



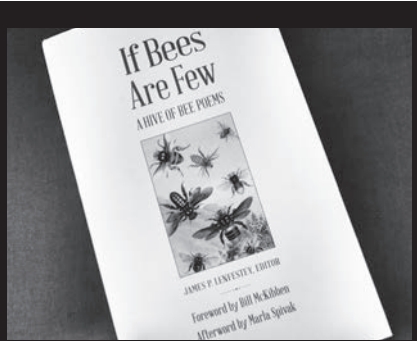
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Image above: *If Bees Are Few* is a sweet collection of poems that express, in part, the interrelatedness of the colony and its environment—as well as speaks to the lives of related insects—in ways that only poetry can manage. The 225-page volume spans 2,500 years of observation and reflection, and is sweeter still because those involved are donating 15 percent of the proceeds to support research at the University of Minnesota Bee Lab. For information, visit UM Press: www.upress.umn.edu.

The Bee Tree

John Cecil Abraham Blanton

Note: This submission is from Jen Holt, Linn-Benton Beekeepers Association, who writes: “My grandfather grew up in a large family of tobacco sharecroppers in rural depression-era Georgia. I love it when he tells me stories of his childhood. Now in his mid-eighties, I am trying to get him to put his stories down in writing. I thought my fellow beekeepers might enjoy this one.”

One of my fondest childhood memories was returning home from a long walk in the woods with my dog Brownie. I was about 8 years old at the time. I was living in southern Georgia. I walked onto the porch of my house where two of my older brothers were sitting and announced that I had found a *bee tree!* My brothers were about 10 and 12 years older than I. Their interest was immediate, and they had two quick questions: “Are you sure?” and “Can you find it again?” My answers were “yes” and “yes.”

Finding a *bee tree* back in the 1930s Depression years was a thing to celebrate. Honey was available, but few poor working people could afford to buy it. The average working people’s salaries (for those fortunate to have a job) was a dollar a day.

After quizzing me for details, I assured them that I heard the bees, I saw the bees, and the tree appeared to be hollow with a large hole in the trunk about six or seven feet above the ground.

So, armed with a 6-foot ladder, an ax, a large knife, a five-gallon bucket for the honeycombs, and a smaller bucket filled with dried pine needles that burn very slowly and create a lot of smoke, we ventured into the woods.

We found the tree, a species prevalent in that area. The tree was dead and hollow, which allowed for a large colony of bees to pursue their daily activities with hustle and bustle. We lit the bucket of pine needles and held it under the large hole where hundreds of bees clustered. The smoke seemed to act as a sort of tranquilizer to the bees. Some of them went inside the hole, some fell to the ground, and some flew away somewhat errantly.

My brother LeRoy climbed up the ladder and reached into the hole hoping not to disturb the queen. There was a lot of honey in that tree. My brother Vernon held the five-gallon bucket while LeRoy filled it with the honeycombs. I stood back watching, my mouth watering in anticipation for a taste of honey. We all suffered multiple stings, but I got the fewest. They were a bit painful, but such was the way of life back then.

We visited that tree a few more times, but it eventually blew down. On our last visit there, the bees had moved to a new location. Before and after the event I just described, my brothers and many people in neighboring communities hunted

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Message from the President

The OSBA Fall Conference 2016 is less than two months away. How time flies!

This year's conference will be held at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon, on October 28, 29 & 30. By a landslide response in our feedback forms from last year's conference, we will meet on Friday, Saturday & Sunday again this year.

Awesome OSBA Vice President Jason Rowan has knocked the ball out of the park this year in putting together this conference! There is something for everyone. Take a close look at the agenda; it's hard to beat!

If you are new to the Oregon Garden, please go to www.oregongarden.org and look around. It's 80 acres of botanical gardens, 20 beautiful specialty gardens, surrounding the resort where we meet, in one of the finest small towns that one can imagine.

This year, there will be a tram running from the pavilion (meeting hall) to the resort and back regularly throughout the conference.

Please register for the conference today! Early registration really helps Jason and his support crew dial things in better. Why wait?

