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55th Annual Convention Starts Thursday

This is the week.

Oregon State Beekeepers Association's 55th annual convention will be held Thursday through Saturday at the Valley River Inn in Eugene.

The association's leaders hope you plan to attend part of or all of the meeting.

Pre-registrations indicate some beekeepers aren't able to attend the whole session. But since the organization is made up of part-time beekeepers who have other occupations as well as fulltime beekeepers, this is to be expected.

The convention's program has been planned for both types of beekeepers, however.

Thursday's bee school is designed for beginners, which includes people interested in keeping bees. Wes Kester of Rickreall and Ken Ramsey of Brooks are coordinating the program. The session begins at 10 a.m. and runs until 4:30 p.m. with a break at noon for lunch.

A similar short-course is offered Saturday afternoon.

General theme for the conference is economics. President Tom Thayer has given it a subtitle: "The worth of one pound of honey: From hive to the table."

Following are some of the highlights on Friday:

Registration — 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Friday, followed by a welcome message.

Michael Burgett, apiculturist at Oregon State University, will speak twice — at 9:15 a.m. on "Economics in Pollination" and at 2:20 p.m. on "Economics of Pesticide Losses."

A honey marketing panel will discuss different ways to sell honey at 10:40 a.m. Panel members are:

Toni Richardson, co-owner of Flynn's Custom House, Albany, will talk about selling honey in gift and specialty shops.

Rich Heins, Heins Honey Albany, will tell about selling from the commercial bottler's viewpoint.

Bill Campbell, Campbell Advertising Co., Wemme, will cover the field of advertising.

Dick Turanski, Glory Bee Honey Co., Eugene, will talk about selling honey in connection with bees supplies and other products.

Luncheon speaker will be Tom Williams of Eugene, whose grandfather founded Williams Bakeries. Williams now manages the firm. He will discuss "Oregon's Economics" and toss in

some advice on the use of honey in baking bread.

Some, more thoughts on selling and buying will be given by Dave Kobos of John's Landing (mall), Portland. He speaks at 1:35 p.m.

Brooks bee supplier Kenneth Ramsey will talk about the cost of installing a hive at 3:20 p.m.

Highlights on Saturday include:

"Agricultural Accounting," by Gresham accountant Robert Lundgren, at 10:15 a.m. and "Wintering Colonies" by Ancel Goolsbey of Spokane at 11 a.m.

"Honey Promotion in Oregon" is slated during Saturday's lunch. Fred VanNatta, Salem beekeeper and lobbyist will share his views.

Victor Atiyeh, Portland businessman and Republican gubernatorial candidate, will be Saturday's banquet speaker. His topic will be "Future Trends in Economics."

One-hour business sessions are scheduled at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m. and 1:35 p.m. Saturday, with election at 1:35 p.m.

Business includes several changes in the constitution (see page 2) and discussion of dues.+

Convention Business: Constitution Changes

It will be necessary to vote on the following changes in the constitution during the annual business meeting at the Valley River Inn in Eugene.

Article III. Membership. To include three new classes of memberships: (a) Affiliate commercial members, \$25; (b) affiliate individual members, \$5; associate or youth members, \$3.

The members may or may not be beekeepers. They will have no vote.

Article IV. Officers. Officers of the association shall consist of a president, vice-president and four regional directors who shall constitute the executive com-

mittee. The directors shall represent four regional areas of the state, as follows:

Regions: Southern Oregon (Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Klamath and Lake counties); Willamette Valley (including Multnomah); Coastal area (all counties west of Coast Range); Eastern, all counties east of the Cascades except Klamath and Lake.

Presidents of branch associations which have five or more state members shall serve as directors on the executive committee but will have no vote.

Article V. Meetings. Add to Section 3: The president

shall have the power to call a special meeting when necessary.

Section 4. Change twelve (12) to twenty-five (25) members in good standing shall constitute a quorum at the annual or any special meeting.

The outgoing president shall become a member of the executive committee until he or she is replaced by the next outgoing president.

Members will be asked to consider a raise in dues. The amount will be discussed and voted upon at the annual meeting.

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