



2019 AIA Meeting Minutes

States and Provinces represented:

Arizona – Jack Peterson	North Carolina – Don Hopkins
Delaware – Meghan McConnell	North Dakota – Samantha Brunner
District of Columbia – Natasha Garcia-Andersen	Ohio – Barbara Bloetscher
Florida – Brandi Simmons	Pennsylvania – Karen Roccasecca
Indiana – Kathleen Prough	Tennessee – Mike Studer
Kentucky – Tammy Horn Potter	Texas – Mary Reed
Maine – Jennifer Lund	Utah – Steven Stanko
Maryland – Cybil Preston	Vermont – David Tremblay
Massachusetts – Kim Skyrn	Virginia – Keith Tignor
Michigan – Mike Hansen	Wisconsin – Elizabeth Meil
Montana – Alyssa Piccolomini	Alberta – Medhat Nasr

USDA National Survey

- Want to send a letter regarding feedback about the survey.
- Send copy to National Plant Board as well.

AIA Website

- Members only site would include:
- Requirements for beekeepers moving into other states, inspection procedures, informational/fact sheets

Reading of the resolution

- Combined three previous resolutions into one.

Research topics to discuss with AAPA

- Nosema issues
 - Identify a new threshold
 - Test new probiotics to determine how they are impacting Nosema levels
 - Alternative treatment methods
- Viruses
 - Cost of analysis
 - How do the viral results help beekeepers?
 - Is there a way to improve honey bee immune system to manage viral infections
 - Is there a way for a honey bee to overcome a viral infection
- EFB disease characterization
 - Better understand pathogenesis of disease
 - What levels of the disease are damaging to a colony?
- Small hive beetle
 - Are the adults damaging to the colony?
 - What diseases are they transmitting and what impact does it have on at the colony level?
 - Developing a trap for the apiary level
- Tracheal mites
 - TN seeing issues with tracheal mites within the past couple of years – not seeing as many problems this year

Standard Operating Procedures

- Should AIA make a document that is a general overview of SOPs
- Includes the elements of the standard, because there is going to be a variability among states on what they can implement
- Compile database of what each state requires from beekeepers that enter their state. Then develop a general SOP overview
- Provide on AIA website for public access the requirements a beekeeper needs to complete prior to entering the state
- Some concerns on posting the individual state SOPs to the members only part of the AIA website, thus each state is not required to post them
- Committee formed to generate SOP document: Mike Studer, Barb Bloetscher, Kim Skyrn, Brandi Simmons

501c5 status for AIA

- For agricultural organizations
- 501c5 status means:
 - o Contributions are not tax deductible
 - o No lobbying
 - o Can be no profit to the members
- If AIA dissolves, there needs to be an organization in place that will receive all funds within the treasury.
- Suggested that inspectors seek guidance from their respective administrators to avoid any conflicts of interest
- Suggested to establish a committee to seek information from each member state for options of dis-persal of funds if AIA were to dissolve and the constitution will need to change in order to complete the 501c5 application.
- Committee: regional directors work to communicate with their own states. Chair: Keith Tignor

Increasing attendance at the annual meeting

- Develop standard invitation to send out
- Would be useful for directors to send out to states and other organizations
- Purpose and benefit of AIA, meeting details, etc.

Reading of the preceding meeting's minutes

- Suggested that they be provided to all members of AIA, by posting the pdf to the AIA website and sending to listserv.
- Motioned to not read the preceding minutes
- Supported by Steven Stanko, and seconded by Jen Lund

No Secretary report

Treasury report

- \$20,615.09 (does not include cost of 2019 meeting)
- Approved and the report was submitted to Secretary

Presidents address

- Represented AIA at Honey Bee Health Coalition (HBHC) meeting in the spring in California.
- Developed a subgroup to develop the HBHC BMPs and which have been released.
- Attended and represented AIA at the CAPA meeting.