If you are planning to stay at the resort, you will want to reserve your room today. Call: (503) 874-2500 Ext 0. Tell them you are attending the OSBA bee conference. Like any venue, they only hold rooms for us 30 days prior to the conference. After that, anyone wanting to stay at the resort can reserve a room. We need all of the rooms! Please reserve yours today.

Remember that this is a conference. It is much more than just an oversized bee meeting. There is a lot going on this year. Please look carefully at the agenda.

Notice that there is a membership meeting, a meeting of the membership on Saturday afternoon. This is arguably one of the most important sessions of the weekend. The membership meeting is where OSBA members get to discuss important issues and cast votes. Election of officers takes place as well. As a voting OSBA member, please plan on attending the membership meeting this year.

The 2015 conference was a record breaker for money raised for research. All monies raised from the oral and silent auctions are earmarked for honey bee research. Do you have items that you would consider donating as auction items? They do not have to be beekeeping related. We auction off apples, wine, paintings, quilts—you name it. The end result is the same: honey bee research funding.

I want to express my deep appreciation for all of the individual efforts moving forward to produce possibly the best conference ever!

Volunteer opportunities are available! Are you a person who likes to keep busy and make things happen? (Of course you are! You're a beekeeper!!) Most volunteer jobs involve just an hour or two. That hour or two should leave you with very warm memories of being part of making something really awesome happen! Send Jason an e-mail. I look forward to seeing and meeting with you at this year's conference!

Harry Vanderpool

CALL FOR CONFERENCE VENDORS AND ADVERTISERS!

If interested in being a vendor at the 2016 OSBA Fall Conference at the Oregon Garden October 26–28 and/or placing an ad in this year's Conference Program, contact Harry Vanderpool at: shallotman@yahoo.com. (See TENTATIVE AGENDA, page 13. Updates at orsba.org.)

OSBA Executive Board Meeting

July 16, 2016 ❖ Canby, Oregon

The OSBA meeting called to order by President Harry Vanderpool at 1:06 pm.

Minutes: Paul Andersen moved to accept the minutes of the April board meeting, as published and mailed in the June *Bee Line*. Seconded by Joe Maresh.

Treasurer's Report: Jeff Milligan reviewed notes provided at the meeting, as he wanted to offer us with a clear picture of our accounts. Jeff asked attending board members to discuss and address the following issues: 1) inactive second checking account, 2) setting up our PayPal account as a non-profit. After doing so, Jeff Milligan made a motion to liquidate the Pioneer Trust account and move it into our Main Savings Account, and set up the PayPal as a non-profit. Seconded by Joe Maresh.

Joe Maresh moved to accept the treasurer's report. Seconded by Paul Andersen.

Regional Association Reports

Anne Schatz, Co-President of **Central Coast Beekeepers Association**. Anne shared with us club's announcements: Upcoming speakers,—September: Morris Ostrofsky, October: Dewey Caron, November: Does not have a speaker rather a Honey Tasting. Anne told us they've got a diverse group of beekeepers. Currently: 34 club members.

As a side note, Anne reminded us about our local extension offices and any Master Gardener's groups as they both are great groups to link up within regards to pollinators.

Joe Maresh, President, **Portland Metro Beekeepers Association**: Currently: 120 club members. They held two classes to help teach members the importance of understanding and checking for mite levels. They are considering a two-day event (May or June of 2017) with Randy Oliver and possibly Ruhl Bee Supply/Brushy Mountain Bee Farm.

Pam Leavitt, President, **Lane County Beekeepers Association**. Pam said in August they plan on having small groups, with a board members' team leading a question and answer period. They have a lot of new beekeepers, who are just starting out. September's speaker will be Ramesh Sagili. Currently: 230–240 club members.

Tim Wydronek, representing **Linn-Benton Beekeepers Association**. Currently they have about 68 club members. Upcoming speakers include an OSU representative talking

to them about bumble bees, and in September Harry Vanderpool will review winter preparations.

