

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I (NAME)

SECTION 1; NAME:

The name of this organization shall be “THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION, INC.” Within the parameters of these bylaws “ASSOCIATION” or “NCSBA” means The North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II (OBJECTIVES)

SECTION 1; OBJECTIVES:

As more particularly set forth in the Articles of Incorporation, the purposes and objectives of this nonprofit organization shall be to encourage better methods among the beekeepers of the state and nation, to promote cooperation, to reach a common understanding regarding our problems and their solutions, to maintain friendly and helpful relations with those who are working to better the beekeeping industry, to develop markets for beekeeping products, to foster closer cooperation among members of the Association, and to do such things as will tend to improve purposes exclusively for the Association’s members and general public relations regarding honey bees and the beekeeping industry.

ARTICLE III (MEMBERS)

SECTION 1; MEMBERS:

Anyone interested in beekeeping and the beekeeping industry may join the Association upon payment of dues (see Article V) and submission and acceptance by the

Association of any membership application, or membership renewal application, as may be required. The right to vote shall be limited to Annual, Permanent Paid, and Life members. Any firm, corporation, partnership or other entity seeking membership shall designate, in writing, an individual to receive and exercise the benefits of membership (including the right to vote); such designation may be made in an application for membership or for renewal of membership, or otherwise in writing submitted to the Membership Secretary of the Association.

ARTICLE IV (OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS)

Section 1; Officers:

The officers of the Association shall be: President, 1st Vice president, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Secretary. The officers, along with twelve regional directors, the Immediate Past-President of the Board of Directors, the State Apiarist, and the NC State Extension Apiculturist constitute the Board of Directors. The President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, and Secretary shall annually be elected to a one-year term by a majority vote of the voting members present (see Article III) at the annual meeting and shall hold office from September 1st until August 31st.

The aforementioned officers may serve up to three (3) consecutive terms and after one year out of office, may be eligible for election for up to another three consecutive (3) terms. The offices of Treasurer and Membership Secretary shall be elected to two-year terms by a majority vote of the voting members present at the annual meeting and shall hold office from September 1st until August 31st two years later.

There are no limits on the number of terms that the Treasurer and Membership Secretary may serve, but each must be re-nominated and re-elected every two years. The offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Secretary may not be simultaneously filled by more than two

individuals from the same local beekeeper chapter (Article V, Section 2). All newly elected officers will work with their counterpart officer thru August 31 to learn the business and current activities but shall have no vote associated with their new position during this period of time. In case of a vacancy of any elected office or on the Board of Directors, the Board of Directors may appoint a member to serve during the remainder of the term. No person shall be appointed or elected to any office without his or her consent.

Section 2; Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors consists of the officers of the association and the twelve Regional Directors, the Immediate Past-President of the Board of Directors, the NC State Apiarist and the NC State Extension Apiculturist; all members of the Board of Directors have voting rights with the exceptions of the NC State Apiarist and the NC State Extension Apiculturist who shall serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity, as ex-officio members. The twelve Regional Directors are elected to four-year terms by a majority vote of the voting members present at the annual meeting and shall hold office from the conclusion of that meeting until the conclusion of the annual meeting four years hence. Three of the twelve Regional Directors, one from each of the three state regions (see Article V, Sec.3), will be elected each year. There are no limits on the number of terms a regional Director may serve, but individual Directors must be re-nominated and re-elected every four years. The Regional Directors from any given region may not be simultaneously filled by more than two individuals from the same local beekeeper chapter. There is no requirement that a Regional Director be an officer from a local beekeeper chapter. Nominations from the floor for the election of officers and directors will only be accepted at annual meetings of the members that are held in person; for any virtual election of officers or directors, nominations may be made by including a write-in candidate.

