

# **ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

## **CONSTITUTION**

Original Constitution Adopted February 26, 1891

Revised November 13, 1971 and June 10, 1989

### **Article I - Name**

Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Illinois State Beekeepers' Association.

### **Article II - Purpose and Function**

Section 1. The purpose and function of the Association shall be to promote interest in honey bees and beekeeping by encouraging good beekeeping in Illinois, the utilization of honey bees for pollination of agricultural crops, and the dissemination of information about bees and beekeeping.

### **Article III - Membership**

Section 1. Membership in the Illinois State Beekeepers' Association shall be open to all persons interested in honey bees and beekeeping.

### **Article IV - Officers and Tenure**

Section 1. Officers and their tenure of office

- a. All elected Officers shall be members in good standing and shall be residents of the state of Illinois.
- b. Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Directors.
- c. The President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer shall serve for one year each.

d. The President may not serve for more than three successive terms; however, he may be reelected after retirement from office of at least one year.

e. Directors shall serve three years each, but only one shall be elected each year.

f. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the three Directors shall constitute the Executive Board.

## Section 2. Board Representation

a. To insure statewide representation within the Board of Directors the state shall be divided into three sections, Northern, Central, and Southern, and one Director elected, in turn, from each section.

## **Article V - Meetings**

### Section 1. General meetings

a. There shall be two general meetings each year, one in summer and one in fall.

b. Summer meetings shall be held during June, July or August, and may be sponsored by one of the Chapters.

c. Annual fall meetings shall be held in Springfield during the first or second week of November. The date, place, and program shall be arranged by the Executive Board.

## **Article VI - Elections**

### Section 1. Election of Association Officers

a. The election of officers shall be held during the fall convention, and shall be conducted by secret ballot.

b. A majority of the votes cast is required to elect a candidate.

## **Article VII - Amendments**

## Section 1. Amending Association Constitution and Bylaws

- a. The Constitution and Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular meeting, or any special meeting called for that specific purpose.
- b. The Association Bylaws cannot be suspended during any meeting unless a motion for this purpose is made, seconded, and carried by a two-thirds majority vote of those present.

Respectfully submitted, Executive Board Illinois State Beekeepers' Association. Lloyd A. Lindenfelser, President - Charles Lorence, Vice President - Rita Taylor, Secretary - Udell Meyer, Treasurer - Kenneth Beauchamp, Director - Ronald Fischer, Director - Kurtis Gross, Director and Eugene Killion, Advisor - Alfred Trost, Advisor.

The following articles were deleted from the old Constitution and ByLaws. Nothing in the Constitution. In the ByLaws; Article I, section 1 paragraph (e)(f), Article II, section 3 paragraph (d)(g), section 4 paragraph (a)(f), Article IV, section (a)(f), Article V, section i (c), Article X, section i paragraph (a) and Article XIII, section 1 completely. All other changes and additions are underlined and the Constitution and ByLaws are printed as it appears for final approval.