

## The Illinois State Beekeepers Association - founded in 1891

The Illinois State Beekeepers Association (ISBA) is a 501 (c)(3) .

Our purpose and function is to promote interest in honeybees and beekeeping by encouraging good beekeeping in Illinois and to help preserve and protect the honey and pollination industry of Illinois.

The ISBA is the recognized voice of Illinois Beekeepers at the state and national levels with over 1,600+ members. Membership is open to all persons interested in Honey Bees.

ISBA works closely with the Illinois Dept. of Agriculture and its Apiary Inspection Program.

ISBA is an affiliate member of the American Beekeeping Federation (ABF)

### ISBA Accomplishments:

- In 2010 the ISBA successfully lobbied passage of Public Act 096-1028; allowing beekeepers in Illinois to bottle and sell up to 500 gallons of honey off premises without the previous requirement of an inspected honey house.
- In 2011 the ISBA working in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDoA) undertook the promotion of Driftwatch, which is designed to assist pesticide applicators in protecting honey bees from exposure to pesticide drift.

Driftwatch was acquired by Fieldwatch and Fieldwatch created a website called [il.beecheck.org](http://il.beecheck.org) where spray applicators can check to see if there are apiaries in the vicinity of where they need to spray.

- We have been an influential partner with many municipal and county governments regarding zoning to allow beekeeping.

### ISBA Officers & Board of Directors

See the website at <http://www.ilsba.com> for the list of current Officers and Board of Directors. The ISBA conducts election of officers at the Annual Fall Meeting.

### Calendar of Events

The ISBA hosts two annual meetings, a Summer and Fall meeting. The Summer meeting rotates between the 3 different regions (Northern, Central, Southern).

The Fall meeting is usually held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in November in Springfield on the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

ISBA works to bring leading research scientists and speakers to our conferences so Illinois Beekeepers have an opportunity to hear first hand some of the latest news affecting our honeybees.

During the Illinois State Fair, the ISBA has a booth in the Illinois Building on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. ISBA members volunteer their time to converse with the public concerning bee keeping, the Bee Culture Exhibit and to sell Honey Ice Cream.



### Affiliated Associations:

Apple Creek Beekeepers  
Central Eastern Illinois Beekeepers  
Central Illinois Beekeepers  
Cook-Du Page Beekeepers  
Cross Roads Beekeepers  
Fox Valley Beekeepers  
Illiana Beekeepers  
Illinois Valley Beekeepers  
Kaskaskia Country Beekeepers  
Lake County Beekeepers  
Lincoln Land Bee Keepers  
Little Egypt Beekeepers  
Mississippi Valley Beekeepers  
Northern Illinois Beekeepers  
Prairieland Beekeepers  
Prairie State Beekeepers  
Sangamon Valley Beekeepers  
Saint Clair Beekeepers  
Shawnee Bee Club  
Southern Illinois All Abuzz  
Tri County Beekeepers  
Wabash Valley Pollinators Club  
Western Illinois Beekeepers

*For a location map and contact information for each of the ISBA affiliated associations, go to*

<http://www.ilsba.com/affiliate-associations.html>

ISBA Affiliated Associations have liability insurance for official functions. ISBA maintains an extensive website with valuable information and numerous links at [www.ilsba.com](http://www.ilsba.com)

Members receive the **ISBA Bulletin** which features original articles, notices of upcoming events and news from throughout the state.

**ISBA Membership Application**

Name:

Address:

Email:

Phone Numbers:

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County:

**Individual Membership for one year**  
(January 1 – December 31)      \$ 10.00

Please make checks payable to ISBA

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