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**2011 Annual Convention**

**Corpus Christi**

**3rd - 6th November**





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## President's Report

Dear Friends,

As I sit down to write this article, I keep telling myself I am writing the same thing over and over. Article after article seems to say the same thing. I hope you will continue to have the same patience that I am exhibiting when it comes to the Honey Bee Facility at Texas A & M. We are still in the hunt for a leader of the new facility. As I write this, Dr. Ragsdale is still negotiating with the fifth prospective researcher. Unfortunately, the process can be messy and slow at times, and I am now being told not to expect a researcher until next summer at the earliest. They all seem to have good excuses, but that sure doesn't help my patience. So I ask you to just give us a little more time so that we make sure we have the right person for the job and not have to repeat this long process in a few years. I will continue to keep you updated.

I hope you are planning to attend the Annual Convention in Corpus Christi in early November. As we always do, we will have a lot of educational classes for all types of beekeepers. It won't matter if you are a new beekeeper or a more seasoned one, you should be able to find something of interest.

As for the beekeeping here in the Brush Country, we continue to be in a severe drought. The condition of the country is as bad as it gets. The bees are able to find a little pollen, but there is no nectar to speak of. We are feeding our hives about a gallon of syrup every two weeks. They are in surprisingly good shape in spite of the condition of the pastures. We were able to get a mite treatment on the hives in early June which I think has helped to relieve some of the stress that goes along with heavy mite loads. I am checking for mites nearly every week but am still not finding many. We have also started our fall pollination season here in the Winter Garden Area. I have bees in watermelon and cucumber fields. I hope your beekeeping adventures are going well.

Sincerely,

Todd Youngblood, President TBA

## A Request from the Delegates Chair Dick Counts

The TBA Delegates are invited to offer suggestions for the upcoming Delegates Breakfast at the Annual Convention. An email will be sent to all Delegates just before the Convention. In the meantime please feel free to send suggestions to Dick Counts at [dickcounts@bigplanet.com](mailto:dickcounts@bigplanet.com)

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### New Research Leader at Weslaco Bee Lab

Dr. John Adamczyk, acting research leader of the Honey Bee Research Unit, has accepted a position with the ARS Mid South Area Office.

Dr. William Meikle has been appointed to serve as the research leader of the Honey Bee Research Unit effective Oct. 9, 2011. Dr. Meikle is a research entomologist in the Honey Bee Research Unit. He earned his B.A. in Biology from Pomona College, California and his Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of California at Berkely.

The Honey Bee Research Unit includes 4 scientists, working on issues in honey bee pathology, nutrition and toxicology, and on pollination and honey bee pest management.



## In Memoriam

### **D.D. Dillon 1926 - 2011**

Funeral services for D.D. Dillon, age 85, of Goodrich, Texas were held Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 2:00 PM in the Chesswood Baptist Church in Livingston, Texas with Col. Howard Daniels and Pastor Rick Mitchell officiating. Interment followed in the Forest Hill Cemetery in Livingston, Texas. Military Honors were provided by VFW Post #8568 Honor Guard. Pallbearers were Joshua David, Kevin David, Chuck Wilson, James Beatty, John Ellard, John Hermes, Rene DeBlair and Eddie Brooks. Honorary Pallbearers were Kirk Cano, Dielon David, T.J. Cole and Taylor Wilson. Graveside Honors were provided by: VFW Post 8568

He was born February 17, 1926 in Livingston, Texas, the son of R.Q. Dillon and Gladys Williams Dillon and passed away on September 14, 2011 in Houston, Texas. He served as the past Deacon of the Chesswood Baptist Church. He is preceded in death by parents, R.Q. Dillon and Gladys Williams Dillon; brothers, N.K. Dillon and Billy Dillon and a sister, June Freeman. He was a Past President of the Central Texas Beekeepers Association and a member of the Texas Beekeepers Association.

D.D. married on May 26, 1946 in Oakland California his wife of 65 years and is survived by Dorris Dillon and they later moved to Goodrich, Texas. Also surviving is Cynthia and Lonnie Blakeney, daughter and son-in-law, of Livingston, Texas; Rose and Jack Ballance, daughter and son-in-law, of Livingston, Texas; Euzell and Clara Dillon, brother and sister-in-law, of Leggett, Texas; Fay Crowson, sister, of Houston, Texas; Nelda and J.B. Savoy, sister and brother-in-law, of Atlanta, Georgia; JoAnn and Dexter McBride, sister and brother-in-law, of San Augustine, Texas; Pat and Bill Bice, sister and brother-in-law, of Houston, Texas; Sue Boutin, sister, of Tenaha, Texas; grandchildren, Kamie Dameron, Cheralon David, Rentha Wilson, Connie Olden, Nora Ballance and Crystal Keeler; great grandchildren, Kassie Cole, T.J. Cole, Joshua David, Dielon David, Regan Wheeler, Taylor Wilson, Loni Wilson, Kirk Cano, Jonathan Hillhouse, Dillon Keeler, Zack Olden and Alex Olden. Numerous other relatives and friends also survive.

### **Thomas Edward Burleson, Jr. 1935 - 2011**



Thomas Edward Burleson, Jr. died September 19, 2011 at Baylor Hospital in Dallas, Texas. He was born November 20, 1935 to Thomas Edward Burleson, Sr. and Annie Laura Whipple Burleson in Waxahachie, Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Lori Burleson Johnson. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Nan Epton Burleson, and children: Gregory Burleson and wife Carol; Timothy Burleson and wife Tami of Waxahachie; Ame Burleson Solomon and husband John of Los Angeles, California and son-in-law Lee Johnson of Ennis. Also surviving are his sister, Ann Bond, of Dallas and her sons Rick, Gary and Andy Bond; sister in law Jan Seale and husband Dr. Carl Seale; grandchildren include April, Annie, Kyla and Sutton Burleson, Sarah Solomon, Katherine Johnson and Brian Johnson and wife Vicky. Nephews include Ansen, Erren and Averil Seale and a great grandson, Cameron Cole.

Mr. Burleson received a Bachelor of Business Administration degree from North Texas University. Upon graduation he received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He was stationed first in Amarillo and then near Washington, D.C. at Andrews Air Force Base, where he was promoted to Captain and became the chief refueling officer for the base. Among his duties was refueling the Presidential aircrafts.

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## Director's Report

by Chris Moore

Golden Triangle, Harris Co.,  
Houston, Fort Bend



Well, you win some and you lose some. When people ask me about the viability of beekeeping as a full time profession, I often say, "It's like playing cards. Each year you don't know what kind of hand you're going to get."

This year the first card we drew was "**Healthy Bees**". The second was "**Good Honey Prices**". Then "**Good Hired Help**". It appeared that we were going to have a good year. But then, here comes a pair of "**Drought**" cards. We only produced a third of a normal honey crop.

After tallow was done, we sent some of our bees to cotton near Lubbock and a few to North Dakota. I would have rather sent them all up north, but I had pollination commitments.

With it being a drought year, I was concerned about nutrition. In July, we went ahead and started putting on pollen patties in Texas about every three weeks. Then had some 800 hives sprayed by the same people that paid us to pollinate. (*I'll give you*

*the phone # if you want that business.*) Most of our farmers understand our current struggle to keep bees alive and work with us to protect the bees from being sprayed. I really appreciate those who do so.

