keep up the scheduled cut flower plantings, care, weeding, harvest, sales, etc.

So, as we should all have a will for our assets when we pass, I encourage you all to have a plan for who will care for your bees should you become unable to, whether short- or long-term. And of course, always let someone know when you head out to check your bees, just in case.

Make those local beekeeper connections and meet with us at Rolling Hills Zoo in Salina on Sunday, September 10 at 2 pm. It's free and all are welcome to attend. Be sure to bring your protective gear to get into the hives with us.

Nikki Bowman, North Central Region Representative

News from Western Kansas

I attended a local bee club meeting this spring. I found out I wasn't the only person to lose a significant portion of their hives. I set out to find a new queen for the hive that just barely hung on in the turbulent spring weather. I found a guy in Salina off of 9th and Broadway through Greg Swob. I had never bought a queen so I show up with no carrier for her and her attendants. I had just finished my curly fries so we put them in the bag. Did you know that bees can open a paper bag? So, I'm driving to get gas with bees in the truck the dog is trying to snap them away from me and out the window goes half the attendants. When I got home it was still very cold so I think the incubator would help to keep her warm but unfortunately, too warm. I'm heartbroken at this point when a gentleman calls me from a farm 10 miles away. My mentor and I are just finishing up an inspection when the gentleman says, "Just throw back your hat and come get a queen!". Frank and I set out on a journey and when we arrive, he says I've been in this hive a couple of times today they are a little defensive. Well, heck yes, they were! I was chased across his yard dancing the watusi when one got stuck in my bangs. I was stung on the temple, got a black eye, and 2 queen cells. We attached them to the frame with rubber bands that the gentleman kindly provided and waited. I inspected yesterday and both hives are full of brood at different stages, pollen, honey stores, and peacefully being bees.

DeeDee Gebhart, West Region Representative

South Central Region News

Spring showers and flowers came a little later than usual in South Central Kansas. Harvests are well underway. Thankfully, so far, we have not had many days over 100 degrees.

Wichita has become the first Bee City USA affiliate in the state of Kansas. This title is awarded by the Xerces Society to cities showing a commitment to pollinator and green space in the city. Looking forward to all the spaces they will make for people and pollinators to hang out together.

Hutchinson Zoo has planted a pollinator area and local artist; Brady Scott has painted a mural next to the pollinator garden area. Definitely worth checking out!

Stepheni Phillips, South Central Region Representative



News from Southeast Kansas

We are still in need of a Southeast area Representative. If you are interested, reside in this region, and are a beekeeper, let us know by contacting one of our officers.



The 2023 Kansas State Fair is fast approaching. September 8th marks the start of the fair and it ends on the 17th. Consider entering the honey show and showing fair goers how proud we are of Kansas honey. It's eye catching when the honey exhibit area is filled with all the different classes of honey and beeswax that are submitted for competition. This year, Gary and Ginger Reuter, from Amery, Wisconsin will be our honey judges. Gary has participated and won awards in the American Beekeeping Federation honey show and has judged honey shows at the Minnesota and Wisconsin state fairs. We are excited to have Gary and Ginger come judge at the Kansas State Fair.

Follow the link to submit online entries. All rules and judging criteria are linked in the newsletter. If you need help in getting your entries to the fair or getting them back once the fair is over, please contact me, Kristi Sanderson, and I will assist you.

Don't forget to enter the black label class to see if your honey is awarded the best tasting honey in the state. This is a nice bragging right to have to share with family and friends as well as when selling at markets. Remember when entering the black label class, you need to submit entries in 2 additional honey classes.

If you need help completing the online registration, contact me and I will walk you through the process over the phone. The fair is charging \$1 for each entry submitted, so KHPA will refund your dollar for each item you physically bring to the fair. You will receive this refund when entries are released on Sunday the 17th at 6 p.m.

Along with the honey show competition, The Kansas Honey Producers operates a sales booth and educational area on the commercial side of the Pride of Kansas building. Volunteers are needed to help set up beginning September 5th and the fair will start on the 8th. Volunteers are needed to sell honey and bee-related products from the hive, man the educational area behind the booth where the observation hive is located, and be at the agriculture table in the honey show area to answer questions about honey, bees, and beekeeping. Remember you know more about beekeeping than the public, so don't be afraid to volunteer and share your knowledge. Please use the link provided to volunteer on the signup genius site. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0C48ADA82BABF49-2023> The signup can also be found by doing a search of "2023 Kansas State Fair" or by using the creator's email which is sandersonk09@gmail.com.

If you need parking close to the Pride of Kansas building, please contact me by phone or text at 913-768-4961 to request a pass to park nearby. Passes are very limited and will be considered on a case-by-case basis if more passes are requested than available. I will make every effort possible to accommodate all requests.

