

**Bylaws of the
New Mexico Beekeepers Association**

Article 1 - Name

The name of the Association shall be the New Mexico Beekeepers Association.

Article II - Purpose

The purpose of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association as a non-profit organization is to promote a standard of excellence in beekeeping, assist members and all others interested in bees with essential beekeeping skills, disseminate the latest beekeeping information, encourage new beekeepers, facilitate the exchange of bees bee products and beekeeping equipment, to provide those interested in bees the opportunity to share the 'bee story' on an occasional basis, and be an advocate for bees and beekeeping.

Article III - Membership

The New Mexico Beekeepers Association is a non-profit organization of private beekeepers, commercial beekeepers, persons interested in promoting the importance of the honey bee in the environment, and businesses related to the honey industry. Representing all regions of New Mexico, the Association maintains a close affiliation with the State of New Mexico's Department of Agriculture. Membership in the Association is open to all interested persons upon payment of annual dues regardless of race, religion, or national origin.

Honorary and Life memberships may be awarded to a member of the Association having given significant service to the organization.

Article IV - Association Meetings

The Annual meeting of the association shall be during the month of January each year in which members of the Board of Directors shall be elected, a financial statement of the Association received, budget for the upcoming year approved, and reports of officers and appointed committees provided

to the members. The meeting may include a program/s of general interest to members.

A called meeting of the Association will be held upon the request of five members made to the Board of Directors.

A quorum of all Association meetings shall be ten members.

An agenda of all Association meetings shall be available to the general membership at least ten days prior to the date of the noted meeting.

Article V - Board of Directors

A Board of Directors will plan programs, recommend the establishment of working committees, and the development of the Association in accord with its statement of purpose and consider the general health of the organization.

The Board of Directors shall include; President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and two Members at Large. The offices of Secretary and Treasurer may be combined into one position.

Regular meetings of the Board of Directors will be held on the even months of the year and/or called by the President or two members of the Board.

Vacancies in the may be filled by the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors may act on business by electronic means between meetings.

Article VI - Duties of Officers

President. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and at all meetings of the Board of Directors. The President will create and provide the Secretary with agendas for all meetings.

Vice-President. The Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President upon request or absence of the President.

Secretary. The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Association and the Board of Directors, have charge and maintain records of all minutes; prepare documents of the Association; maintain the Association's web site, and perform such other duties as may be required pertaining to correspondence and records of the Association.

Treasurer. The Treasurer shall collect the annual dues from members of the Association, pay out such funds approved by the Association or its Board of Directors, and keep complete and accurate records of all monies received and expended. It shall be a standard procedure to present a financial report to the Association's annual meeting.

VII - Terms of Office

Officers will serve a term of one year and may be reelected for three consecutive years.

Members at Large. Two members of the Association elected at the Annual Meeting shall become members at large serving a term of one year.

VII I- Committees

Committees may be created by action of the Association or The Board of Directors will plan programs, recommend the establishment of working committees and the development of the Association in accord with its statement of purpose and consider the general health of the organization. The work and life of each committee will be established at the time of its creation.

Auditing Committee: There shall be an Auditing Committee, appointed by the President, whose duty shall be to audit the financial records of the Association, reporting to the annual meeting.

Nominating Committee: There shall be a Nominating Committee, appointed by the President, whose duty shall be to obtain nominations for Officers and Members at Large.

Article IX - Fiscal Year

The fiscal year of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association shall be the calendar year.

Article X - Parliamentary Authority

All procedural questions not resolved by Articles of the Bylaws shall be determined in accordance with the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order (Revised).

Article XI - Amendments

Amendments to these Bylaws may be proposed by the Board of Directors, any member of the Association in good standing or by a committee created for the purpose of bylaw review.

Any Amendment/s to the Association's bylaws will take effect immediately upon passage at the annual meeting, or a meeting called for the specific purpose of bylaw change unless otherwise provided for in that amendment.

XI - Dissolution

Dissolution of the New Mexico Beekeepers Association may be accomplished by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Meeting or a special meeting called for that purpose only after the membership has received appropriate notice of the meeting.

Upon dissolution of the Association the shall, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of the Association, dispose of all the assets of the organization in such manner as feasible to organizations or agencies organized and operated for purposes similar to the purpose of the Association.