**2019 AIA Meeting Minutes**

### States and Provinces represented:
- **Arizona** – Jack Peterson
- **Delaware** – Meghan McConnell
- **District of Columbia** – Natasha Garcia-Andersen
- **Florida** – Brandi Simmons
- **Indiana** – Kathleen Prough
- **Kentucky** – Tammy Horn Potter
- **Maine** – Jennifer Lund
- **Maryland** – Cybil Preston
- **Massachusetts** – Kim Skyrm
- **Michigan** – Mike Hansen
- **Montana** – Alyssa Piccolomini
- **North Carolina** – Don Hopkins
- **North Dakota** – Samantha Brunner
- **Ohio** – Barbara Bloetscher
- **Pennsylvania** – Karen Roccasceca
- **Tennessee** – Mike Studer
- **Texas** – Mary Reed
- **Utah** – Steven Stanko
- **Vermont** – David Tremblay
- **Virginia** – Keith Tignor
- **Wisconsin** – Elizabeth Meil
- **Alberta** – Medhat Nasr

### USDA National Survey
- Want to send a letter regarding feedback about the survey.
- Send copy to National Plant Board as well.

### AIA Website
- Members only site would include:
  - Requirements for beekeepers moving into other states, inspection procedures, informational/fact sheets

### Reading of the resolution
- Combined three previous resolutions into one.

### Research topics to discuss with AAPA
- **Nosema issues**
  - Identify a new threshold
  - Test new probiotics to determine how they are impacting Nosema levels
  - Alternative treatment methods
- **Viruses**
  - Cost of analysis
  - How do the viral results help beekeepers?
  - Is there a way to improve honey bee immune system to manage viral infections
  - Is there a way for a honey bee to overcome a viral infection
- **EFB disease characterization**
  - Better understand pathogenesis of disease
  - What levels of the disease are damaging to a colony?
- **Small hive beetle**
  - Are the adults damaging to the colony?
  - What diseases are they transmitting and what impact does it have on at the colony level?
  - Developing a trap for the apiary level
- **Tracheal mites**
  - TN seeing issues with tracheal mites within the past couple of years – not seeing as many problems this year
Standard Operating Procedures
- Should AIA make a document that is a general overview of SOPs
- Includes the elements of the standard, because there is going to be a variability among states on what they can implement
- Compile database of what each state requires from beekeepers that enter their state. Then develop a general SOP overview
- Provide on AIA website for public access the requirements a beekeeper needs to complete prior to entering the state
- Some concerns on posting the individual state SOPs to the members only part of the AIA website, thus each state is not required to post them
- Committee formed to generate SOP document: Mike Studer, Barb Bloetscher, Kim Skyrm, Brandi Simmons

501c5 status for AIA
- For agricultural organizations
- 501c5 status means:
  o Contributions are not tax deductible
  o No lobbying
  o Can be no profit to the members
- If AIA dissolves, there needs to be an organization in place that will receive all funds within the treasury.
- Suggested that inspectors seek guidance from their respective administrators to avoid any conflicts of interest
- Suggested to establish a committee to seek information from each member state for options of dis-persal of funds if AIA were to dissolve and the constitution will need to change in order to complete the 501c5 application.
- Committee: regional directors work to communicate with their own states. Chair: Keith Tignor

Increasing attendance at the annual meeting
- Develop standard invitation to send out
- Would be useful for directors to send out to states and other organizations
- Purpose and benefit of AIA, meeting details, etc.

Reading of the preceding meeting’s minutes
- Suggested that they be provided to all members of AIA, by posting the pdf to the AIA website and sending to listserv.
- Motioned to not read the preceding minutes
- Supported by Steven Stanko, and seconded by Jen Lund

No Secretary report

Treasury report
- $20,615.09 (does not include cost of 2019 meeting)
- Approved and the report was submitted to Secretary

Presidents address
- Represented AIA at Honey Bee Health Coalition (HBHC) meeting in the spring in California.
- Developed a subgroup to develop the HBHC BMPs and which have been released.
- Attended and represented AIA at the CAPA meeting.
- Represented AIA at the ESA Pollinator field tour in North Dakota.
- Goal: To develop better relationships between growers and beekeepers and develop wild land for pollinators.