Our bees that made the trip back from ND look great. We have given all our hives timely mite treatments, feed and pollen patties. We usually wait until October to do this, but I don't think we are going to have much of a fall build up. I often wonder if the pollen patties are worth the money spent. It sure is hard spending the money on such a short year. I look at it as an investment for the next year. Healthier hives during the winter equal stronger hives going into spring. But, then again, what do I know? I'm crazy enough to be in this business. If I could just find a good crystal ball, it would be so much easier.

Even though this has been a tough year, I have experienced much worse. There is always next year.

Trust and He will provide.

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## Update from the USDA-ARS Weslaco Bee Lab

by John Adamczyk, Research Leader

The situation at the Lab can be summarized in one word: change. In early February, all employees at the USDA-ARS Kika de la Garza Subtropical Agricultural Research Center, including all bee lab personnel, were informed that the Center was proposed for closure in the President's Budget Proposal for the fiscal year that will begin Oct. 1, 2011. Bee lab personnel were to be moved to other ARS locations that were to be determined at a later date.

As of today, September 19<sup>th</sup>, the ultimate fate of the Center, as well as, the Bee Lab is still unknown. However, personnel in the bee lab remain very committed to accomplishing their research goals

to assist the beekeepers of America. We are still planning on sending a large contingency to the TBA meeting in Corpus Christi this fall, as well as, the national bee meetings this January. I want to personally thank the many beekeepers who have contacted me to offer continued support for our Lab and ARS programs in general. Your kind words to all of us are very much appreciated.

As reported previously, we're excited by the addition of Dr. Steve Cook to our scientific staff. I'm proud to say that Steve has hit the ground running, examining pesticide effects on overall honey bee health. You should see him at the meetings this fall

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## Small Hive Beetle Research at Weslaco

*by William G. Meikle  
Research Entomologist*

Small Hive Beetle (SHB) research at the Hone Bee Research Unit, KDLG-SARC, Weslaco, has been focusing on understanding how quickly the beetle population can increase. Previous work has shown that SHB can lay lots of eggs quickly (sometimes over 200 in one day) and larvae can grow very fast (they can hatch and grow to maximum size in a week). However, like everything that grows fast, SHB larvae need lots of food. The question is, how much food can they eat, how much food do they need just to survive, and what happens when they get less than they want? The objective of the work was to measure how fast they can deplete a hive, and to help put together a computer model for SHB that we can then use to help us identify possible control strategies, and evaluate the strategies that are out there. For example, if we have a larval trap, how effective (in terms of all the larvae in the hive) does the trap need to be to get the population down to a level that the bees can handle?

Our work has shown that the larvae, when fed as much as they want, eat a bit more than twice their weight in food. A half pound of pollen, for example, will produce a little less than a quarter pound of larvae, depending on how many larvae there are (in this case, about 10,000). This is worrisome, because it shows that lots of larvae can be produced with comparatively little food, but on the other hand the larvae are very sensitive to competition. If you take that same pound of pollen and add, say, 30,000 eggs, you may still get that number of larvae but most will die before becoming adults and the rest will probably be too small to lay any eggs at all.

The point is that SHB are very sensitive to competition. And they are sensitive to the soil in which they pupate. Not just soil moisture (which, because of the drought, has been very low and thus helped keep SHB numbers down) but also soil depth. Some work we did with students here in Weslaco showed that SHB will not pupate unless they have

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## Honey Queen Chair Report

*by Shirley Acevedo  
and Rachael Seida*

Thank you, Texas Beekeepers, for continuing to make the Honey Queen Program in Texas a strong program! There are several ways you are being invaluablely helpful.

- 1) You donate items to the auction at the annual TBA Convention.
- 2) You bid on and purchase items at the auction at the convention.
- 3) You invite the Texas Honey Queen to speak at your local meetings, to help judge honey in your club competitions, and to speak to the youth in your community about the opportunity of keeping honey bees and being Honey Queen or Princess.
- 4) You host and/or feed the Queen, Princess and chaperone when you can.
- 5) You contribute financially to the Texas Honey Queen Program when you can.

Perhaps you occasionally have a suspicion there might be another way to give to TBA that might have some impact. You know, that little feeling inside of wanting to make some difference somewhere; the sense inside that others might actually be glad you passed this way if . . . I have a few ideas for you!

- a) Ask anyone on the TBA Board (Todd, Ed, John, Jimmie, Joan) if there is something you could do to be helpful to our organization.
- b) Sign up now to assist with *Kids Learning About Bees* on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the Omni Marina Hotel, Corpus Christi, TX.
- c) Encourage any past Honey Queen or Princess or other beekeeper to join us at the convention, November 3 – 6. Offer to carpool with them!
- d) Come up with other creative ideas.

“Bee” certain to see the Texas Honey Queen and Texas Honey Princess reports in this issue of the TBA Journal!

We look forward to hearing from you! We’ll see you in Corpus Christi!

Again, thanking you!

# Texas Beekeepers Association 2011 Annual Convention

## Corpus Christi, TX

### November 3rd - 6th, 2011



Corpus Christi offers smooth sea breezes and endless blue skies all the year long. Corpus features a bay front promenade, arts and museums, shopping, waterfront restaurants all within walking distance of the hotel. The Municipal Marina is the focal point of the city. It is on Corpus Christi Bay which is protected from the Gulf of Mexico by sand barrier islands off the Texas Coast. The Marina is known for fine beaches and is an ideal spot to watch yachts and sailboats.



USS Lexington rests in the Corpus Christi Bay and is open seven days a week and houses a maritime museum. The ship features a MEGA Theater and a flight simulator as well as many other action packed attractions.

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Of particular interest may be the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History.

[www.ccmuseum.com](http://www.ccmuseum.com)



The Texas State Aquarium is housed in Corpus Christi and offers many interesting exhibits. Throughout the day there are many interesting and entertaining presentations that are both fun to watch and educational.

[www.texasstateaquarium.org](http://www.texasstateaquarium.org)



**2011 TEXAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION PROGRAM**  
**OMNI MARINA HOTEL, CORPUS CHRISTI**  
**NOVEMBER 3RD - 6TH, 2011**

**Thursday, November 3rd, 2011**

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting</b> - Todd Youngblood, TBA President
<b>9:00am - 4:00pm</b>	<b>Master Beekeeping Seminar</b> - Dr. Larry Connor, <i>Wicwas Press</i>
<b>10:00am - 3:00pm</b>	<b>Kids Learning About Bees</b> - Shirley Acevedo, TX Honey Queen Chair
<b>1:00pm</b>	<b>2011 Convention Registration Opens</b> - Jimmie Oakley, TBA Treasurer
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Bee Buzz Social and Honey Queen Reception</b> - Shirley Acevedo and Rachael Seida, TX Honey Queen Committee