Gate tickets for days requiring entry tickets will be available in guest services on Plum Street across from the fairgrounds. Let the attendant know you are with the Kansas Honey Producers and

your name and they will hand you an envelope with entry tickets for all in your party.

It takes many volunteers to make this a successful event for our organization and we need your help. Many volunteers make the work fun and enjoyable for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you in Hutchinson.

Kristi Sanderson, 2nd Vice President

Agriculture handbook:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=KansasStateFair&f=2023_AG_Handbook\(3\).pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=KansasStateFair&f=2023_AG_Handbook(3).pdf)

Entry Rules & Regulations with tips and scoring for entries:

[https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=KansasStateFair&f=entry_rules_regulations_judging_2023\(003\).pdf](https://cdn.saffire.com/files.ashx?t=fg&rid=KansasStateFair&f=entry_rules_regulations_judging_2023(003).pdf)

2023 KHPA Fall Conference – November 10 & 11, 2023

A huge Thank You to all who attended the spring conference at Courtyard by Marriott in Salina – 3020 Riffle Dr. back in March. It's hard to believe, but the fall meeting is coming upon us fast. We will be gathering Nov. 10 & 11 at the same location. The Executive Committee meets Thursday, Nov. 9 at 8:00PM in the general meeting room. This meeting is open to all KHPA members. A block of rooms is reserved for us at a reduced rate - \$119.00 (+ taxes, etc.) Be sure to contact the hotel early to reserve your room – 785-309-1300 and mention you are with the KS Honey Producers group.

My sincere apologies to all in that we had to flex the agenda around due to unforeseen circumstances at this past spring's meeting. Some of you may have had to miss a session due to the timeline needing to be altered. Just like nature, many things are out of our control.

Remember to bring your Silent Auction Items to donate – The Silent Auctions help fund our KHPA Grant Program.

Dr Frank Rinkevich of the USDA Bee Lab at Baton Rouge, LA and Dr. Judy Wu Smart, Univ. of Nebraska- Lincoln are our two primary speakers. Their messages will be the latest information and some very interesting research topics.

A rough agenda as of mid-July for the Fall 2023 meeting is in this Cappings issue – we will be fine tuning it and filling in the blanks soon. We have a very nice selection of session topics and amazing speakers. This will make for a meeting everybody in the Kansas beekeeping industry should make. The agenda is likely to change between now and the meeting so check the KHPA website occasionally to see the latest version. It is always possible unplanned circumstances such as family emergencies, health issues... can occur causing the agenda to be altered at the last moment.

As always, these are YOUR conferences, so feel free to suggest topics and/or speakers to the committee. Program Committee members: Nikki Bowman, Jim Kellie, and Brian Withrow – we welcome your suggestions to help tailor these conferences to meet your needs as well as we can. Be sure to visit our website for updates and to register: www.kansashoneyproducers.org

We look forward to seeing you all at Salina's Courtyard by Marriott – 3020 Riffle Dr. – Salina, KS just a block east of I-135 on Schilling Rd. Tell your bee friends – tell your local club members about this event. I would like to see us grow back to our pre-COVID attendance numbers once again. 785-639-7766, gswob@mwenergy.com

Greg Swob, 1st Vice President

Scholarship News

The farmer has to be an optimist or he still wouldn't be a farmer. - Will Roger.

This old saying couldn't be more fitting for beekeepers this year. With much of Kansas still in a drought and now facing blistering heat, KHPA's 2022 scholarship recipients, Chetopa FFA, continue to have a hopeful outlook. They cheerfully, well maybe not cheerfully, suited up to complete a hive inspection. A recent inspection indicated just how weather impacts honey flow. The bees are having a difficult time finding nectar to pack into the supers, however, they are healthy and thriving.

It's not too late for an organization in Kansas to apply for the 2023 KHPA Scholarship. Applications are being accepted until October 1, 2023. Grant information and the application can be found at <https://forms.gle/86BpQ6jC2KMAMFcp9>

Julie Cahoj, 3rd Vice President



Don't Forget to Sign Up! Honey Show - Kansas State Fair

ENTRY DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2023 Online - All entries are required to be done online.
August 2 (12:01 a.m.) to August 15 (11:59 p.m.) - \$5.00 late fee, per exhibitor. August 16

(12:01 a.m.) to August 23 (11:59 p.m.) - \$25.00 late fee, per exhibitor.

No entries will be accepted after August 23 (11:59 p.m.)

Agriculture Receiving Times: Tuesday, September 5, Noon – 5 Wednesday, September 6, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, September 7, 8 a.m. to Noon.