ARTICLE V (DUES, LOCAL CHAPTERS, STATE REGIONS, OTHER MEMBERSHIPS)

SECTION 1; DUES:

ANNUAL MEMBERS: The annual dues for any annual membership shall be set by the Board of Directors. All dues are payable in advance to the Membership Secretary of the Association and shall be due on January 1 of the year covered by said dues. All memberships expire on December 31 of each year. Any member of the Association who becomes delinquent in payment of dues after December 31 will be dropped from the roll of membership if dues are not paid by January 31 of the following year and shall cease to be an active member of the Association. A member, who has been dropped from the roll of membership for nonpayment of dues, may be restored to active membership by paying the current year's dues. The Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Life Members, and Honorary Members shall be excused from payment of dues. Annual members are eligible to hold elected office and to serve as a regional director, subject to eligibility requirements contained in these Bylaws, and shall have the right to vote.

SECTION 2; LOCAL BEEKEEPERS CHAPTERS:

Any local county or regional chapter that has been formally recognized and approved by the NCSBA's Board of Directors may remain an authorized affiliate of NCSBA by continuing to adhere to the Objectives (Article II) of the NCSBA. Local beekeeper chapters may collect their own dues, but said chapter memberships and dues collection are encouraged to be in accordance with Article V, Section 1 of these Bylaws; i.e. collected before December 31 of the year prior to membership. Local beekeeper chapters may collect NCSBA dues as a convenience to their members and in doing so shall use any membership applications or renewal application made available by the Association and shall remit to the Association the dues received by the chapter, the

application or renewal application received by the chapter and shall provide a statement of account to the Association of all Association dues collected and paid to the Association that identifies the member or prospective member and amounts paid by the same.

A person who joins a local county or regional beekeeping chapter, association or beekeeping club within the State of North Carolina, which is recognized as an authorized beekeeping chapter or club by The North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, Inc. may become a member of the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, Inc. upon payment of annual dues and the submission of an application or renewal application to the NCSBA Membership Secretary, either directly, or through his or her local chapter Treasurer. Individuals that live in North Carolina but are not members of a local chapter may pay annual dues directly to the NCSBA Membership Secretary. Out-of-State members will pay dues directly to the NCSBA Membership Secretary.

Any new county or regional chapter may apply to become an authorized affiliate of the NCSBA by submittal of a NCSBA Chapter Application, a list of officers, and an article of purpose (Constitution and/or By-Laws) to the NCSBA President. All local beekeeper chapter officers must be active members of the NCSBA to remain in good standing with the NCSBA. Local beekeeper chapter officers (President and Program Chairperson) are to coordinate communication between their chapter and the NCSBA with Regional Directors from within their Region. Upon approval by the President and/or the Board of Directors a \$100.00 start-up grant will be awarded to the local chapter affiliate. Any existing local chapter sanctioned by the NCSBA upon dissolution shall submit remaining funds to the NCSBA. Mergers of county or regional chapters require prior approval of the NCSBA Executive Committee; any newly merged chapter will not receive a start-up grant.

SECTION 3; STATE REGIONS:

The three Regions of the NCSBA are broadly defined as Coastal, Piedmont, and Mountains, and correspond to those three geographic areas served by the NCSBA in the State of North Carolina. The Board of Directors shall define the boundaries of the three Regions and shall consider the number of local chapters within each Region, but shall not be required to have an equal number of local chapters within each region. Any change in the geographic boundaries of the three regions of the NCSBA shall not affect any director already elected to represent that Region

SECTION 4; LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

Life membership in the Association may be bestowed upon a member, who has contributed in some outstanding way to the Association's aims and ideals and for meritorious service to the Association, by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting. It may also be awarded by a majority vote of the Board of Directors on behalf of the Association. Life members shall be excused from payment of dues and will have all the rights and privileges of Annual members. No member shall be given a life membership merely for continuous membership or the purpose of not paying dues.

SECTION 5; HONORARY MEMBERSHIP:

Honorary membership in the NCSBA may be bestowed upon a person for distinguished service to the Association or beekeeping industry which would be beneficial to the people in our State and Nation. This membership may be granted by a majority vote of the members present at any annual meeting. It may also be granted by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. An honorary membership confers no power, rights, or privileges in the NCSBA, confers no right to vote or to hold office, and is not liable for dues.