**Friday, November 4th, 2011**

<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Executive Committee Breakfast</b> - Todd Youngblood, TBA President
<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Opening Ceremonies</b> <b>Presentation of Colors</b> <b>Invocation</b> <b>Welcome to Corpus Christi</b>
<b>8:20am</b>	<b>Honey Queen Presentation</b> - Shirley Acevedo, TX Honey Queen Chair
<b>9:25am</b>	<b>2011 Review of Beekeeping in Texas</b> - Todd Youngblood, TBA President
<b>9:40am</b>	<b>Physiology, Nutrition and Toxins: Linking basic and applied research to improve honey bee health</b> - Dr. Steve Cook, USDA/ARS, Weslaco, TX
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Confessions of a Traveling Beekeeper</b> - Dr. Larry Connor
<b>12:00noon</b>	<b>Queen's Luncheon or lunch on your own</b>
<b>1:30pm</b>	<b>Texas Apiary Inspection Report</b> - Paul Jackson, State Entomologist, Texas Apiary Inspection Service, College Station, TX
<b>2:00pm</b>	<b>Small Hive Beetle Populations</b> - Dr. William Meikle, USDA/ARS, Weslaco, TX
<b>2:40pm</b>	<b>Improving Honey Bee Pollen Substitutes</b> - Raul Rivera, USDA/ARS, Weslaco, TX
<b>3:15pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>3:30pm</b>	<b>Beekeeping Research</b> - Ann-Michele Francoeur, PhD. From the lab bench to the beehive; particularly Nosemosis, AFB and mites. <b>Q&amp;A and time to meet and talk with Dr. Francoeur</b>
<b>5:00pm</b>	<b>Dinner on your own</b>
<b>7:00pm</b>	<b>Honey, Wax and Photo Contest Awards</b> - Dr. Frank Eischen & Henry Graham, USDA Honey Bee Research Lab, Weslaco, TX
<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Queen's Quiz Bowl</b> - Shirley Acevedo, Queen Committee Chair

**Saturday, November 5th, 2011**

<b>7:00am</b>	<b>Delegates Breakfast - Everyone's Welcome</b> - Dick Counts, Delegates Committee Chair, Arp, TX
<b>8:30am</b>	<b>American Beekeeping Federation</b> - John Talbert, Director
<b>8:50am</b>	<b>Nosema Ceranae and its Impact on Honey Bees</b> - Frank A. Eischen, USDA/ARS, Weslaco, TX



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**Saturday, November 5th, 2011 (cont'd)**

<b>9:30am</b>	<b>To Be Announced - Bob Cox, USDA/ARS, Weslaco, TX</b>
<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:15am</b>	<b>Round Table Discussion - CCD Successful Beekeeping, What's New in Beekeeping, Texas A&amp;M The Future of the Bee Lab</b>
<b>12:00noon</b>	<b>Lunch on your own</b>
<b>1:30pm - 5:00pm</b>	<b>Texas Beekeepers Association Business Meeting - Todd Youngblood, President</b>
<b>6:30pm</b>	<b>Reception and Awards Banquet</b> <b>Dr. John G. Thomas Meritorious Service Award</b> <b>President's Award</b> <b>Jim Petty Memorial Award - Texas Beekeeper of the Year</b> <b>2012 Texas Honey Queen Coronation</b> <b>Queen's Auction</b>

**Sunday, November 6th, 2011**

<b>8:00am</b>	<b>Executive Committee Meeting - 2012 TBA President</b>
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**Master Beekeeping Seminar with Dr. Larry Connor**  
**November 3rd, 2011, 9am - 4pm**

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Overwintering Nucs

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Various ways to get Queens  
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Diseases and Pests

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November 3rd - 6th, 2011



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# TEXAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION



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Commercial / Sideline / Hobby

(300+) (25-299) (0-24)

(Number of Colonies)

## TBA Membership Renewal (Annual Dues \*Jan.1 thru Dec.31\* \$20.00 per member)

2012 Member Dues	.....	\$20.00	.....	_____
2012 Spouse Dues	.....	20.00	.....	_____
2011 member dues (if unpaid)	.....	20.00	.....	_____
2011 spouse dues (if unpaid)	.....	20.00	.....	_____

## Convention Registration:

### Early Bird Registration

Post Marked by  
Friday Oct.28th

### Convention Registration

at the Hotel

TBA Member	.....	\$50.00	\$65.00	.....	_____
Spouse - Who is TBA member	.....	15.00	20.00	.....	_____
Who is non-member	.....	25.00	30.00	.....	_____
NON-MEMBER Registration	.....	75.00	90.00	.....	_____
Master Beekeeping Seminar / All Day	.....	75.00	80.00	each X [ ]	_____
(TBA membership required )	.....				
Thursday, 11/3/11 9:00am - 4:00pm	.....				
Queen's Luncheon (ticket required)	.....	30.00	35.00	each X [ ]	_____
Friday, 11/4/11 12:00noon - 1:00pm	.....				
TBA Annual Banquet (ticket required)	.....	40.00	45.00	each X [ ]	_____
Saturday, 11/5/11 6:30pm - 10:30pm	.....				
Children age 18 and under	.....	20.00	25.00	each X [ ]	_____

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# KIDS LEARNING ABOUT BEES



Hosted by:  
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Thursday, November 3, 2011  
10 AM- 2 PM

Omni Marina Hotel  
707 N. Shoreline Blvd.  
Corpus Christi, Texas  
(361)887-1600

This free event is open to school children of all ages, accompanied by an adult, during the Texas Beekeepers Association annual convention.

Educational stations will be manned by students and experienced beekeepers. Meet Buzzy Bear and Honey Queens and Princesses from Texas who will escort groups through the 30-45 minute tour of the educational stations which will include:

- An observation hive of honey bees
- Bee suit, hat, veil, gloves
- Honey extracting equipment
- Bee hive box, smoker, and tools
- Pollination Display
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- Posters
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- Bee related items for purchase
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- Buzzy Bear

Contact J'Neena Swinney to register  
Cell 214-546-7363 Email [jswinney@interstructure.net](mailto:jswinney@interstructure.net)  
For your time slot, please email your name, number in your party, and a contact phone number to [jswinney@interstructure.net](mailto:jswinney@interstructure.net)

We look forward to seeing you at the Omni Hotel!



**TEXAS BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**  
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# 2011 TBA Convention Honey-Wax-Photo-Gift Basket Contests

The Texas Beekeepers Association Annual Honey, Wax, Photo and Gift Basket Contests will be held at our Annual Convention in Corpus Christi on November 3 - 6. Judging will take place beginning Friday morning and the results presented on Friday night before the start of the Queens' Quiz Bowl.

Our thanks go out to the participants for their hard work in bringing in the finest honey and wax products in Texas. Our photo contestant winners will receive a cash award. The first place entry will be featured on a cover of the

TBA Journal in the coming year and could also be featured in the 2012 Honey Queen Brochure if it works into the format.

The contest needs more entrants. Please join us in the contest and help to spread the word. If you have a friend that will not be attending the Convention, please bring their entries. We sure could use some assistance in judging the honey. Those of you interested, please let me know.

Thank You, Henry Graham,  
Convention Contests Committee

## 2011 Texas Beekeepers Association Honey-Wax-Photo-Gift Basket Contest Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Check One:

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to retain my entry after the contest

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish my entry to go to the Texas Honey Queen Fund Auction.

Entries @ \$3.00 each X number of entries: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Entry Fee Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Indicate Entries by circling:

### Honey:

Water White  
Extra White  
White  
Light White Amber  
Amber  
Chunk Comb  
Square Section  
Round Section  
Creamed



### Beeswax:

2 lb. Block - Natural  
2 lb. Block - Bleached  
Candles - Tapers  
(one pair)  
Craft



### Photography:

Bees in Nature  
Bees and Man  
Products of the Hive  
Essay (Collage)  
Snapshot (Single)

### Gift Basket:

Signature

Date

I affirm each of the above entries of honey was produced in my apiary.

I also affirm each beeswax entry was produced by me and each photograph entry was photographed personally.



