

ILLINOIS STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

Original Constitution Adopted February 26, 1891
Revised November 13, 1971, June 10, 1989 and November 10, 2012

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, Membership Director and three Regional 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; the Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary may not serve for more than six successive terms; Directors may not serve for more than two consecutive three-year terms; however, Officers may be reelected after retirement from office of at least one year.
- e. Directors shall serve three years each, but only one Regional Director shall be elected each year.
- f. The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the four 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.

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. James Belli, President – Rich Ramsey, Vice President – Susan Kivikko, Secretary – Michael Mason, Treasurer – Erik Whalen-Pedersen, Director – Janet Hart, Director – Ray Chapman, Director.