Bill Catherall, President, **Portland Urban Beekeepers Association**. They have an outdoor club apiary consisting of nine hives at Zenger Farm. Bill wanted to let us know that these hives are available for educational teaching and training purposes to other regional club mentors & representatives. He asked that you notify him if interested so he can review and schedule a time for you to use this facility. They also have work parties at Zenger Farm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays monthly. Currently: 231 club members.

Paul Andersen, speaking for **Tualatin Valley Beekeepers Association**. Averaging between 80 and 90 club members in attendance at their meetings. Recent classes included queen rearing and fall apiary practices.

Old Business

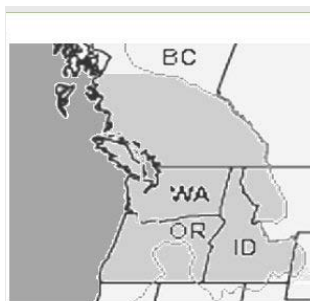
Club Affiliation Fees- Reviewed fees again. Harry discussed an annual due date with invoices e-mailed to clubs in January. We will discuss with Rosanna about streamlining this process for next year.

OSBA Events Coordinator- Paul Andersen and Harry both discussed possible need to hire an events coordinator, as needed.

Oregon State Fair- Although there will not be an OSBA booth at this year's State Fair, we will have the honey contest and judging at the Oregon State Fair.

Educational Inventory for Use- Harry compiled a current inventory list of all the props and educational items available to use, including an 8 x 8-foot cage for live bee presentations. Interested regional associations please contact Harry for more information.

Liability Insurance for Events- Again, Harry is asking any OSBA regional association with questions regarding liability insurance to contact him directly. Liability insurance is covered for regional association qualifying/legitimate
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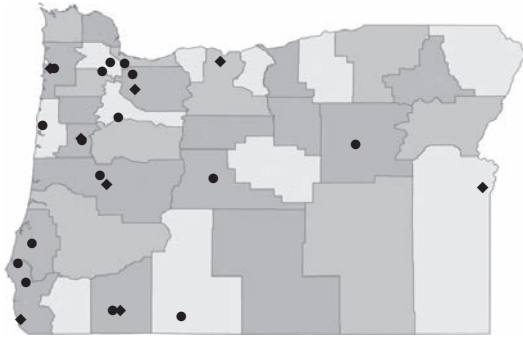
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 Secretary: Emily Cross
 Treasurer: Laura Evans
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BEE EVENTS

October 12–15: 2016 WAS Conference. Honolulu, Hawaii. *Information:* www.westernapiculturalandsociety.org.

October 28–30: 2016 OSBA Fall Conference. The Oregon Garden, Silverton, Oregon.

November 15–17: California State Beekeepers Association Annual Convention. Kona Kai Resort & Spa, San Diego. *Information:* www.californiastatebeekeepers.com/events.html.

January 10–14, 2017: North American Beekeeping Conference & Tradeshow. San Luis Resort & Galveston Island Convention Center, Galveston, Texas. Mark your calendar. This is a joint conference of the American Beekeeping Federation, the American Honey Producers Association, and the Canadian Honey Council.

REGIONAL NEWS

Note: For all groups, see pages 4–5 for meeting time and place, website, and/or contact information. All groups welcome visitors to join them at meetings! In addition, regional groups often offer opportunities for learning, many of which are posted on their websites.

Regional Representatives

North Coast

Like OSBA, the new Central Coast Beekeepers Association has decided not to have a booth at the Lincoln County Fair this year. Not enough volunteers with time to pull it off. Tillamook County Beekeepers are still planning on a booth at the Tillamook County Fair.

At the last Central Coast meeting we had a presentation and discussion on the basics of harvesting and extracting honey. Max Kuhn and Rick Olson moderated and presented with other club members also doing presentations. I am always impressed with how much bee club members know and are willing to share. I just had someone in the Tillamook County group (David, are you reading this?) ask about getting hot water to clean and sterilize an extractor and clean up after. While I am lucky enough to have threads on a laundry basin, what do folks do who don't have treads or even a laundry basin? The answer: the hot water heater drain valve.