# 2011 Convention Contest Rules: Honey-Wax-Photo-Gift Basket

**Entry:** All entries shall be made on the printed form provided or a photocopy thereof. Each entry shall be entered in its proper class. Only one entry allowed in each class by any contestant. Entry fee is \$3.00 for each entry, payable to the *Texas Beekeepers Association*. No identifying label or markers may be on any entry; coded tabs will be affixed when entered. Entry deadline is at the Convention, 9 am Friday, November 4, 2011.

**Honey:** (9 classes): **Liquid Honey** must be in 1 lb. queenline type glass jars. **Chunk Comb** or **Creamed Honey** must be in 1 lb. wide mouth, round glass jars. **Chunk Comb** entries must have the same honey in the comb as the liquid honey used to fill the jar. **Cut Comb** must be in clear 4" X 4" plastic boxes. If desired, honey entries may have labels and floral sources submitted in a separate envelope for each entry to be attached after the judging is complete.

**Beeswax** (4 classes): **Block Entries** shall be at least 2 lbs., have a flat bottom surface of at least 24 square inches and have a depth of at least 1 inch. **Candle tapers**, one pair, may be molded, dipped or rolled. **Craft Wax** entries may be carved, molded, rolled, painted, decorated, coated, etc., with multiple piece sets constituting a single entry.

**Photo** (6 classes): **Historical** emphasizes beekeeping in the past. There are no restrictions on formats. With your permission, we would like to make digital copies of your work for the TBA archives. Equipment will be on hand at the meeting for this and photos will be returned to you at the meeting. **Black and white, color prints and slides** will be combined in the same classes (**Bees in Nature, Bees and Man, Historical and Products of the Hive**). Each print will be limited to 8" X 10" overall. **Essay** will be a group of prints mounted on a mount board (any type) not exceeding 16" X 20", depicting a bee story or event. The order of essay photos must be clearly indicated. Brief captions may be used. **Snapshot** entries will be a 3" X 4" clearly depicting a relation to any facet of the beekeeping industry. Cash prizes will be awarded: First Place - \$25.00, Second Place - \$15.00 and Third Place - \$10.00.

**Entry Source:** each honey entry must have been produced in the contestant's own apiary. Wax entries must have been produced or made by the contestant. Photo entries must have been photographed by the contestant.

**Honey Gift Basket:** The purpose of this category is to allow persons who prepare honey gift baskets or other suitable container to show other TBA members how they might use this means of marketing their products.

**The Entry:** Theme for 2011: A honey gift assortment which may be given for any occasion for a man or woman and would retail for \$50.00 to \$75.00 **maximum**.

**Required Contents:** At least two containers of 100% pure honey, produced and packed by the entrant. (excludes

flavored honey) **And** at least one of the following:

- A honey-based product made/or not made by the entrant (flavored honey, honey mustard, etc.)
- A honey/bee related item – made or not made by the entrant.

**Optional Contents:** Other honey/bee related items and/or non-related items, which the entrant feels will make the entry more saleable.

**Note:** A list of the contents must be affixed to the outside of the entry.

**Preparation:** The items must be clearly labeled, as they would be when offered for sale – except any marks identifying the entrant must be obscured or removed. Fresh labels must be supplied for application after judging is complete. The identifying marks could be covered with opaque labels or tape, which could be removed after judging is complete. The basket should be covered with plastic wrap and decorated appropriately for the theme, suitable for offering for sale at a retail price of \$50 to \$75 **maximum**. If the basket is shipped to the Convention, packing materials may be included and instructions should be included for the Honey Show Committee as to how to complete preparation for judging.

**The judging criteria will be:**

- Originality – 15 pts.
- Appropriateness to designated theme – 15 pts.
- Neatness of workmanship – 15 pts.
- Quality of products – 20 pts.
- Variety of products – 15 pts.
- Commercial appeal/saleability – 20 pts.

**Total:** 100 pts.

**Judging** will be done on Friday, November 4, 2011. Only judges will be allowed in the judging area. The judges' decisions shall be final.

**Award Placements** will be announced Friday night in conjunction with Honey Queen Quiz Bowl.

1<sup>st</sup> Place – 4 pts   2<sup>nd</sup> Place – 3 pts   3<sup>rd</sup> Place – 2 pts and 4<sup>th</sup> Place – 1 pt.

**Disposition of Entries:** It will be the option of each contestant to retain entries or donated them to benefit the Texas Honey Queen Fund.

# 2011 Texas Honey Queen Report

Happy Fall, Y'All!

Finally we have had a break in this hot spell; we even got a couple of days of gully-washing rain here in the Dallas area. The year seems to have just flown right by, but that's usually how it goes when you're busy. We are gearing up for the State Fair of Texas and also our Annual Convention in Corpus Christi. I'm looking forward to both events and hope you will be able to come and join us.

Since my last article, I have been traveling quite a bit. At the beginning of July, I was able to go on a cruise to Alaska. Wow! It is so beautiful there. (And a lot cooler!) After I returned from that trip I headed off to Huntsville, TX, to visit the Walker County Beekeepers (not the prison). Kellie, TX Honey Princess, was able to come along with my mom and me, and we had a great time visiting with the beekeepers there. This is a new and rather small club, and they are excited about beekeeping.



*Walker County Beekeepers of Huntsville, TX with Kellie Lenamond and Kaylynn Mansker*

Next, I headed to Glen Rose, Texas, to visit a new club, Dino-Bees, named such because of the large number of dinosaur footprints and fossils that have been found in the area. Over thirty people attended the meeting where I gave a presentation on how my family keeps bees and also how to have a scholarship and queen program. Caroline Adams (CCHBA Honey Queen) and Rachael Seida accompanied me. The president Dwain Cleveland and his wife Polly served us breakfast the next morning and showed us around their honey house. Mr. Cleveland has many fascinating beekeeping "inventions". The couple gave us the grand tour of Glen Rose, telling us of the history and the new additions to the town. Caroline and I even made it on the front page of the Rose (the local paper in Glen Rose). It was such a fun trip and a big thank you to Dwain and Polly Cleveland for being wonderful hosts.



*Collin County Honey Judging  
Caroline Adams, Shelby Kilpatrick  
and Kaylynn Mansker*

At the Collin County general meeting on August 8, I helped judge the honey contest. There were 31 entries. Many of the clubs' scholarship students were able to enter their first year's honey. I always like judging honey because every jar is different.

Soon after, I headed to Lufkin, TX, to visit the Pineywoods Beekeepers. Shannon La Grave (CCHBA Honey Princess), Anne Siep and Rachael Seida drove down with me. The club treated us to dinner before the meeting, during which we were able to visit with Marie Kocyan, club program chair, and learn a little about how the club was progressing. After dinner we attended the meeting where I was the featured speaker. Many questions were asked about the scholarship program and how to go about starting one. The next day, Marie took us over to the Stephen F. Austin State University to visit the observation hive set up in the nearby gardens. The hive is maintained by the Pineywoods club. It is such a neat set up; in the front you can look at the bees while their entrance is in the back. Shannon and I went back there to see how they got in and out and somehow I ended up with a bee in my hair....twice! I did not get stung, and thanks, Shannon, for extracting the bees from my hair.

I was also able to visit the Red River Valley Beekeepers in Wichita Falls. Shelby Kilpatrick, her mother Susan and Mrs. Shirley came along too. Shelby and I introduced ourselves to the club, and I spoke about how I got started in beekeeping. I was able to help several of the beekeepers find out what kind of licensing they need to sell their honey, as well.