SECTION 6: PERMANENT PAID MEMBERSHIP:

Individuals that are eligible for Annual membership may become permanent paid members of NCSBA by the payment of a one-time membership fee based upon their age. A schedule listing the payments for various ages will be established by the Board of Directors. This approved listing may be obtained from the Membership Secretary. Permanent Paid members are eligible for all the rights and privileges of Annual members.

ARTICLE VI (CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS)

SECTION 1; CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS:

The Association shall hold two state-wide conferences annually during which one of the state-wide conferences the Association shall hold an annual meeting of the membership in order to conduct business and hold elections of Officers and Directors. All conferences and meetings, whether regional or state-wide, may be attended by any member. Notice of each meeting shall be communicated to each member of the time and place or otherwise adequately advertised. The Association may meet jointly with other similar state beekeepers associations from time to time and may hold such meetings out of state.

SECTION 2; BOARD of DIRECTOR MEETINGS:

The Board of Directors shall hold three regular Board meetings each year to include one regular Board meeting during any annual meeting of the Association and one regular Board meeting to be held during the first 90 days of each new administration. The President, Executive Committee and/or the Board of Directors may hold other called meetings as deemed necessary.

Section 3; REMOVAL FROM OFFICE:

Officers may be removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors. Any member of the Board of Directors who is absent at three consecutive regular meetings of the Board may be removed from office by a vote of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VII (COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS)

SECTION 1; COMMITTEES:

The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of the President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer, Membership Secretary, Secretary and the Immediate Past President. The Executive Committee shall have authority to transact business on behalf of the Association between board meetings on all matters, except those specifically reserved to the Board in these Bylaws. No action of the Executive Committee can alter or conflict with any decision made by the Board of Directors unless such action is expressly authorized by the Board of Directors or by these Bylaws. A written report of all actions taken by the Executive Committee shall be provided to the members of the Board at the next meeting of the Board for ratification by the Board.

STANDING and OTHER COMMITTEES: During the first Board meeting of each new administration, the Board of Directors, by a majority vote, shall appoint persons that have been nominated by the President (or by the adoption of a motion naming such persons) to serve on standing committees, other committees, as Committee Chairpersons or committee members. The Committee Chairperson shall have no authority to appoint other members to their committee, but may make recommendations for such appointments to the President. Committee duties will be to serve as directed by the Board of Directors and as provided in these Bylaws. Standing committees shall report to the Board of Directors. Standing and other committees shall not have the authority to bind the Association but shall make recommendations to the Board of Directors.

STANDING COMMITTEES:

The FINANCIAL AUDITING COMMITTEE shall consist of a Chairman and at least one Regional Director. This committee will examine and ascertain the correctness of reports submitted by the Treasurer and Membership Secretary and shall annually ascertain the correctness of the financial accounts under the control of the Treasurer and make recommendations on their findings to the Board of Directors.

The NOMINATING COMMITTEE shall be appointed by the Executive Committee by method of adoption of a motion naming the members of the committee and shall consist of a Chairman and at least one other member of the Board. This committee will closely consider the various job descriptions of the officers of the NCSBA to reach a recommendation for each open elected position. They will strive to nominate the most qualified candidate for each open elected position and receive nominations from the floor (non-virtual meetings only) from the membership at the time of election of officers and directors, noting all qualifications as mentioned in Article VIII of the Bylaws for all nominees. The committee will discuss the job descriptions with each prospective nominee and then make recommendations to the members of the NCSBA for each elective post. The committee will ensure that the nominees for each office represent members from five separate local chapters; i.e. that no two of these five offices may be held by members of the same local chapter. The committee will solicit nominations for the Regional Director positions from the officers of local chapters from within that region. The committee will strive to maintain a fairly even geographic distribution of Regional Directors within each region. The committee shall present a slate of Officers and Regional Directors to the Board of Directors for approval prior to the presentation of the same slate of Officers and Regional Directors to the membership for election at the annual meeting or for election by use of electronic process.

The LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE shall consist of a Chairperson, and at least one other active member, adequately qualified to perform their duties. This committee will be assigned to work with the North Carolina Legislature, public officials and appropriate entities in the furtherance of goals established by the NCSBA for the benefit of beekeeping and North Carolina beekeepers.