The last Tillamook County meeting was a moderated discussion on bee and hive management. President Bob Allen was the moderator. As part of that discussion, we got into yellow jacket issues and how to support our colonies in fighting them off. I found the August *Bee Line* article very helpful in managing for yellow jackets and shared that with the members. We also got an update on the person who used

to collect yellow jackets on the North Coast and sell them to labs for their venom. Those of us on the North Coast were lucky enough to have a person in Tillamook who until recently collected yellow jackets and other stinging bees. Without him, we no longer have anyone to refer folks to when they have yellow jackets, wasps, and hornets. Alan Leach, who used to do that work, said he knows of no one who is planning to take over the business. *Stan Scotton*

South Willamette Valley

The unseasonably chilly nights and the end of the blackberry flow seem to have brought on an unwelcome turn of events for drones in the area. Beekeepers are reporting fewer drones in the colonies than are normally present in early August. Maybe an early cessation of drone-rearing will help reduce mite numbers a bit.

The honey harvest has been pretty good for many this year. Too good for some - I heard one beekeeper say that this is why some people quit the hobby! Isn't there anyone around here who will harvest for a fee? Please, if you are out there, place an ad or something? We beg of you with sticky palms pressed together!

Varroa mite numbers are at treatment levels for most of us. We're taking advantage of the coolish weather to use treatments that are usually tough to use this time of year.

Karessa Torgerson

Regional Associations

Central Oregon

Aaaaah, midsummer in Central Oregon. Most of the stormy, hot weather is behind us . . . and all that's left are blue skies and warm weather. Our final honey flows are at their peaks now, sage brush and rabbit brush. Flowers in the city are transitioning from spring/summer to summer/fall. We'll be starting to harvest this month to give the girls time to build up the winter reserves.

We've had more issues around the area with mites this year than recently. We're not sure if it was the cooler spring, level of treatment, or perhaps more awareness. We had a wonderful and well-attended presentation and demonstration on mite detection, evaluation, and treatment by Dewey Caron.

For our July meeting, we had a great presentation/discussion featuring 3 speakers with commercial beekeeping experience: Matt Allen, Sue Schwann, and Heike Williams. They provided an excellent background about the day to day and yearly activities, difficulties, some good stories as well as philosophies.

As in years past, our August meeting is an informal potluck picnic at the Environmental Center in Bend and everyone is invited. In September, our club meeting will feature a talk about winterization in Central Oregon. We are also working on the details of a demonstration/discussion on honey bee anatomy.

Allen Engle

Klamath Basin Beekeepers

In spite of the halting start, the honey flow has been excellent this July and first part of August. Echium, lavender, borage, hollyhocks, sunflowers, thyme, alfalfa, mint, and buckwheat are in full bloom and the fall bloomers have decided to get in on the act early! Rabbit brush and goldenrod, our dependable fall bloomers, are already blooming. We are now hoping that winter won't be coming too soon. Here in south central Oregon we start to pull supers much later than the west side and continue to harvest normally into the first part of September, but this year we will have to play it by ear.

Our annual BBQ was a delicious success at a local park in the middle of a hot spell (we seem to be at one temperature extreme or the other!). Now we enter the fair season and we will be staffing a booth for the OSU ag extension at the Klamath County Fairgrounds on August 18–21. If you are in the area, drop by and see our splendid booth and exhibition hive that Paul and Katharina Davitt have put together for these affairs!

Judy Olson

Lane County Beekeepers

The LCBA members who won prizes at the Lane County Fair were: Jen Hornaday for wax. She also won in the categories of water white honey and light honey. Katharine Hunt won for her dark honey and chunk honey. And Nancy Ograin won for her medium honey, which also won "Best in Show." Our club encourages members to enter products of the hive for the fairgoers to view and hopefully appreciate the work of honey bees.

Dr. Ramesh Sagili from Oregon State University will be our speaker at our September meeting. His topic will be "OSU Honey Bee Research Update and Insights on Bee Nutrition." We invite everyone who is interested in hearing this valuable presentation.