Judging starts Thursday, September 7, 1:00 p.m.

Release/Pick Up Times: Sunday, September 17, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, September 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Fall 2023 Kansas Honey Producers Association conference.
November 10 – 11, 2023 at Courtyard by Marriott – 3020 Riffle Dr. –
Salina Kansas.

Block of Rooms at \$119 have been set aside. Call to make your reservations –
Mention Kansas Honey Producers to get discounted room rates. 785-309-1300.

Thursday, November 9

8:00 PM– Executive Committee meets – general meeting room - open to all KHPA Members

Friday November 10

8:00 – 8:45 AM — Registration and Silent Auction Set Up

8:45 – 9:00 AM— Becky Tipton, President KHPA – Welcome & Announcements

9:00 – 9:45 AM— Dr. Frank Rinkevich – USDA Bee Lab Baton Rouge, LA

Break – Bid on Silent Auction Items – Visit the Vendors

10:00 – 10:45 AM— Julie Claspill, Ks. Dept. of Ag. – Licensed Food Processing Facility – re-
quire ments, tips...

Break

11:00 – 11:45 AM—Dr. Judy Wu Smart – Varroa

11:45 – 1:00 PM Lunch – Bid on Silent Auction Items - Visit the Vendors

1:00 – 1 :45 PM—Dr. Frank Rinkevich – Amitraz Resistance

Break

2:00 – 2:45 PM - Debbie Feyh – Feyh Seed Co., Alma, KS Pollinator Plantings for Kansas

Break – Silent Auction Ends at 3:00

3:00 – 3:45 PM —Dr. Judy Wu Smart – Pesticides and Bees

Break

4:00 PM — Area Regions Meet – Nominations for Area Directors, Networking...

6:00 PM Dinner – Banquet – Special Guest Presentation – Awards – Fun

Note: Timeline and Topics subject to change

Saturday November 11

8:00 – 8:45 AM - Registration and Silent Auction Set Up

8:45 – 9:00 AM—Becky Tipton, Pres. KHPA – Welcome & Announcements

9:00 – 9:45 AM – Dr. Judy Wu Smart – Topic to be announced.

Break

10:00 – 10:45 AM – Business Meeting – Legislative Update

Break

11:00 – 11:45 AM – Topic/Speaker to be announced.

11:45 – 1:00 PM Lunch

1:00 – 1:45 PM– Dr. Frank Rinkevich – Breeding for Varroa Resistant Bees

Break

2:00 – 2:45 PM – Winter Colony Preparation and Care

Break – Silent Auction ends at 3:00

3:00 – 3:45 PM – Open Panel Discussion

Adjournment. See you in 2024!

Registration form will be on the KHPA Website: www.kansashoneyproducers.org

Register and pay online: www.kansashoneyproducers.org or mail this lower portion with payment:

Number Attending _____ X \$72.00 - Both days =\$ _____ Lunch Friday & Saturday & Banquet

Number Attending _____ X \$42.00 - Friday only \$ _____ Lunch & Dinner included

Number Attending _____ X \$30.00 – Saturday = \$ _____ Lunch

Ks Honey Producers Association annual dues (\$15) \$ _____

Donation \$ _____

Total \$ =====

Names attending - _____

Students under age 18 no charge- names: _____

Submit to: KHPA – Robert Burns – 7601 W. 54th Terr. – Shawnee Mission, KS 66202

Robert: 913-481-3504, email: rburnshoney@gmail.com

The following proposed changes to the KHPA Constitution will be voted upon at the Fall 2023 KHPA conference. UNDERLINEPRINT=INSERT OR ADD; LINE THROUGH=STRIKE OUT.

Submitted by Becky Tipton President KHPA Executive Board
Article V Executive Committee Section 4

CURRENT WORDING: The Executive Committee shall meet prior to the general Bi-Annual meeting of the KHPA to establish the general business meeting agenda and to facilitate transactions during the business meetings.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The Executive Board shall meet four times per year. Two meetings will be held prior to the general Bi-Annual meeting of the KHPA to establish the general business meeting agenda and to facilitate transactions during the business meetings. Two additional board meetings will be scheduled, one between each of the Bi-Annual meetings for a total of four Executive Board meetings each year.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ: The Executive Board shall meet four times per year. Two meetings will be held prior to the general Bi-Annual meeting of the KHPA to establish the general business meeting agenda and to facilitate transactions during the business meetings. Two additional Executive Board meetings will be scheduled, one between each of the Bi-Annual meetings for a total of four board meetings each year.

Rational: Will add two additional meetings for a total of four to Executive Board meetings.

EDITORIAL RESOLUTION: The following changes will be made to KHPA's Constitution. Each use of Executive Committee will be replaced by Executive Board.