The BYLAWS COMMITTEE shall consist of a Chairperson, and at least one other active member. A member of this committee should serve as a parliamentarian for Board meetings and other meetings of the Association. This committee shall periodically review the Bylaws and submit any necessary changes to the Board of Directors for their approval and then to the membership for adoption in accordance with these bylaws.

The FINANCE/BUDGET COMMITTEE shall be chaired by the Treasurer and consist of the Treasurer and at least one Regional Director. The Membership Secretary shall serve on this committee in a non-voting capacity. The function of this committee shall be to assist the Treasurer in preparation of the annual budget and oversight of and receipt of any audits or financial reports. The Board of Directors shall determine if any audit or review is necessary or appropriate and shall have the authority to determine the method, manner and type of audit.

Section 2; Appointments:

Appointments: Appointments shall be appointed by the President each year and shall consist of one or more individuals and serve as directed by the President and these Bylaws. Appointments shall include but not be limited to:

Golden Achievement Program Coordinator(s): One or more persons to be responsible for determining the guidelines and application procedures for the Golden Achievement Award and upon approval of such guidelines and procedures by the President,

implementation of those same guidelines to manage the Golden Achievement Program. A Golden Achievement Program Coordinator shall make the award presentation at an annual meeting after fair deliberation and consideration of all local chapter applications. The coordinator(s) shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of operations, expenses and income and make such records available to the Board of Directors.

Master Beekeeper Program Coordinator(s): One or more persons to be responsible for determining the guidelines and application procedures for the Master Beekeeper Program and upon approval of such guidelines and procedures by the Board of Directors, implementation of those same guidelines to manage the Master Beekeeper Program. The coordinator(s) shall oversee the administration of the testing for all levels of the Program and make awards at an annual meeting. The coordinator(s) shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of operations, expenses and income and make such records available to the Board of Directors.

Certified Honey Producer Program Coordinator(s): One or more persons to be responsible for determining the guidelines and procedures necessary for the operation of the Certified Honey Producer Program and upon approval of such guidelines and procedures by the Board of Directors, implementation of those same guidelines to manage the Certified Honey Producer Program. The coordinator(s) shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of operations, expenses and income and make such records available to the Board of Directors.

North Carolina State Fair Honey Program Coordinator(s): One or more persons who will be responsible for determining the guidelines and procedures necessary for the operation of the North Carolina State Fair Honey Program and upon approval of such guidelines and procedures by the Board of Directors, implementation of those same guidelines to manage the North Carolina State Fair Honey Program. The coordinators

shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of operations, expenses and income and make such records available to the Board of Directors.

Vendor Coordinator(s): one or two individuals who will be responsible for determining the guidelines and procedures necessary for the management of vendors at annual meetings and upon approval of such guidelines and procedures by the President, implementation of those same guidelines to manage the vendors at annual meetings. The coordinators shall be responsible for keeping accurate records of operations, expenses and income and make such records available to the Board of Directors.

Website Coordinator(s): one or more persons to manage the content on the ncbeekeepers.org website as directed by the President and Membership Secretary.

North Carolina Bee Buzz Editor(s): one or more persons that shall be responsible for receiving and managing the content, advertising and publishing of the North Carolina Bee Buzz. The editor(s) shall do business with a publishing company approved by the Executive Committee for printing and mailing. The Executive Committee may elect to publish a digital version instead of or in addition to a printed copy.

Yellow Book Editor(s): one or more persons that shall be responsible for receiving and managing the content, advertising and publishing of the Yellow Book. The editor(s) shall do business with a publishing company approved by the Executive Committee for printing and mailing. The Executive Committee may elect to publish a digital version instead of or in addition to a printed copy.

Fred Deer Honey Bee Librarian: One person to serve as Librarian of the Fred Deer Honey Bee Library housed at Wayne Community College in Goldsboro, NC. He or she will be responsible to maintain an updated catalogue or listing of all the media and make that listing available to members and local chapters. He or she will be responsible to

coordinate the distribution and return of loaned media. The Librarian may purchase additional media in accordance with the annual budget.