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# 2011 Texas Honey Princess Report

Hello, Texas Beekeepers!

Well, it's the fall semester again, and that means it's back to the grind for me at University of the Cumberlands. I am studying hard, working three jobs, and visiting my grandparents every chance I get here in Kentucky. No matter how far away I get from all of my wonderful beekeeping friends, however, I still get to use my knowledge of honey and honey bees, as well as other valuable skills from being a queen.

I have met professors who also have honey bees, and were curious as to what plants to keep around their house for them here at school. They were fascinated that a Pre-Physician's Assistant knew anything about pollination and what plants are attractive to honey bees. Being the Texas Honey Princess has also prepared me for other little things like making speeches and knowing exactly which fork out of all four to use at the fancy dinner I attended yesterday.

Recently, I spent a weekend at my grandparent's

house, where my grandfather had an interesting story about creamed honey to relate to me. He said that he had come home late from work one night and made himself a breakfast type meal, and went to the refrigerator for some creamed honey to put on his toast. He pulled the small container out of the refrigerator, spread it on his toast all nice and smooth, and walked to the table. However, when he took a bite, he discovered that it wasn't creamed honey after all, but grandma's leftover bacon grease! I guess the moral of that story is either to label your containers well, or test before eating.

I hope you are all having a wonderful start to your fall, and that all of you get to experience lots of rain in the next several months. I wish I could send more of Kentucky's rain down to you. I pray that your families are healthy, and your hives are nice and strong.

Love,

**Kellie Lenamond - 2011 Texas Honey Princess**

## Texas Honey Queen Auction Fund Raiser

Most of our TBA Members are aware of how the Texas Honey Bee Program is financed. At the Convention each year, interested members bring beekeeping related items to be auctioned off with the proceeds providing the funds to keep your Honey Queen Program going. This has proven to be a fun time at the Annual Banquet with many members having the opportunity to contribute to one of the best programs of any state.

Texas has had much success in providing very strong competitors in the selection for the American Honey Queen. It would not be so without your support. Your funds provide the ability for the Texas Honey Queen to travel extensively in Texas promoting honey. Most of our Queens travel 4,000 to 6,000 miles each year in the State of Texas and make presentations nearly every week.

This strong promotional schedule provides a good training ground and the opportunity for many local clubs and individual beekeepers to have first class promotional help with their only cost being the hosting of the Queen.

Your help is needed. With the continued increase in the cost of motor fuel and increased airfares, the travel budget gets tighter. If you are planning to attend the Annual Convention in Corpus Christi, November 3rd - 6th, please bring a special beekeeping related item to contribute to the auction.

Bring your pocketbook also to bid on an item or two donated by someone else. If you are unable to attend, please send a contribution to the Treasurer, Jimmie Oakley, for the Honey Queen Program. It will be very much appreciated.





# Texas Beekeepers Association 2011 Annual Convention

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by Jimmie L. Oakley



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8/23	Taylor	McCartney	Austin, TX	20
8/23	Chambers	W. S.	Georgetown, TX	20
8/23	Scott	Dr. George R.	Temple, TX	25
8/23	Tenbrook	Michael	Volente, TX	20
8/23	Tenbrook	Rhonda	Volente, TX	20
9/14	Fris	Tom	McKinney, TX	20
9/14	Pearson	Michael	Farmersville, TX	20

## 2011 Renewing Members

8/3	Oplela	Roger	Jefferson, TX	20
8/11	Nored	Lynn	McKinney, TX	20
8/11	Lemke	Newton	Lufkin, TX	20
8/24	Sullivan	Deonne	Wylie, TX	20
8/31	Daniel	Paul W.	Mesquite, TX	20
9/1	Walker	Elizabeth	Rogers, TX	20
9/18	Jones	Cynthia G.	Spicewood, TX	20



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# Listing of Local Beekeepers Associations in Texas With TBA Delegate and Regular Meeting Information Shown for Each

Please forward any changes and/or additions to  
John J. Talbert, Executive Secretary, [john@sabinecreekhoney.com](mailto:john@sabinecreekhoney.com)

## Alamo Area Beekeepers Association

Edward Priest - 210/722-7380  
[edward\\_p@sbcglobal.net](mailto:edward_p@sbcglobal.net)  
9570 Maidenstone - San Antonio, TX 78250  
**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday on odd # months; at Helotes Ind. Baptist Church  
15335 Bandera Rd; Helotes @ 7 pm

## Concho Valley Beekeepers Association

Travis Lane - 325/653-7226  
6427 Goodland Lp - San Angelo, TX 76901  
[cvbeeassoc.com](mailto:cvbeeassoc.com)  
**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month Jan-Nov  
Texas A&M Research and Extension Center  
7887 US Hwy 87 N, San Angelo @ 7:30 pm

## Central Texas Beekeepers Association

Michael Kelling - 979/277-0411  
[michael@kellingphotography.com](mailto:michael@kellingphotography.com)  
1997 Tonckawa Hills Ln - Brenham, TX 77833  
**Meetings:** Monthly on the 4th Thursday  
(except November and December) at the  
Washington County Fairgrounds  
Brenham @ 7 pm

## Coastal Bend Beekeepers Association

Tom W. Stewart - 361/852-4218  
[daleatoms@aol.com](mailto:daleatoms@aol.com)  
411 Catalina Place - Corpus Christi, TX 78411  
**Meetings:** Not currently meeting.

## Collin County Hobby Beekeepers Assn.

John J. Talbert - 972/843-8084  
[john@sabinecreekhoney.com](mailto:john@sabinecreekhoney.com)  
P O Box 6 - Josephine, TX 75164  
[www.northtexasbeekeepers.org](http://www.northtexasbeekeepers.org)  
**Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month;  
Heard Craig Hall, 306 N. Church St,  
McKinney @ 6:30 pm

## East Texas Beekeepers Association

Richard Counts - 903/566-6789  
[dickcounts@bigplanet.com](mailto:dickcounts@bigplanet.com)  
16239 Audrey Lane - Arp, TX 75750  
[www.easttexasbeekeepersassociation.com](http://www.easttexasbeekeepersassociation.com)  
**Meetings:** 1st Thursday of each month;  
Room 104, RTDC Building; 1530 NE Lp 323  
Tyler @ 6:45 pm

## El Paso Beekeepers Association

Sarah Downing - 915/859-7725  
1030 N. Zaragosa, Ste A; El Paso, TX 79907  
**Meetings:** Not meeting regularly.

## Fort Bend Beekeepers Association

Jeff McMullan - 281/980-2363  
cell: 281/615-5346  
[jeffmcmullan@comcast.net](mailto:jeffmcmullan@comcast.net)  
74 Hessenford St. - Sugar Land, TX 77479  
**Meetings:** 2nd Tuesday of each month (except  
December) Conference Room, Fort Bend Co.  
Extension Office, County Fairgrounds  
Rosenberg @ 7 pm

## Golden Triangle Beekeepers Association

Wallace Commander - 409/982-0907  
2445 Green Avenue - Port Arthur, TX 77642  
**Meetings:** Not meeting regularly.