The club will be offering 3 free OSBA annual conference registrations, compliments of LCBA, at the September meeting. There will be a drawing and the only requirements to win are entrants must be LCBA members and in attendance at the time of the drawing. In addition, the free registration offered by the OSBA will also be awarded at this meeting. The board members

of LCBA are appreciative of this offer from the OSBA.

Take care of monitoring mite loads and feeding your bees during the fall. Survival of your hive is dependent on good bee management to ensure healthy winter bees to carry your colonies through until the queen begins brood rearing in late winter.

Pam Leavitt

Linn-Benton Beekeepers

Here we are in August, as a myriad of bee species pack pollen in tall forests of sunflowers and hollyhocks. They are also rolling around in calendula, coreopsis, and squash blossoms. This month's speaker will be Dr. Sujaya Rao from OSU speaking on bumble bees. Kenny Williams gave expert instruction in July about honey extraction. September's speaker will be Harry Vanderpool discussing winter preparation. Wishing your colonies strength as we head into fall!

Laurie Bowman

Portland Metro Beekeepers

Our annual August picnic was a great gathering at club



member Andy Rapp's beautiful home and property. Photos are Andy and his hive covers, both open and closed. Yes, it was a social time, but plenty

of bee discussions were going on, too! Thank you to the Rapps!

In September, our featured speaker will be Dr. Ramesh Sagili from OSU discussing honey bee health, nutrition, and pollination.

Patty Anderson

Portland Urban Beekeepers

In supreme fashion, Bridgetown Bees' Glen Andresen shared his monthly Pollen & Nectar report. For those hobby farmers with vegetable planters, we say thank you! There are many veggies still flowering through November. Our featured speaker this month was Andrew Bray, who shared his best tips and tricks for new or experienced top bar beekeepers on how to manage a top bar hive.

Honey Harvest parties are going on August 21st and September 18th at Zenger farm. Contact Lauren Smith for information, guidelines, and to sign up for a time slot.

There will be three Bee Venom Therapy classes at Zenger Farm on August 20th, September 17th, and October 15th taught by Cheryl Savage. If you are curious about apitherapy and want to learn more and see a demonstration, please contact Lauren Smith. Use bee venom therapy at your own risk.



Finally, PUB was extremely proud to host a delegation of Iraqi Young Leaders Exchange Program students at our treatment free apiary located at Zenger Farm. The delegation's U.S. visit was financed by the U.S. Department of State arranged by the World Affairs Council of Oregon. Following a short presentation about bees, we moved to a hands-on experience with beekeeping practices, and finally to tasting honey. The PUB beekeepers demonstrating honey bee care and health management were: Linda Zahl, Susie Wilcox, Charlie Vanden Heuvel, Annette Carter, Frank Gransha, Lilly Glaeser, Micah Hamles, and Lucca.

Scott Macdonald

Tualatin Valley Beekeepers

Tualatin Valley Beekeepers Association thanks Journey beekeeper Alden Potter for an excellent presentation on Fall feeding at our August meeting.

Paul Andersen will be presenting information and leading discussion about fall and winter care for bees to help ensure overwinter survival during our September meeting.

Debby Garman

MEAD WORKSHOP

Andrew Schwab

On Sunday, October 30, I will again be offering the Mead Workshop at the OSBA Fall Conference. This is a hands-on mead making class for beginners. The class will be helpful for those who have never made mead as well as for those who have made mead (or even attended the session last year!). We will review the ever-important basics needed to make quality-tasting meads.

This year, we will include some mead tasting and discussion during the workshop. If you have made mead, please bring a bottle or two to share with others. I will bring bottles of the mead that was made during last year's workshop also.

Note: For information, updates to the agenda that appears on page 13, and online registration for the OSBA Fall Conference, visit the link *2016 Conference* at orsba.org or go directly to the site at osba2016.orsba.org. To register by mail, please see the form on page 12. **The deadline for preregistration is October 18.** Although registration will be available on site, it will be at a higher cost.