- Represented AIA at the ESA Pollinator field tour in North Dakota.
- Goal: To develop better relationships between growers and beekeepers and develop wild land for pollinators.

Announcement and appointment of committees

- Jennifer Lund will be representing AIA at the National Plant Board meeting.
- Brandi Simmons has been appointed the new Chief Apiary Inspector for Florida.
- Committee was created to establish a 501c5 status for AIA.
 - o Chair: Keith Tignor, members: Mike Hansen and the AIA Directors (Kathleen Prough, Mike Studer, Meghan McConnell, Alyssa Piccolomini, Andy Joseph, Paul Kozak).
 - o Suggested that a report from the AIA vice president is included in the annual meeting.

Special Committee report

- Sites Committee
 - o Barbara Bloetscher, Natasha Garcia-Andersen, Alyssa Piccolomini
 - o Suggested to coincide with ABF to follow the typical 3 year rotation of AIA.
 - o 2020 meeting in Chicago
 - o Motioned to meet with ABF by Don Hopkins, seconded by Kathleen Prough.
 - o Motion passes vote.
- Newsletter Committee
 - o Tammy Horn Potter, Mary Reed, Samantha Brunner, Kim Skyrn
 - o Will work to issue a newsletter to AIA on a quarterly basis.
- Standard Operating Procedures Committee
 - o Chair: Mike Studer, members: Barbara Bloetscher, Kim Skyrn, Brandi Simmons
 - o Make a repository on AIA website to post SOPs.
 - o All states concerned about posting SOPs can send them directly to Mike Studer.

Report of the Auditing Committee

- Moves to pass the treasury report.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

- Consolidated three previous resolutions into one.
- Read out loud for the second time.
- Motioned to approve by Mike Hansen, seconded by Steven Stanko.
- All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

Report of Awards Committee

- Need to go through records to see who is retired or has passed away.
- Awards needed for Dave Westervelt, Kenneth Calcote, Wade Stiltner, Paul Cappy, Medhat Nasr.
- Requested that any change of positions should be notified to AIA, as well as the posting of new inspector position.

Old business

- AIA listserv
- Directors should work to receive state reports from all states in the individual districts prior to the annual meeting.

New business

- Suggested to develop APHIS committee to assist on adjustments need to National Survey project and receive up-dates.
- Need to meet with APHIS first to determine what their needs are exactly.
- AIA representative for HBHC
 - o Mary Reed, Jennifer Lund, and AIA President
 - o Committee not formed, only appointments.
- Send out a reminder to committees two weeks prior to the annual meeting so there is sufficient time to develop the appropriate reports and updates.
- Send out a reminder prior to meeting about reviewing the AIA constitution.
- Mike Hansen has been added to Nonprofit Committee.
- Request to receive state reports from the states that cannot attend AIA.
 - o Directors should work to receive state reports from all states in their designated areas.
- 2020 meeting
 - o Requested to adjust the meeting so members can attend talks at the coinciding meetings.
 - o Tour day is preferred and would like to keep it included. Optional for states that have limited travel.
 - o Meet with ABF in Chicago, January 7-11th, but may be 6th-11th to include a tour day
- Scholarship award
 - o Purpose of the award: to provide money to be used for travelling to the ABRC meeting.
 - o Should submit an abstract of their work prior to the meeting as part of the application process.
 - o Research should be applied research.
 - o Must be invited to speak at ABRC meeting.
 - o Motion to have the Awards Committee fine tune the submission process. Award \$500 for one student.

Report of Nominating Committee

- Election of officers
 - o President: Samantha Brunner
 - o Vice president: Kim Skyrn
 - o Secretary: Mary Reed
 - o Treasurer: Keith Tignor
- Directors
 - o North: Kathleen Prough
 - o South: Mike Studer
 - o East: Meghan McConnell
 - o West: Alyssa Piccolomini
 - o At large: Andy Joseph
 - o Canada: Paul Kozak

Motion to dismiss by Steven Stanko, Jennifer Lund seconds.