## Harris County Beekeepers Association

Derek Furstenwerth - 713-946-9497  
[bluemarble@furstenwerth.net](mailto:bluemarble@furstenwerth.net)  
614 Vista Road - Pasadena, TX 77504  
[www.harriscountybeekeepers.org](http://www.harriscountybeekeepers.org)  
**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month  
Golden Acres Center - 5001 Oak Avenue  
Pasadena @ 7 pm

## Heart of Texas Beekeepers Association

Butch Trigleth - 254/733-1880  
[combowelder76@aol.com](mailto:combowelder76@aol.com)  
511 Edwards St., Riesel, TX 76682  
**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month  
(except December) Mama Baris Restaurant  
1201 Hewitt Drive, Hewitt @ 6:30 pm

## Houston Beekeepers Association

Rita Willhite - [rwillhite@seitel-inc.com](mailto:rwillhite@seitel-inc.com)  
7611 Fondren Rd - Houston, TX 77074  
[www.houstonbeekeepers.org](http://www.houstonbeekeepers.org)  
**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month; Bay-  
land Community Center, 6400 Bissonnet St.  
Houston @ 7:30 pm

## Metro Area Beekeepers Association

Weldon Hamilton  
[www.metrobeekeepers.net](http://www.metrobeekeepers.net)  
P O Box 151222 - Fort Worth, TX 76108  
**Meetings:** 2nd Monday of each month; United  
Co-op Services Community Room, Bethesda  
Rd at I 35 W., Burleson @ 6:30 pm

## Montgomery County Beekeepers Assn.

Valerie Craft - 936/760-3298  
[valsherbal@aol.com](mailto:valsherbal@aol.com)  
116 Gregory Road - Conroe, TX 77304  
or contact: Carlos Madruga  
936/523-0135 - [madrugacarlos@hotmail.com](mailto:madrugacarlos@hotmail.com)  
**Meetings:** 3rd Thursday of each month at  
Montgomery County Library on I-45  
Conroe @ 7 pm

## Permian Basin Beekeepers Association

J.C. and Dean Brittingham  
915/332-2215  
2312 N. Adams - Odessa, TX 79761  
**Meetings:** Not meeting regularly.

## Pineywoods Beekeepers Association

Cecil Hunt - 936/632-5357  
[clh12@consolidated.net](mailto:clh12@consolidated.net)  
301 Carriage Dr. - Lufkin, TX 75904  
**Meetings:** 2nd Thursday of each month  
Chamber of Commerce Building, Highway 287  
and Highway 58 Intersection  
Lufkin @ 7:30 pm

## Red River Valley Beekeepers Assn.

Bennie J. Watson - 940/767-0207  
1952 - A Hines Blvd.  
Wichita Falls, TX 76301-7961  
**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month (except  
December) Bolin Science Hall, Room 209  
Midwestern St. University  
Wichita Falls @ 7 pm

## Rio Grande Valley Beekeepers Assn.

Billy Wright - 956/464-5042  
Route 5, Box 74 - Donna, TX 78537  
**Meetings:** 3rd Tuesday of each month; TAMU  
Res. and Ext. Center, 2401 E. Highway 83  
Weslaco @ 7:30 pm

## Trinity Valley Beekeepers Association

Alan Eynon - 672/231-5702, Ext. 104  
[abees@swbell.net](mailto:abees@swbell.net)  
9702 Vinewood Drive - Dallas, TX 75228  
[www.tvbees.org](http://www.tvbees.org)  
**Meetings:** 1st Wednesday of each month  
(except August), Science Building Rm S100,  
Eastfield College; 3737 Motley Drive  
Mesquite @ 7 - 9 pm

## Walker County Area Beekeepers Assn.

Mark Short - 936/291-1879  
[mshort5150@yahoo.com](mailto:mshort5150@yahoo.com)  
34 Davis Road - Huntsville, TX 77320  
**Meetings:** Last Thursday of each month at  
Walker County Extension Office, #1 Tam Rd.  
Huntsville @ 7 pm

## Williamson County Beekeepers Assn.

Jimmie Oakley - 512/388-3630  
[jimmie.oakley@att.net](mailto:jimmie.oakley@att.net) - [www.wcaba.org](http://www.wcaba.org)  
1799 Goodson Ct. - Round Rock, TX 78664  
**Meetings:** 4th Tuesday of each month  
(except December) 1st United Methodist  
Church - 410 E. University Ave  
Georgetown, TX 78626 @ 7 pm

## Thomas Edward Burleson, Jr.

*(cont'd from page 4)*

In 1962, he was honorably discharged from military service and returned to Waxahachie to join the family firm of T.W. Burleson & Son, Inc. where he worked 49 years as the third generation in his family to produce and pack honey. During that time, he served as president of the National Honey Packers & Dealers and president of the American Honey Institute. As CEO of Burleson's Honey, Mr. Burleson led the industry by pioneering plastic, non-drip containers for honey.

Mr. Burleson's civic activities covered a wide range of endeavors. He served as president and secretary of the Waxahachie Independent School District Board and president and secretary of the Waxahachie Lions Club. A faithful member of the First Baptist Church, among his many duties through the years he served as chairman of the deacons, chairman of the properties committee, and supervisor of the construction of the Children's Building. A landmark event in his life occurred in 1980 when he was awarded the Citizens for Progress Outstanding Citizens Award by the African American community in Waxahachie. He was the first Caucasian to receive such an honor. Other involvements include participation in Historic Waxahachie, Inc. and the Classic Car Club. Mr. Burleson was active in Boy Scouts and received the Order of the Arrow Award. Noted for his high energy and indomitable spirit, he thoroughly loved life, enjoying hunting, fishing, camping, cooking, mountains of New Mexico, and collecting antiques, including vintage cars. He was a generous person in both spirit and means, with a great sense of humor, which served him well as an excellent storyteller, host, and friend. In later years, his greatest pleasure was his grandchildren. He truly loved his entire family.

Services to celebrate his life were scheduled for 10:30 AM Friday, September 23, 2011 at the First Baptist Church in Waxahachie with Dr. Karl Fickling officiating. Interment followed at the Waxahachie City Cemetery.

Visitation with the family was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, September 21, 2011 at the Wayne Boze Funeral Home.

The family request that memorials be made to the First Baptist Church in Waxahachie or the American Heart Association.

## Update from Weslaco

*(cont'd from page 5)*

and winter, so don't be shy to stop and say "hello."

Drs. Frank Eischen, Kate Aronstein and William Meikle are also making great research discoveries and are excited about presenting their finding to you soon.

As for me, it has been a great six years leading the bee lab in Weslaco, but this past July, I accepted a position as a research leader at the USDA-ARS Thad Cochran Southern Horticultural Laboratory in Poplarville, Miss. The Poplarville laboratory has a strong pollination component, and I hope to continue some of my bee work when I arrive in Poplarville in mid-October. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with each and every one of you, and hope to continue our association in the future.

I will be around!

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The 43rd Annual AHPA convention will be held January 4th - 8th, 2012 at the Sheraton Crescent in Phoenix, Arizona. Our goal for each convention is to provide our members with relevant information that can further their success as beekeepers and help them promote honey bee health.

This year we are featuring several researchers to discuss their studies related to improving honey bee stock, the effects of parasites and viruses on honey bees, the latest virus strains affecting honey bees and an analysis of hive management practices.

Our opening keynote speaker this year is Dr. Eric Mussen from UC Davis. Dr. Mussen has an extensive background in honey bee entomology and the beekeeping industry and will be sharing his perspective on the current state of the industry and his outlook for the future.

Our ending keynote session will be presented by Dr. Dennis vanEnglesdorp, Sr. Extension Associate at Penn State University, regarding the latest results from Bee Informed's study of Colony Collapse Disorder and hive management practices.