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Submitted by Greg Swob 1st VP KHPA Executive Board
Article IV – Regional Directors Section 2

CURRENT WORDING: Each Regional Director shall be nominated by members of that region in attendance at the regular KHPA meeting. The election of the Regional Director shall take place following the election of officers during the general business meeting. All members in good standing and present shall vote upon each nomination of the Regional Director. Only one vote per membership.

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Rational: Regional Directors shall be voted upon during the election of officers.

Submitted by Greg Swob 1st VP KHPA Executive Board
Article IV -Regional Directors Section 5

CURRENT WORDING: Terms of the five Regional Directors shall be staggered so that two or three Regional Directors are elected each year. The secretary of the KHPA shall make it known which Regional Directors' terms are expiring in any given year. Elections for the Northeast, North Central and Northwest Regional Director shall take place in odd years. Elections for Southeast, South Central, and West Regional Director shall take place in even years.

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IF ADOPTED, WILL READ: Directors shall be staggered so that two or three Regional Directors are elected each year. The secretary of the KHPA shall make it known which Regional Directors' terms are expiring in any given year. Elections for the Northeast, North Central and West Regional Director shall take place in odd years. Elections for Southeast, South Central, and West Regional Director shall take place in even years.

Rational: Changes Northwest to West.

Submitted by Greg Swob 1st VP KHPA Executive Board
Article V –Promotion of Kansas Honey and Beekeeping Section 4

CURRENT WORDING: The KHPA may designate one or more persons to serve as a legislative committee for the purpose of securing beneficial legislation. The duties of the Legislative Committee shall be established and reviewed periodically by the Executive Committee. Committee reports shall be made to the members at the regular KHPA meeting and other appropriate opportunities. Funding and general directions shall be obtained through the Executive Board members.

July 27, 2023

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Rational: Adds consent of the Executive Board members.

Submitted by KHPA Executive Board
Article VI- Communications Section 3

CURRENT WORDING: Sec. 3- KHPA web page and Webmaster requirements. <http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org> will be the official web listing for the KHPA website. The webmaster will maintain up-to-date contact information for current officers, meeting dates, and information beneficial to the general membership. The webmaster will secure passwords with two (2) other Executive Committee members to prevent access to the website being lost.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT Sec. 3- KHPA web page and ~~Webmaster~~ requirements. <http://www.kansashoneyproducers.org> will be the official web listing for the KHPA website. Web designer: person contracted by KHPA to build the layout of a web page. Website administrator: KHPA officer or member assigned the task of updating the website with current information. The ~~webmaster~~ website administrator(s) will maintain up-to-date contact information for current officers, meeting dates, and information beneficial to the general membership. Working with the web designer, the website administrator (s) will develop a website that is current, efficient and meets the needs of the association.

The ~~webmaster~~ website administrator(s) will secure passwords with ~~two (2) other Executive Committee members~~ the President, Secretary, and the Cappings Editor to prevent access to the website being lost.

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Rational: Changes webmaster to web designer. Secures the password with the President, Secretary and Cappings Editor.

Submitted by KHPA Executive Board
Article VI- Communications Section 4

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: A web designer and the web administrator(s) for KHPA will be appointed annually by the Executive Board.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ: A web designer and the web administrator(s) for KHPA will be appointed annually by the Executive Board.

Rational: The web designer and website administrator(s) will be appointed annually by the Executive Board.

Submitted by KHPA Executive Board
Article VI- Communications Section 5

CURRENT WORDING:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT: The contracted payment for the web designer will be budgeted annually by the Executive Board along with site and domain name fees.

IF ADOPTED WILL READ: The contracted payment for the web designer will be budgeted annually by the Executive Board along with site and domain name fees.

Rational: The web designer's payment will be budgeted annually the Executive Board along with site and domain name fees.

ADDENDUM

The following changes will be made to the KHPA's By-Laws.

Each use of Executive Committee will be replaced by Executive Board.

Kansas Honey Producer's Association
The Cappings
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Address Service Requested

2023 Kansas Honey Producer's Association Membership Application

Name _____
 Address _____
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Membership Kansas Honey Producer's Association per year (Jan.-Dec.) \$15.00 _____
 Additional family members wanting voting rights \$1.00 per person \$1.00 _____
 Additional family member's names: _____

_____ _____
 Youth Membership (18 years of age or under) \$7.50 _____
 American Bee Journal 1 year subscription \$27.65 _____
 Bee Culture Magazine 1 year subscription \$32.00 _____
 Donation Amount _____ Total Due _____

Make checks payable to: KHPA or Kansas Honey Producer's Association or pay on line at www.kansashoneyproducers.org

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