

**Constitution of the
Oklahoma State Beekeepers Association, Inc.**

Fall, 2006

Article I: NAME

This Association shall be known as the Oklahoma State Beekeepers Association, and will here in after be referred to as the Association.

Article II: PURPOSES AND FUNCTIONS

Section 1 The purpose and function of the Association is the promotion of interest in bees and beekeeping throughout the United States by such means as:

- a) Encouraging good beekeeping management.
- b) Encouraging legislation to assist and maintain beekeeping in the United States.
- c) Encourage the utilization of bees for pollination of agricultural crops.
- d) Encourage dissemination of information about bees and beekeeping throughout the State.

Article III: MEMBERSHIP

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

Article IV: OFFICERS AND TENURE

Section 1 Officers of the Association:

- a) The officers of the Association shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, and the Board of Directors, which will consist of one member in good standing from each local association within the State of Oklahoma.
- b) The President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall serve for one (1) year.
- c) The President may not succeed himself for more than three (3) successive terms. He may be re-elected anytime after a retirement of one year.
- d) All elected officers shall be members of the Oklahoma State Beekeepers Association in good standing, as well as a local association.
- e) All elected officers shall be residents of the State of Oklahoma.
- f) The President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute the Executive Board, and will hereinafter be referred to as such Board.
- g) The President shall no less than one month prior to the Fall meeting, appoint a three member audit committee to examine the Association's financial records to be reported on at said meeting.

Article V: MEETINGS

Section 1 General Annual Meetings:

- a) There shall be two general meetings during the year, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. The meeting dates and places will be decided by the Board.
- b) The annual Spring meeting shall be held during February, March, April, and may be sponsored by one of the local Associations with the sanction of the Board. The annual Fall meeting shall be held in Oklahoma City during the month of September, October, or November.

Article VI: ELECTIONS

Section 1 Election of Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)

- a) The election of officers shall be by written secret ballot during the Fall meeting.
- b) A majority of fifty-one percent (51%) of the votes cast are necessary to elect.

Article VII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1 Constitution and Bylaws Amendments

- a) This constitution may be altered and/or amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the Fall meeting, provided that no amendment may be proposed at the Fall meeting unless the membership of this organization be given at least thirty (30) days notice of such proposed amendment. The notice herein provided for may be given in the Oklahoma Apiary Newsletter.