

# By-Laws of the Arkansas Beekeepers Association

## I. NAME AND PURPOSE

- Section 1.** The name of this association shall be the Arkansas Beekeepers Association.
- Section 2.** The purpose of this association shall be the advancement and promotion of bees and beekeepers in Arkansas for educational and social activities.
- Section 3.** The Executive Committee of this association is charged with administering the duties and the funds of the association.

## II. MEMBERS

- Section 1.** Any person interested in beekeeping is eligible for membership and may maintain membership with payment of the required annual dues. Associate members are those without bees and shall be non-voting members. Hobbyist members are those with between 1 and 50 colonies of bees. Sideliner members are those with 51 to 300 colonies of bees. Commercial members are those with more than 300 colonies of bees. Hobbyists, sideliners and commercial beekeepers will have all privileges of membership. Each membership will be entitled to one vote.
- Section 2.** Any person may be elected an honorary member of this association at any annual meeting, and shall be a life member without obligation to pay dues.
- Section 3.** Dues shall be payable at the time of the regular annual business meeting for the next calendar year at the specified rate.

## III. MEETINGS

- Section 1.** Meetings of this association may be held at such times and places as may be determined by the Executive Committee. Thirty days notice of these meetings shall be given to the members of the Association.
- Section 2.** At the regular annual business meeting, the officers of the association and the directors, which make up the Executive Committee, shall be elected. Unless otherwise ordered by the members, standing committees shall be appointed by the President. Each member with voting rights shall be entitled to one vote for each candidate for office.
- Section 3.** The preparation of programs for the meetings of this association shall be the duty of the Executive Committee. Any member of the association may, at any meeting, bring any matter to the attention of other members through a written statement to the presiding officer. This information shall then be made available to the membership. Any association action on such matters must be initiated by a motion supported by the members.
- Section 4.** The Executive Committee shall meet at such times and places as the president shall designate by written notice to each member.

#### IV. OFFICERS

- Section 1.** The officers of this association shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President (from different districts), Secretary and Treasurer.
- Section 2.** The officers of this association, and a Past President, together with six other members to be elected at the regular annual business meeting, shall constitute the Executive Committee which shall have the authority to perform required duties.
- Section 3.** The President, and in his/her absence, a Vice President, shall preside at all meetings of the association and the Executive Committee.
- Section 4.** The secretary shall keep a true record of the proceedings of all meetings of the association and of the Executive Committee.
- Section 5.** The Treasurer shall keep a correct and detailed account of all financial transactions listing the involved person or organization and the purpose of the transaction. This information and supporting documents will be submitted for requested audits.
- Section 6.** The Past President shall be the most recent past president and shall advise the Executive Committee.
- Section 7.** The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined.

#### V. AMENDMENTS

- Section 1.** Before any amendment or change of these By-Laws shall be voted upon at any meeting, the membership of this Association shall be given at least thirty days notice of time and place of the meeting, and the contemplated changes.
- Section 2.** These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote cast by members present at any meeting called according to Section 1, Article III.

#### VI. DISTRICTS

- Section 1.** For the purposes of this Association, the State of Arkansas shall be divided into five districts or regions consisting of counties as listed below:

**Central**

Cleburne  
Conway  
Faulkner  
White  
Perry  
Pulaski  
Lonoke  
Saline

**Northwest**

Benton  
Carroll  
Boone  
Marion  
Baxter  
Washington  
Madison  
Newton  
Searcy  
Crawford  
Franklin  
Johnson  
Pope  
Van Buren  
Sebastian  
Logan  
Yell

**Northeast**

Fulton  
Sharp  
Randolph  
Clay  
Izard  
Lawrence  
Greene  
Stone  
Independence  
Jackson  
Craighead  
Poinsett  
Mississippi  
Woodruff  
Cross  
Crittenden  
St. Francis

**Southwest**

Scott  
Montgomery  
Garland  
Polk  
Howard  
Pike  
Clark  
Hot Springs  
Sevier  
Dallas  
Little River  
Hempstead  
Nevada  
Ouachita  
Calhoun  
Miller  
Lafayette  
Columbia  
Union

**Southeast**

Prairie  
Monroe  
Lee  
Grant  
Jefferson  
Arkansas  
Phillips  
Cleveland  
Lincoln  
Desha  
Bradley  
Drew  
Chicot  
Ashley

## VII. ELECTION PROCEDURE

The Nominating and Election Committee shall nominate at least one candidate for all offices subject to election and report at the business meeting of the Annual Meeting. Following the report of the Nominating Committee, additional nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member for any office subject to election. In case of the absence of a member or members of the Nominating Committee at the annual meeting, the President shall fill vacancies from members in good standing who are present.

## VIII. COMMITTEES

### 1. Elective

#### A. Executive Committee

The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, Past President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. In addition, six directors, one from each of the five districts, and one member-at-large, will also be elected. The Executive Committee may appoint *Ex Officio* members in a non-voting status. All members of the Executive Committee must be voting members in good standing. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to manage this Association to achieve its objectives. The Executive Committee shall determine the site and date of annual meetings.

### 2. Appointive

#### B. Nominating and Election Committee

The duties of the this committee will be to nominate candidates for President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. This Committee shall also conduct the election of the officers of the Arkansas Beekeepers Association.

The Nominating and Election Committee shall count the votes and report the number of votes for each office. The nominee receiving the most votes for each office will be elected to that office for the following year and shall be notified by the Chairman of the Nominating and Election Committee.

#### C. Legislative Committee

The duties of the Legislative Committee shall be to represent the interests of the Arkansas beekeeping industry in all matters of proposed legislation, as instructed by vote of the membership, or by direction of the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Beekeepers Association.

## IX. QUORUM

**Section 1.** Twelve or more members in good standing, of which at least two shall be officers, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called state meeting of the Arkansas Beekeepers Association.

**Section 2.** Six or more members of the Executive Committee of which at least two shall be officers of the Arkansas Beekeepers Association shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any duly called meeting of the Executive Committee.

## **X. ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Section 1.** The suggested order of business for annual meetings shall be as follows:

1. Call to order
2. Prayer
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Programs: Speakers' presentations
5. Business meeting
  - A. Reading and correcting minutes of the previous business meeting
  - B. Treasurer's report with discussion and approval
  - C. Committee reports
  - D. Old business
  - E. New business
  - F. Committee appointments
  - G. Adjournment

**Section 2.** Robert's Rules of Order shall govern this association in all points of parliamentary procedure not provided in these By-Laws.

**Section 3.** The membership dues per year in the Association shall be \$5.00 for Associates; \$10.00 for Hobbyists; \$25.00 for Sideliners; and \$75.00 for commercial Beekeepers. These dues are payable at the time of the annual meeting for the next calendar year. Different memberships are defined in Section 1 of Article II of the By-Laws.

**Section 4.** Life-Memberships in this Association shall be \$1000.00, payable to the treasurer.

**Section 5.** "In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations described in section 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code for 1954 or corresponding sections for any prior or future law, or to the Federal, State, or Local government for exclusive public purpose."

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by (a) a corporation exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law or (b) a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or any other corresponding provision or any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

