

Northwest District Beekeepers Association
By-laws

Amended January 12, 2012

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Northwest District Beekeepers Association shall be open to all persons interested in bees and beekeeping - upon payment of annual dues.

ARTICLE II: Dues

(a) Annual membership dues will be set at the last meeting of the Association in the calendar year.

(b) Membership duration runs Jan 1st through Dec 31st

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Meetings shall be on the second (2nd) Tuesday of every month except December – unless conflicting with a holiday date. Alternate meetings shall be convened at the discretion of the Executive Board.

(a) An informal Christmas potluck will be held on the second Tuesday in December.

ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND TENURE

The Association will be governed by a board of Directors which will consist of seven (7) members, all of whom must be members in good standing of the Association. The seven Directors are:

- (a) The President – responsible for conducting the meetings of the membership and Board of Directors. Serves a one year term, elected annually.
- (b) Vice-President – responsible for filling in for the President if the need should arise. Serves a one year term, elected annually.
- (c) Treasurer – responsible for handling the financial affairs of the Association. Serves a one year term, elected annually.
- (d) Secretary – responsible for recording the affairs of the Association. Serves a one year term, elected annually.
- (e) Three (3) members at large – responsible for representing the interests of the members. Serve a 3 yr term, with one position being elected each year.

ARTICLE V: ELECTIONS

The Nomination and Election of Officers:

- (a) Nominations can be submitted to the President up to one month prior to the November meeting additionally nominations may be made from the floor at the election meeting.
- (b) Election shall be at the November meeting.
- (c) The winner of each election will be the person obtaining the highest number of valid cast votes.

- (d) Only paid members shall have a vote.
- (e) A minimum of four members of the Board of Directors and Five regular members present at any meeting shall constitute a quorum for regular club meetings.
- (f) Five Board of Directors members present at all Board meetings shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE: VI: AMENDMENTS

Amendments may be made by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of membership present at any regular meeting or at any interim or any special meeting called for that specific purpose providing a quorum is present.

ARTICLE VII: MEETING RULES

The latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order shall be used as the authority for transacting the business of this Association.

ARTICLE VIII: ELECTRONIC MEDIA

- (a) The Executive board will be responsible for selecting the “webmaster” at the first meeting held each year.
- (b) NWDBA will retain sole rights to www.nwdba.org
- (c) Newsletters will only be published electronically and will be emailed to the member email address on record.
- (d) Newsletters will be published no later than the Friday prior to that months meeting.

Suggested Form of the Meeting

The following order of business for this Association shall be used by the President, as far as possible:

1. Call to Order – Presidents welcoming message.
2. Around the room introductions.
3. Approval of minutes published in newsletter.
4. Treasurer’s Report.
5. Correspondences.
6. Committee Reports.
7. Old, or unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Adjournment.
10. Introduction of Speaker(s).
11. Demonstrations, Films, Slides, etc.