## Honey Queen Report

*(cont'd from page 16)*



*Observation Hive in Nacogdoches, TX  
Shannon LaGrave and Kaylynn Mansker*



*Red River Valley Beekeepers of Wichita Falls, TX  
Shelby Kilpatrick, Bennie Watson (President) and  
Kaylynn Mansker*

September 13, we drove down to Sugarland to visit the Fort Bend Beekeepers. This club has such diversity in it. New beekeepers, old beekeepers, commercial beekeepers and hobby beekeepers - it has them all. They all enjoyed my presentation and we talked quite a bit after the meeting about different beekeeping adventures. I especially appreciate Jeff McMullen, the club's Secretary/Treasurer, for helping us get to the meeting and for dinner afterward.

And last but certainly not least, I gave a bee talk at the Botanical Research Institute of Texas (BRIT) in Ft Worth. The original plan was for us to be outside and I would give a bee talk just before the kids would watch *The Bee Movie* on a huge outdoor screen. But unfortunately (well, really not unfortunately) it started raining hard and fast. They decide to go ahead with the show but most of their crowd did not come because of the rain. Well, I talked about bees anyway to the twenty or so people present and we had a great question and answer time. Then we sat down with some popcorn and watched "*The Bee Movie*". Anyone who has ever seen this movie will know the producers did not quite get their facts right, but it does have a strong pollination message and for that I can appreciate it.

You are officially brought up to date on what I have been doing these past couple of months. I am just four clubs away from reaching my goal of visiting every working beekeeping club in the state. By the convention I should have visited every single one. Thank you again for your continuing support.

Everyone, please plan on attending the TBA Convention in Corpus Christi. It is definitely an event you won't want to miss. And if you can plan to help work the Texas Beekeepers booth at the State Fair, you'll have a blast!

See you soon,

**Kaylynn Mansker – 2011 Texas Honey Queen**

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## Small Hive Beetle Research

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something like soil to burrow into or under. If they don't have something to pupate in or under, they will simply die (but they can last for weeks).

Given that SHB lay lots of eggs and grow fast, it is a credit to the bees that so few hives die from SHB infestation compared to how many hives have SHB. Why is that? Because bees, mainly nurse bees, clean and clean. Once a colony stops cleaning so vigorously, whether due to the hive being too big for the colony (bees can't keep up with all the surface area) or to the ageing of the bee population, (there may be lots of bees but too few are nurse bees), SHB can get the upper hand. So what is the "tipping point" when SHB egg laying outpaces cleaning by the bees? Does this help understand what may be happening in queen production?



# TEXAS BEEKEEPERS

## ASSOCIATION

## CONSTITUTION

### ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this organization, a non-profit organization, shall be The Texas Beekeepers Association.

### ARTICLE II PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to engage in any lawful activity, which will promote the common interests and the general welfare of the beekeeping industry.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

#### Section 1

Any person, firm, ~~(or)~~ corporation, **or association** engaged in the beekeeping industry (or related activities) is eligible to become an active member of the Association upon receipt of the required dues.

#### Section 2

Each member **whose dues have been paid for the current year** shall be entitled to one vote at any annual or special meeting of the Association. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

#### Section 3

Any member may be suspended or terminated for cause **or for nonpayment of dues**. Sufficient cause for such suspension or termination of membership shall be violation of the by-laws, or any other conduct prejudicial to the interests of the Association. Suspension or expulsion shall be by a three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Executive Committee, taken at any regularly constituted meeting of the committee, provided that a statement of the charges shall have been mailed by certified or registered mail to the last recorded address of the member at least fifteen (15) days before final action is taken thereon. This statement shall be accompanied by a notice of the time and place of the meeting of the Committee at which the charges shall be considered and the member shall have the opportunity to appear in person and/or be represented by counsel to present any defense to such charges before action is taken thereon.

Nonpayment of dues shall be considered as immediate voluntary resignation of membership sixty (60) days after the first day of the fiscal year that the dues are effective. Reinstatement will be effective with payment of the prior year delinquent dues and current dues.

### ARTICLE IV OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, ~~(and a)~~ Executive Secretary, Treasurer **and Publications Director**. ~~(The President and Vice-President shall be elected annually at the annual convention of the Association. Eligibility for any office shall be restricted to those who paid dues during the previous year. The nominee for President or Vice-President must have served one time as a Director at Large.)~~

### ARTICLE V

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The **day to day** control and direction of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee, as provided by the by-laws.

### ARTICLE VI

All matters not defined in this Constitution shall be as provided in the by-laws.

### ARTICLE VII

This constitution may be amended, repealed, or altered in the whole or in part, by two thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at the Annual **Meeting** ~~(convention)~~ preceded by a thirty (30) day advance written notice of proposed change. This may be done by means of publication in the TBA **Journal** ~~(Newsletter)~~ in a timely issue preceding the Annual **Meeting** ~~(Convention)~~ or by a first Class mailing to all members.

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# TEXAS BEEKEEPERS

## ASSOCIATION

### BY LAWS

#### ARTICLE I DUES

The annual dues for each membership classification of the association shall be determined by the membership at the annual ~~meeting.~~(convention) The Executive Committee shall ~~(make)~~**present** its recommendations ~~for changes to the~~ (as to such) dues ~~schedule~~ to the membership prior to its vote thereon. ~~The~~ (D) ~~dues~~ (schedules)**schedule** once established shall remain in effect until changed.

#### ARTICLE II OFFICERS

##### Section 1

The officers of this Association shall be (a) President, (a) Vice President, (and a) ~~Executive~~ Secretary, Treasurer, **and Publications Director.** ~~The President and Vice-President shall be elected at the annual meeting of the Association. Eligibility for any office shall be restricted to those who paid dues during the current and previous year. The nominee for President or Vice-President must have served one year as a Director at Large. The Executive Secretary, the Treasurer and the Publications Director shall be appointed annually by the President and confirmed by the Executive Committee. They shall be under the supervision of the Executive Committee.~~

##### Section 2

~~The Nominations Committee shall present candidates for President, Vice-President and three (3) Directors at Large at the Annual Meeting. Any member may nominate a candidate in addition to the presented slate of nominees. All candidates nominated must be present, must agree to serve and understand the obligations of the office. The Nominations Committee will consist of (at least) but not limited to, the Immediate Past President, two Directors at Large, and two members from the general membership, with the Immediate Past President as Chairman. (This committee shall nominate candidates for President, Vice President, and six (6) Directors at Large. Nominations for these offices may also be made by any member from the floor at the annual convention.)~~

##### Section 3

~~(The President and Vice President shall be elected~~

~~annually at the annual convention of the Association.)~~  
The officers shall take office immediately following election and shall serve for a term of one year and until (his or her) a successor is duly elected and qualified.

