

Bylaws of The American Honey Producers Association, Inc.

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization, a non-profit Agricultural Association, shall be: THE AMERICAN HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

The American Honey Producers Association is formed to engage in any activity which will promote the common interest and general welfare of the honey producers and for the beekeepers in the United States.

ARTICLE III

Membership in this organization shall consist of all those engaged in the beekeeping industry who have complied with the payment of dues requirements as determined by the Executive Committee hereinafter set out.

ARTICLE IV-DIRECTORS

The control of this organization shall be vested in a Board of Directors, each of whom shall be a member of the Association.

Section 1. Each of the fifty (50) states is entitled to membership on the Board of Directors in accordance with the following schedule:

(A). States from which this organization receives \$50.00 in membership dues are entitled to one member.

(B). States from which this organization receives \$250.00 in membership dues are entitled to two members on the Board of Directors.

(C). If an elected member is not present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, then any eligible member that is present and in good standing and from the same state as the absent member may be seated as the director for their state at that meeting. (*)

Section 2. The Directors shall have the general control of the property and business of the Association and they shall elect from their number five (5) members who are to act with the President, Immediate Past President, and Vice-President as the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The meeting of the Direc-

tors shall be held annually in conjunction with the annual convention of the Association. At such meetings the Directors shall elect the President, Vice-President, and the members of the Executive Committee, hereinafter provided for, shall provide for the rules and procedures necessary to conduct any election, and said election may be held by secret ballot. The Board of Directors may also receive reports of officers, and may transact any other business as may come before them (*). The votes of a majority of the Directors present shall constitute a binding act of the Association. The meeting of the Directors will be held at a time and place as shall be selected by the Executive Committee. Special meetings of the Directors may be called at any time by a majority of the Directors and notice thereof in writing must be mailed to each Director at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such meeting, except in the event that the notices provided for in this section are waived by the written consent of all Directors.

Section 4. In addition to the powers and authorities by these bylaws expressly conferred upon them, the Board may exercise all of such powers of the Association and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute, or by Certificate of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, directed or required to be exercised or done by the members of the Association.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The members of the Association shall be divided into two groups, to wit:

(A) Voting Members

(B) Associate Members

Section 2. The amounts of dues for honey producers or beekeepers which shall constitute membership in the Association for voting members shall depend upon the number of colonies maintained and shall be as follows, to wit:

\$ 50.00 - Hobbyist Beekeeper

\$100.00 - Sideline Beekeeper

\$300.00 - Commercial Beekeeper

Only those honey packers and dealers, bee supply manufacturers, professors, bee research personnel, technical advisors,

and apiary inspectors whose net income from the production of honey or keeping of bees exceeds fifty percent (50%) shall be eligible under this paragraph as a voting member.

Section 3. The amounts of dues which shall constitute associate membership in the Association for persons who are not honey producers or beekeepers shall be as follows, to wit:

\$40.00 - Professors, bee research personnel, technical advisors, and apiary inspectors.

\$150.00 - All other persons and firms who are not honey producers nor beekeepers.

Section 4. Associate members described in Section 3 (above) shall enjoy all rights and benefits of the Association except the right to vote.

ARTICLE VI - ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

There shall be an annual convention of The American Honey Producers Association to be held at a time and place as selected by the Executive Committee. At such annual conventions, any and all necessary business on behalf of the Association shall be transacted. At all meetings of the Association, including the annual conventions, and at all meetings of the Directors, such meetings shall be governed by the parliamentary procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall include a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 1. Voting members in good standing shall be elected to the office of the President and Vice-President from the membership at large by the Board of Directors during the annual convention (*). The terms of their offices shall be for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are chosen and qualify in their stead.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Secretary-Treasurer who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII - PRESIDENT

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the members, Directors, and Executive Committee. He shall have general and acting management of the business of the Association, and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the membership, the Board and the Executive Committee are carried into effect.

Section 1. He shall execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts requiring the Seal of the Association, and he may delegate such authority to the Secretary.

Section 2. He shall be, ex officio, a member of all standing committees, if any, and shall have general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of President of an Association.

Section 3. He shall have authority to cast a vote to break a tie at the membership conventions, at the meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.

ARTICLE IX - VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise the powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

ARTICLE X - EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, immediate Past President, Vice-President and five (5) members of the Board of Directors who shall be elected by the Board of Directors. The members of the Executive Committee elected by the Board of Directors shall each serve a term of three (3) years, except the five original individual members, whose term shall expire as follows:

Position No. 1 - One Year

Position No. 2 - Two Years

Position No. 3 - Three Years

Section 2. The election of members to the Executive Committee by the Board of Directors shall be from the members of the Board of Directors by a nomination committee or from the floor. Such election shall be conducted pursuant to the procedures set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to transact all nec-

essary business between annual conventions and Board of Directors meetings, but no action by the Executive Committee shall be contrary to the expressed wishes of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to engage the services of a Secretary-Treasurer, and define the duties as well as set the salary of such Secretary. The Secretary shall hold office at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may appoint such other officers or agents than herein provided for as it may deem necessary. Such appointees shall hold their offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined, from time to time, by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE XI

All officers shall render written and detailed reports of the business transacted by them at the annual convention of the membership.

ARTICLE XII - AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered or amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the annual convention; provided that no amendment may be proposed at the annual convention unless the membership of this organization be given at least thirty (30) days written notice of such proposed amendment. The notice herein provided for may be given in the Association publication.

Adopted this 24th day of January, 1970.

E.H. Adee, President

Attest: Glenn Gibson, Secretary

(* As amended at Orlando, Florida, January 27, 1982.

Article X, Section 1 was amended at Arlington, Virginia, January 30, 1976, to allow voting privileges to the Vice-President and the immediate Past President in all Executive Committee meetings.

Article X, Section 2 was amended at St. Louis, Missouri, February 8, 1979, to simplify the election of the Executive Committee members.

Article V, Sections 2 & 3 were amended at

Tucson, Arizona, February 10, 1977 at Phoenix, Arizona, January 13, 1983, at Tucson, Arizona, January 13, 1990, at Nashville, Tennessee, January 11, 1992 and at Tucson, Arizona, January 8, 2005 to increase membership dues.