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KEEPING BEES IN SEPTEMBER

Ken Ograin

If you read Jason's article in last month's newsletter, he just about covered it all. So I will just go over it again.

Fall has come early here in the south end of the valley, Oregon Ash trees are turning yellow and losing their leaves, Black cottonwood may be a great source of propolis in the early spring but right now they are just carpeting my pasture with leaves. Nighttime temperatures are getting cooler.

What does this all mean? Well, to me it says nectar sources are getting scarce and yellow jackets are getting more numerous. At the least, you should have an entrance reducer in place, not one of those metal mouse guards. The guards work fine for the winter but not now when the hive guard bees are trying to defend the opening. The next thing that will be coming are thieves looking to steal your hives winter stores. I have found that the UC Davis robber screens do a good job at deterring thieves. Information about spotting the signs of thieves and how to make the screens is at: <http://entomology.ucdavis.edu/files/147611.pdf>. I think it is important for all beekeepers to read this in order to be able to identify this behavior.

You need to be sure your hives are queenright and have a healthy population of fat winter bees. If you used any mite treatments, you should be finished with them by now depending on manufacturer's instructions. Many recommend combining weak hives with a healthy one, but I feel this is something that needs to be evaluated case by case. I personally do not think combining a sick hive with a strong hive is a good idea. What I recommend is combining weak ones with weak ones.

This month will most likely be your last chance to feed syrup to your hive. You need to monitor stores by hefting from the back. If you can heft with one arm with little effort, you need to feed. Only use an in-hive or hive-top feeder, not an entrance feeder. Once daytime temperatures get into the 50^os, bees cannot consume liquid you will need to switch to a fondant.

Use your sample board if you use one to continue to monitor mites, and look for signs of yellow jackets. You will find legs and wings if they are invading your hive. Yellow jackets will fly at lower temperatures than honey bees, so they will be at your hive at daybreak before your bees warm up.

You should have your honey supers and frames stored and protected from wax moth. They will continue to be a pest until we get some freezing weather.

Hives need to be protected from winter rains and winds. Be sure you have good-fitting lids, and weight them down. Tip hives up slightly in the back if you use solid bottom boards.

Lastly get things cleaned up and put away before the rains and real cold weather comes. It's always better to get this done now.

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and found bee trees. One method that lessened the hunting time was placing a bowl of sugar water out in the yard away from the house. The bees would fill up on the sugar water and head for the tree where their hive was located. There was no way you could follow one bee to the hive. But over a period of time by observing the flight patterns of many bees you could eventually locate and pinpoint the bee tree.

Quite a few neighboring residents built hives and were successful in capturing and transferring colonies of bees to them. Somehow my family never did get around to doing that. We did find and rob a few more trees of nature's wonderful bounty. But then, World War II came along. My two older brothers went into the military, and that pretty much ended that venture.

Honey was a very vital commodity to us poor country folks. I can almost still taste those homemade biscuits with an ample serving of homemade butter topped with a tablespoonful of fresh honey with a side order of homemade sausage – yummy!

Honey was good for more than just eating. Even back then, we used honey to stop a cough, to heal a sore throat. We could not always get to the drugstore for iodine or merthiolate. Antibiotics had not been discovered yet. So, if we had a cut or scrape, we put honey on it (if we had some), bandaged it, and let it heal. We also mixed honey with cinnamon or ginger and used it for upset stomach.

One weird concoction that I remember we used for curing a cold was a teaspoonful of honey with 3 drops of kerosene added to it, taken four times a day. Boy did that mess up the anticipation of getting a teaspoon of honey.

I know that honey has many more uses. But the ones I listed above are the ones I remember.

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events. Events must be posted on association's website, in their regional newsletter, or in notices sent out their members. The OSBA insurance agent can then issue you a proof of insurance certificate. To do so, you will need to contact Harry and provide date of event, name (contact person), and location site (venue location) of said event.

Mike Rodia, Anne Schatz, and Joe Maresh all requested for Harry to get a PDF copy of OSBA's insurance policy in regards to liability insurance coverage. Harry will send a copy to each regional association president.