ARTICLE VIII (QUALIFICATIONS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS):

Section 1: Qualifications:

The Nominating Committee shall consider and evaluate candidates for nomination for office or director by the following criteria:

1. Has proven loyalty to the NCSBA with at least two years continuous NCSBA membership.
2. Has the ability and willingness to volunteer to serve the NCSBA.
3. Has the organizational and communication skill necessary to interact with the Association and Board of Directors.
4. Has adequate skill to execute the duties of his or her particular office.
5. Has been active on the local chapter level or has served in some official capacity on the Board of Directors or as a program coordinator for at least one year.
6. Is an active beekeeper and has achieved at least the certified level of the Master Beekeeper Program.

Section 2: Duties of the President:

The president shall have useful knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, NCSBA Bylaws, and the North Carolina Honey Bee Laws. The President shall preside at all meetings of the NCSBA using regular parliamentary procedure and Robert's Rules of Order. The President shall assist program coordinators (Article VII; Section 2) as necessary to assure that the substance of the programs are appropriate for the needs of the Association. It shall be the duty of the President to coordinate with the 1st Vice-President and the 2nd Vice-President to assure that reasonable progress has been made in

preparation for upcoming state-wide meetings. The President may be authorized by the Executive committee to contract with any agency approved by the Executive committee for arrangements with hotels or other meeting places for all the meetings of the members, Board of Directors meetings and special Executive Committee meetings as needed. The President shall be ex-officio a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee. The President shall perform such other duties as the Association may direct. The President will be authorized to make deposits and disburse all monies, should the Treasurer (disbursements) or Membership Secretary (deposits) be unable to perform those duties.

Section 3: Duties of 1st the Vice-President

The 1st Vice-President shall have useful knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order, NCSBA Bylaws, and the North Carolina Honey Bee Laws. The 1st Vice-President shall perform all duties of the President in his or her absence, or upon the President's request. If the 1st Vice-President is unable to perform this duty in the absence of the President, then the 2nd Vice-President is to act in his or her stead. The 1st Vice-President shall consider and evaluate future venues for the annual meetings and coordinate such efforts with the President. The 1st Vice-President is authorized to contract with any agency approved by the Executive Committee for arrangements with hotels or other meeting places for all the meetings of the members, Board of Directors and special Board meetings as needed and shall coordinate the same with the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of the 1st Vice-President to present or to coordinate the presentation of Annual Association awards at the annual meetings.

Section 4: Duties of the 2nd Vice President

The 2nd Vice President shall serve as Program Coordinator for the annual meetings and establish a schedule for speakers, workshops and other activities for the annual

meetings and coordinate such efforts with the President. The 2nd Vice-President shall consult with the NC State Extension Apiculturist and N.C. State Apiarist to coordinate arrangements for programs for the annual meetings. It shall be the duty of the 2nd Vice-President to present or to coordinate the presentation of Member Contest awards at the annual meetings.

Section 5; Duties of the Treasurer:

The Treasurer should have sufficient organizational and bookkeeping skill with which to perform the duties of the office of Treasurer. The Treasurer, as Financial Officer, shall be responsible for keeping the legal status of the NCSBA (contact name, address and phone number) current with the IRS, NC Department of Revenue, the US Postal Service, the North Carolina Secretary of State, and any bank or banks in order to carry out the financial operations on behalf of the NCSBA. The Treasurer shall keep a copy of all contracts made between the Association and any member or entity that may provide services to the Association. This officer shall be custodian of all monies received by the NCSBA, disburse monies as approved by the Board of Directors, keep full and accurate records showing the receipts and disbursements of all monies, and prepare financial reports for the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall make a complete report on the financial standings of the NCSBA at the last annual meeting of each year. The Treasurer shall close the Association's books and make an annual financial report at the end of the accounting period on December 31 of each year and file the necessary information returns to the Internal Revenue Service and NC Department of Revenue. The Treasurer will ensure that the President is authorized to disburse monies if the Treasurer is unable to perform these duties. The Treasurer shall present all records and books to the Financial Auditing Committee, who will examine the Association's books in advance of the first regular Board meeting of each year. The Treasurer shall maintain records as to the whereabouts of all tangible assets held by the Association. The Treasurer shall serve as the Chairperson of the Finance/Budget Committee and present