**Announcement and appointment of committees**
- Jennifer Lund will be representing AIA at the National Plant Board meeting.
- Brandi Simmons has been appointed the new Chief Apiary Inspector for Florida.
- Committee was created to establish a 501c5 status for AIA.
  - Chair: Keith Tignor, members: Mike Hansen and the AIA Directors (Kathleen Prough, Mike Studer, Meghan McConnell, Alyssa Piccolomini, Andy Joseph, Paul Kozak).
  - Suggested that a report from the AIA vice president is included in the annual meeting.

**Special Committee report**
- Sites Committee
  - Barbara Bloetscher, Natasha Garcia-Andersen, Alyssa Piccolomini
  - Suggested to coincide with ABF to follow the typical 3 year rotation of AIA.
  - 2020 meeting in Chicago
  - Motioned to meet with ABF by Don Hopkins, seconded by Kathleen Prough.
  - Motion passes vote.
- Newsletter Committee
  - Tammy Horn Potter, Mary Reed, Samantha Brunner, Kim Skyrm
  - Will work to issue a newsletter to AIA on a quarterly basis.
- Standard Operating Procedures Committee
  - Chair: Mike Studer, members: Barbara Bloetscher, Kim Skyrm, Brandi Simmons
  - Make a repository on AIA website to post SOPs.
  - All states concerned about posting SOPs can send them directly to Mike Studer.

**Report of the Auditing Committee**
- Moves to pass the treasury report.

**Report of the Resolutions Committee**
- Consolidated three previous resolutions into one.
- Read out loud for the second time.
- Motioned to approve by Mike Hansen, seconded by Steven Stanko.
- All in favor, none opposed, motion passes.

**Report of Awards Committee**
- Need to go through records to see who is retired or has passed away.
- Awards needed for Dave Westervelt, Kenneth Calcote, Wade Stiltner, Paul Cappy, Medhat Nasr.
- Requested that any change of positions should be notified to AIA, as well as the posting of new inspector position.

**Old business**
- AIA listserv
- Directors should work to receive state reports from all states in the individual districts prior to the annual meeting.
New business

- Suggested to develop APHIS committee to assist on adjustments need to National Survey project and receive updates.
- Need to meet with APHIS first to determine what their needs are exactly.
- AIA representative for HBHC
  - Mary Reed, Jennifer Lund, and AIA President
  - Committee not formed, only appointments.
- Send out a reminder to committees two weeks prior to the annual meeting so there is sufficient time to develop the appropriate reports and updates.
- Send out a reminder prior to meeting about reviewing the AIA constitution.
- Mike Hansen has been added to Nonprofit Committee.
- Request to receive state reports from the states that cannot attend AIA.
  - Directors should work to receive state reports from all states in their designated areas.
- 2020 meeting
  - Requested to adjust the meeting so members can attend talks at the coinciding meetings.
  - Tour day is preferred and would like to keep it included. Optional for states that have limited travel.
  - Meet with ABF in Chicago, January 7-11th, but may be 6th-11th to include a tour day
- Scholarship award
  - Purpose of the award: to provide money to be used for travelling to the ABRC meeting.
  - Should submit an abstract of their work prior to the meeting as part of the application process.
  - Research should be applied research.
  - Must be invited to speak at ABRC meeting.
  - Motion to have the Awards Committee fine tune the submission process. Award $500 for one student.

Report of Nominating Committee

- Election of officers
  - President: Samantha Brunner
  - Vice president: Kim Skyrm
  - Secretary: Mary Reed
  - Treasurer: Keith Tignor
- Directors
  - North: Kathleen Prough
  - South: Mike Studer
  - East: Meghan McConnell
  - West: Alyssa Piccolomini
  - At large: Andy Joseph
  - Canada: Paul Kozak

Motion to dismiss by Steven Stanko, Jennifer Lund seconds.