Waiver Forms- Harry and Pam Leavitt brought it to our attention, asking for us to pass on the following information: Waiver forms sound great, but they are not a guarantee of coverage. As the above discussed, liability insurance is best.

OSBA Secretary- Harry introduced our new secretary, Mary Edwards.

New Business

OSBA 2016 Fall Conference- At the Oregon Garden on October 28, 29, and 30, 2016. Jason Rowan presented a semi-final draft with speakers, topics, bee school, and breakout sessions. Registrations: begin August 1st. Jason discussed the plans to have a tram for transportation, streamlining registration, and getting more volunteers to help out.

OSBA 2017 Fall Conference- Jason presented us with pamphlets highlighting The Riverhouse, hotel & convention center located in Bend, Oregon. Reviewed all it has to offer, including large meeting halls, good parking, electronic/AV equipment, and a family friendly Central Oregon location. Seaside and The Oregon Garden are both great options, also. Harry will e-mail us with any new information. Jason is already contacting speakers for the 2017 Fall Conference. As always, advertisement is key to a successful conference.

Pam Leavitt, Joe Maresh, and Paul Andersen all posed a question to our board: in regards to the 2017 Fall Conference, would it be possible to have a Breakfast Benefit, helping earn more money to offset event site costs?

Membership and Website Management Proposal- Harry Vanderpool reviewed notes provided by Rosanna Mattingly. To highlight key points discussed. 1) Change address on membership forms to; Oregon State Beekeepers Association, membership, 4207 SE Woodstock Blvd Ste 517, Portland, Oregon 97206. 2) Mail conference registration, ads, and vendor forms to: Oregon State Beekeepers Association, 2016 Fall Conference, to above address also. 3) Increase stipend \$200 a month, retroactive to April.

Board read and discussed notes provided, agreeing that streamlining all forms directly to Rosanna would speed up our tracking and registration for both conferences and memberships. Also any questions that arise could be handled in a timely way. Then all lists and materials could be forwarded to our treasurer. Board members also discussed stipend increase, as suggested by Harry Vanderpool, for services provided. Harry has asked for Rosanna to continue helping with managing the website. Rosanna provided an outline of some current issues needing to be addressed and future issues to consider.



Joe Maresh made a motion to agree to membership management as proposed. Also, at this time Joe recommends to provide retroactive payment to stipend, for \$200 a month in April, May, and June of 2016 for website management also. Joe Maresh then suggested that beginning as of July 2016, stipend to increase from \$350 a month to \$650 a month (for a total increase of \$300 per month). Paul Andersen seconded the motion.

Conference Scholarship for Regional Associations- Harry asked if we plan on continuing to provide scholarships, that each club president preregisters recipients prior to this year's OSBA fall conference. We believe a form needs to be provided to each regional association, so we can

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better track recipients, collect funds, and have detailed list for registration.

The next Oregon State Beekeepers Association Board Meeting will be held on October 28, 2016 @ 3:00 pm. Oregon Garden Resort, Trillium Room.

Harry Vanderpool made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Jason Rowan. Meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary

Yellow Jacket Trap of Another Kind . . .

Mureen Walker



This yellow jacket is one of many that figured out how to bend the head and neck just right, in sequence, to reach the syrup, but then could not figure out how to reverse the movements to extract

themselves from the ladders of the frame feeder. This one was at the very bottom, getting the last of honey bee food in a hive prepared for a split. My first impression is that this yellow jacket is mouthing the word "oooo"—as in, *Oops!*

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Annual OSBA Dues	\$40 per Person	Number: _____	\$
Total ^{3,4}			\$

#1) Attendees qualify for preregistration rate if application form (with registration fee) is postmarked on or before October 18. Late and on-site registration rates are: One Day \$110.00, One Day Family \$130.00, Full Conference \$190.00, Full Conference Family \$220.00.

#2) The Oregon State Beekeepers Association is classified as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Research donations made out to the OSBA may be deductible; please consult your accountant.