the annual budget to the Board of Directors for approval no later than the first regular Board meeting of each year. The Treasurer shall coordinate the duties of his or her office with the Membership Secretary at all times so that the Membership Secretary makes collections and the Treasurer makes disbursements, and only one record of monies is kept. Furthermore, the Treasurer shall guide and instruct the Membership Secretary in the processes of carrying out all these duties. The Treasurer shall close books on December 31 of each year and give an annual report to the Board of Directors at the first regular Board meeting of the following year. The Treasurer, at the end of his or her term, shall deliver all records and books to his or her successor, including papers, monies, and all other property of the NCSBA which may be in his or her possession.

Section 6; Duties of the Membership Secretary;

The Membership Secretary shall have sufficient organizational skill and technical knowledge in software management and website development to execute the duties of the office of Membership Secretary. The Membership Secretary shall facilitate dues collection from the members and, after December 31, notify all members who are delinquent in payment of dues. The Membership Secretary shall communicate membership status with all paid members, keep membership and local chapter data current, issue membership cards and prepare membership reports for the Board of Directors meetings. The Membership Secretary shall assist in the registration of members for the annual meetings. The Membership Secretary shall directly maintain or contract with any agency approved by the Board of Directors to maintain an accurate roll of the membership, coordinating with the Treasurer regarding membership status and the receipt of dues. The Membership Secretary shall oversee and facilitate the development and maintenance of the NCSBA website and all software for the functioning of the organization, including any association management software and content management software. The Membership Secretary shall prepare membership

and local chapter data in such format to be published in the Yellow Book and deliver such data to the Yellow Book Editor(s).

Section 7; Duties of the Secretary:

The Secretary should possess the organizational skill to perform the duties of the office of Secretary. The Secretary shall attend and keep a record of all meetings of the Board of Directors and shall prepare minutes of such meetings and annual membership meetings. The minutes should be distributed to the Board of Directors within thirty days after the meeting for review. The Secretary will obtain a substitute for any meeting that he or she cannot attend. The Secretary shall conduct such correspondence on behalf of the NCSBA as requested by the Board of Directors or President. The Secretary shall maintain a complete file of the minutes, a copy of all historical versions of the Constitution and By-Laws, and any Rules of Order or Standing Rules and make them available to the Board of Directors. This officer shall maintain an accurate record of all correspondence of the Association. At the end of his or her term, this officer shall deliver all records of the NCSBA to his or her successor.

Section 8; Duties of the Regional Directors:

Each senior Regional Director (one from each Region; those serving the fourth year of their four year term) shall function as the Regional Director Coordinator for that Region and coordinate the activities of all four Regional Directors of their respective Region as well as with the Regional Director Coordinator of any adjoining regions to ensure that all local chapters of the NCSBA are represented at the Board of Directors meetings and that an effective means of communication exists between the Board of Directors and the local chapter officers and members. Regional Directors shall assist the Membership Secretary in procuring and maintaining updated local chapter information in order to maintain the Association's records and to update the Yellow Book. Regional Directors

are to support the local chapters in his or her region by maintaining contact with chapter leaders or visiting local chapters as often as practicable. Regional Directors are to assist the 2nd Vice President in the coordination of programs for annual meetings, particularly when the meeting is located in their region. Regional Directors may be appointed to serve on any Standing or Other Committee as deemed necessary by the Board of Directors.

Section 9; Ex-officio Board of Director Members:

The North Carolina State Extension Apiculturist

The NC State Extension Apiculturist shall be the individual designated by the North Carolina State Cooperative Extension Service as the State Apiculturist. This officer shall serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity as an ex-officio member to counsel and advise the Board of Directors as deemed appropriate. The NC State Extension Apiculturist may elect to participate in the Master Craftsman Level of the Master Beekeeper Program and assist the 2nd Vice-President in planning the programs for the annual meetings. Along with the NC State Apiarist, the NC State Extension Apiculturist may elect to assist the 2nd Vice President in planning the programs for the annual meetings.