##### Section 4

##### Duties of Officers

1. The President (~~when present~~) shall preside at all meetings of the membership and shall preside at all meetings of the Executive committee. The President, unless some other person is specifically authorized by vote of the Executive Committee, shall **be authorized to** sign all agreements, contracts, drafts, and checks of the Association. The President shall appoint **all** (~~such~~) standing or special committees as are deemed necessary to carry out the aims and policies of the Association. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees (~~He or she~~)**and** shall perform all the duties commonly incident to (~~his or her~~)**the** office **and including** such other duties as may be fixed (~~and~~)or determined by the Executive Committee (~~and~~) **that are** not contrary to the Constitution **and Bylaws.**
2. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of that office. **The Vice-President shall serve as the General Chairman of the Annual Meeting Planning Committee and will** (~~He or she may also~~)perform such other duties as directed by the President.
3. (~~The office of the Secretary/Treasurer and the Newsletter Editor may be held by one person~~) The **Executive Secretary** shall keep accurate minutes at all meetings of the membership and ~~the~~ Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as (~~are commonly incident to the office, and as the Executive Committee shall~~) designated **by the Executive Committee.** (~~The Secretary/Treasurer shall have the power, together with the President, to sign all agreements, contract, drafts, and checks of the Association.~~) In (~~his or her~~) ~~the~~ absence **of the Executive Secretary** at any meeting, an assistant Secretary or Secretary pro tempore shall **be appointed to perform the** (~~his or her~~) duties thereat. The **Executive Secretary**(~~Treasurer shall be subject to the order of the Executive Committee, have care and custody of the monies, funds;~~) **shall have care and custody of the** valuable papers and documents of the Association; and shall have and exercise, under the supervision of the Executive committee, all powers and duties commonly incident to his or her office. (~~If required by the Executive Committee, he or she shall give bond in such form and with such sureties as shall be required by them.~~)

4. **The Treasurer shall have care and custody of the monies and funds of the Association.** (~~He shall deposit all~~) **All funds of the Association shall be deposited** in such bank or banks, trust company or companies as the Executive Committee shall (~~designate~~) **authorize. The Treasurer shall be authorized to sign drafts and checks of the Association in the discharge of day-to-day budgeted business accounts. Levels of signature authority requiring prior approval of the President will be set by the Executive Committee.** He may endorse for deposit of its order and may accept the drafts on behalf of the association. He or she shall keep accurate (~~books of account~~) **records of (the) all Association transactions, which shall be the property of the Association and will provide a complete financial report to the membership at the Annual Meeting and Executive Committee meetings. The Treasurer will prepare a proposed budget for review by the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Meeting. The books shall be property of the Association and together with all its property in his or her possession, shall be subject at all times to the inspection and control of the Executive Committee. If required by the Executive Committee, the Treasurer shall give bond in such form and with such sureties as shall be required by them.**

5. **The Publications Director shall be responsible for the development and production of all publications of the Association. Duties will include publishing six issues of the Texas Beekeepers Association Journal annually, special newsletters as may be directed by the Executive Committee and, in general, be the primary printed and electronic media person for the Association. Editorial duties will include the responsibility to edit articles and communications for appropriateness, length and bias to reflect the collective opinions and voice of the Association. Counsel of the President will be solicited for guidance. Publications will include information relative to the beekeeping industry, local, Texas and national. In support of the Director, members of the Executive Committee will be scheduled to provide articles and reports to the membership for publication in the Journal.**

## ARTICLE III

### DIRECTORS AT LARGE

There shall be six (6) Directors at Large. **Their duties will be to represent the individual members and the local associations at meetings of the Executive Committee.** Directors in positions with even numbers shall be elected in even-numbered years. Direc-

tors in positions with odd numbers shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Association at the Annual (~~convention~~) **Meeting** shall elect these Directors. Eligibility for Director at Large shall be restricted to those who paid dues during the previous year **and the current year.** Each director shall serve for a term of two years or until his successor is duly elected. A director shall not succeed himself or herself more than once.

## ARTICLE IV

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Section 1

The voting members of the Executive Committee shall consist of the President and the Vice President, Immediate Past President, and six (6) Directors at Large. Non Voting members shall consist of the **Executive Secretary, the Treasurer and the (Newsletter Editor) Publications Director. These non-voting offices may be held by one or more persons, so long as the duties commonly incident to the separate offices are performed in a timely and satisfactorily manner.**

#### Section 2

The Executive Committee shall have the authority to transact all necessary business between (~~annual conventions~~) **Annual Meetings** but no action by the Executive Committee shall be contrary to the **actions and resolutions or the membership in attendance at the (expressed wishes of the annual convention) Annual Meeting.** The Executive Committee shall have the authority to contract with, to terminate, to set the salary and to define the duties of the **non-voting officers and staff. (Secretary/Treasurer and the Newsletter Editor.)** The Executive Committee (~~can vote by mail when necessary to conduct~~) **may conduct its business and vote by mail, telephone conference call, electronic mail or any other means of communication it deems necessary or effective All such actions taken and votes cast will be recorded by the Executive Secretary.**

The Executive Committee is hereby empowered to remove from office any officer or director who fails to fully support the Constitution, by-laws or any resolution adopted by the membership in attendance at any (~~convention~~) **meeting** assembled. This action shall be accomplished by a majority vote of the Executive Committee at any called meeting or by written poll within 30 days **after cause for action has been determined by the Executive Committee.**

#### Section 3

The Executive Committee shall meet at least (~~once~~)



**three (3) times** annually and at such intervals as is deemed necessary **by the President** during the year. The meetings shall be held at a time and place specified by the President or by a majority of the Executive Committee. Four members of this committee shall constitute a quorum. **Any officer or director missing three meetings of the Executive Committee during the term of office will be considered to have vacated the office and the President shall be empowered to appoint a successor for the remainder of the term.**

## ARTICLE V

### COMPENSATION

Any member of the Executive Committee, acting under the direction of the President and conducting business of the Association shall be entitled to reimbursement for ~~(those)~~ **budgeted** expenses incurred during the execution of those duties. Proper documentation shall be presented to the ~~(Secretary)~~ Treasurer for reimbursement.

## ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

### Section 1

There shall be an annual **membership** meeting of the Association during the ~~(first week)~~ **month** of November, for the election of Officers, for receiving the annual reports, and the transaction of other business. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed ~~(by the Secretary/Treasurer)~~ to the last recorded address of each member at least fifteen (15) days before the time appointed for the meeting.

### Section 2

Special meetings of the Association shall be called by the President, **or** upon the written request of twenty-five (25) percent of the members of the Association. Notice of any special meetings shall be mailed to each member's ~~(of his or her)~~ last recorded address at least fifteen (15) days in advance, with a statement of the time and place and information as to the subject or subjects to be considered.

### Section 3

**Thirty five (35)** ~~(Fifty (50))~~ members present at any **annual or special** meeting of the Association shall constitute a quorum.

### Section 4

The order of business at **the annual membership meeting** ~~(meetings)~~ shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Appointment of Secretary and Parliamentarian
3. Reading of minutes of previous meetings
4. Receiving communications
5. Reports of Officers
6. Reports of committees both standing and special
7. Unfinished business
8. New business
9. Election of Officers and Directors
10. Adjournment.

### Section 5

The order of business may be altered or suspended at any meeting by majority vote of the members present. The usual parliamentary rules as laid down in **the latest published edition of Robert's Rules of Order** shall govern all deliberations when not in conflict with these by-laws.

## ARTICLE VII FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the Association shall commence on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October and shall end on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of September.

## ARTICLE VIII

These bylaws may be amended or repealed, in whole or in part, by a majority vote at any organized meeting of the Association preceded by a thirty- (30) day advance written notice **to the membership of such** proposed change. This may be done by means of publication in the TBA ~~(Newsletter)~~ Journal in a timely issue preceding the annual **meeting** ~~(convention)~~ or by a First Class mailing to all members **at their last recorded address. Should the membership elect to dissolve the Association, all assets will be donated to a similar not for profit beekeeping organization, university or research entity. Nothing will accrue to any individual.**

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