#3) Please make check payable to OSBA and mail with this completed registration form, postmarked no later than October 18, to: Oregon State Beekeepers Association, 2016 Fall Conference, 4207 SE Woodstock Blvd Ste 517, Portland, Oregon 97206.

#4) Hotel reservations are not included in these costs. Special rates are available at the Oregon Garden Resort: (503) 874-2500 Ext 0.

TENTATIVE AGENDA

OSBA Fall Conference 2016 ❖ Oregon Garden ❖ October 28–30, 2016

Friday, October 28

- 6:00 PM **Registration**
 7:00 PM **Kick-Off Wine and Cheese Social**

*Saturday, October 29*

- 7:30 AM **Registration**
 8:00 AM **Silent Auction** Begins
 8:15 AM **Welcome & Announcements**
 Harry Vanderpool, OSBA President
General Session, Pavilion
 8:30 AM **The Grand Interaction of Flowers, Bees, Growers, and Beekeepers**
 Dr. John Skinner, University of Tennessee
 8:30 AM–
 2:45 PM **Bee School**
(Concurrent, Natural Resources Building)
 Thom Trusewicz, Director
 9:15 AM **Mite Keeping 101**
 Morris Ostrofsky
 10:00 AM **Break**
 10:15 AM **What Makes a Queen Tick: Factors affecting honey bee queen post-mating changes**
 Dr. Elina Niño, University of California, Davis
 11:00 AM **Bee Informed Partnership**
 Ellen Topitzhofer, Oregon State University/BIP
 NOON Luncheon *(Preregistration required)*
Pollinator Protection in Oregon
 Dr. Andony Melathopoulos
 1:15 PM **WSU Honey Bee Germplasm Importation and Effects on US Commercial Populations**
 Dr. Steve Sheppard, Washington State University
 2:00 PM **Queen Rearing at Miksa Honey Farm**
 David and Linda Miksa
 2:45 PM **Break**
 3:00 PM **Following the Wild Bees: The craft and science of bee hunting**
 Dr. Tom Seeley, Cornell University
 3:45 PM **Indoor Wintering Affects Varroa Mites and Honey Bee Nutrition**
 Brandon Hopkins, Washington State University
 4:00 PM **Silent Auction** Ends

- 4:30–
 5:45 PM **OSBA General Membership Meeting**
 6:00 PM **Social Hour** (Main Lodge, Orchid Room)
 7:00 PM **Banquet** *(Preregistration required)*
 George Hansen, Foothills Honey Company
 Benefit Auction to Follow

*Sunday, October 30*

- 7:30 AM **Registration**
 8:15 AM **Welcome & Announcements**
 Harry Vanderpool, OSBA President
General Session, Pavilion
 8:30 AM **The Bee Colony as a Honey Factory**
 Dr. Tom Seeley, Cornell University
 8:30 AM–
 10:00 AM **Mead Workshop** *(see page 8)*
(Concurrent, Natural Resources Building)
 Andrew Schwab, Instructor
 9:15 AM **Ongoing Research on Mushrooms and Bees at WSU**
 Dr. Steve Sheppard, Washington State University
 10:00 AM **Break**
 10:15 AM **Sharing 65 Years of Beekeeping Experiences**
 David and Linda Miksa
 11:00 AM **OSU Honey Bee Lab Research Update**
 Dr. Ramesh Sagili, Oregon State University
 NOON Luncheon *(Preregistration required)*
Observations from the Field: The good, the bad, and the ugly
 Ellen Topitzhofer
 1:15 PM **Biomitocides for Varroa Mite Management**
 Dr. Elina Niño, University of California, Davis
 2:00 PM **Oregon Master Beekeeper Program**
 Carolyn Breece, Oregon State University
 2:45 PM **Break**
 3:00 PM **Those Other Pollinators, Native Bees**
 Dr. John Skinner, University of Tennessee
 3:45 PM **Final Comments**
 Harry Vanderpool, OSBA President
 4:00 PM **Adjourn**

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