The NC State Apiarist

The NC State Apiarist shall serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity, as an ex-officio member in order to advise and assist the Board of Directors in keeping with the rules and regulations having been issued by the NC Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services and the State of North Carolina. He or she shall advise and assist the Board of Directors and the NCSBA in general and in methods and procedures in order to maintain a healthy honey bee population in North Carolina. Along with the NC State

Extension Apiculturist, the NC State Apiarist may elect to assist the 2nd Vice President in planning the programs for the annual meetings.

ARTICLE X (AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS)

SECTION 1; AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS:

The North Carolina State Beekeepers Association, Inc. may associate itself with any other state, national, or international Beekeepers Associations as deemed worthwhile and beneficial to its membership by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X (AMENDMENTS)

SECTION 1; AMENDMENTS:

Any article or section of the Bylaws may be amended by at any annual meeting by a thirds (2/3) vote of all active members present and voting, provided that the proposed amendments have been presented to the Board of Directors for approval by majority vote, and have been presented in writing, or electronic media, to the entire membership at least 30 days but not more than 60 days before the annual meeting.

The By-Laws may not be amended at any regional or local meeting.

Article XI (Use of Electronic Process)

Section 1; USE of ELECTRONIC PROCESS:

The Association shall be authorized to use electronic process to provide notice to all members and to receive electronic votes from members entitled to vote (the term “members” include, for purposes of this Section, members of the Board of Directors), to the extent allowed by this Section and authorized by law. Any person, firm, corporation or other entity consents to the use of electronic process by applying for and becoming a member of the Association or by renewing membership in the Association. This Section shall apply whether or not other provisions in the Bylaws specifically allow or provide for

electronic process for notice of meetings or for voting transactions. The use of electronic mail ballots by members, the use of electronic transmission of written consents of all directors in lieu of a meeting, and the use of electronic transmission of written consents of all members in lieu of a meeting are each expressly permitted. The Membership Secretary shall maintain a list of all members and the email address provided by that member for the use of electronic process and shall update the list as the Association receives requests to change email addresses. The Association shall be entitled to use the email address provided to it for use of electronic process until such time as the member provides a request for any change in email address in a writing mailed by first class mail to the Membership Secretary at the Association's address, or in an email to the Membership Secretary. Notwithstanding any other provision in the Bylaws, the use of a proxy to vote by electronic process is not permitted. This Section shall be interpreted to allow the use of electronic process to give notice and for voting by members to the fullest extent allowed by law, including without limitation the North Carolina Nonprofit Corporation Act and the North Carolina Uniform Electronic Transactions Act. The Board of Directors is authorized to adopt a web-based or other electronic-based method of voting which allows members to cast votes electronically, or may use email, among other methods. Any electronic voting system adopted by the Board of Directors may be used in conjunction with regular or special meetings at which votes may be cast in person. If electronic voting is to be utilized, the Board of Directors shall clearly identify in the meeting notice that electronic voting will be available, the method by which the member voting can access the voting option and cast the member's vote, and the date and time by which the electronic voting option will close. For purposes of determining quorum, any votes cast electronically will count towards determining whether a quorum was present. The Board of Directors may take action by voting electronically as follows: (i) written consent of all Directors to action without a meeting of all Directors may be obtained through the electronic submission of consent; (ii) any other action of the Board of Directors taken by electronic vote shall be ratified at the next Board of Directors meeting or otherwise ratified by written consent of all Directors to action without a meeting.

ARTICLE XII (QUORUM)

SECTION 1: QUORUM:

Ten percent of the portion of the membership with voting rights, in attendance by person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. The transaction of the Association's business may not be undertaken at any regional meetings. A majority of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XIII (REPEALING CLAUSE)

SECTION 1: REPEALING CLAUSE:

Upon acceptance by vote of the Association, these Bylaws supersede all previous Constitutions and By-Laws. These Bylaws were proposed via email and/or postal mail and adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all active members casting votes on the ballot for the voting period ending August 27, 2021.

signed by Doug Vinson, President

signed by Libby Mack, Treasurer