

Indiana Beekeepers' Association, Inc.

Charter

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Purpose: To promote better beekeeping and its related activities throughout Indiana.

Membership: Membership is open to the public and is activated upon payment of dues; dues anniversary is from date of payment.

Officers and Elections: Officers (President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer) and four at large members shall be elected to the Board of Directors at the annual fall meeting by a majority of members voting; those elected shall take office immediately. Each local/area association with 25 or more members shall be entitled to one seat on the Board of Directors; the incumbent shall be appointed by his/her respective association. Invitation to membership on the Board as resources will be extended to the Purdue Bee Specialist and State Chief Apiary Inspector. Provisions shall be made for absentee voting. Quorum is a majority of Board positions. The term for each elected position is two years; see the By-Laws for more specifics. All vote counts will be made public to the membership following secret balloting.

Officer and Board Member Duties: The president shall preside over all meetings except where he/she delegates the task; be responsible for carrying out motions passed by the Board and give direction to all offices. The vice-president shall carry out the president's duties in the latter's absence. The secretary shall publish for the membership minutes of Board meetings; issue to the Board an agenda for each coming Board meeting, and maintain copies of the IBA charter, by-laws and amendments, for members. The treasurer shall carry out conventional treasurer duties, be bonded and issue a written financial report to the membership at the end of each calendar year. Board members are responsible for researching needs of the association and recommending appropriate actions at Board meetings.

Meetings and Amendments: Where possible, meeting dates for the following year will be announced by year's end to enable local associations to make their meeting plans free of conflict with those of IBA. Amendments to the Charter or By-Laws may be made by a majority vote of those present at the fall meeting.

Newsletter: A periodic newsletter of the IBA shall be published for the membership and other interested parties. The newsletter shall address upcoming beekeepers meetings around the state; be a forum for member ideas and publish research and other items of interest to Indiana Beekeepers. The editor shall be appointed by the President with concurrence of the Board of Directors.

Practices and Policies: The Board of Directors shall enact practices and policies consistent with this Charter and By-Laws to insure a viable and responsive Association.