



## OSBA Pollinators List

Once again, the OSBA has been requested to supply a list of beekeepers that provide pollination service to a grower's group. It is a firm policy that the OSBA DOES NOT release its membership list, and the only way for a group to contact members is through advertising in the BeeLine. That approach does not work for a grower's group who would like to give out a list of prospective pollinators.

In the past, competition for pollination contracts was fierce, and beekeepers have been known to undercut their competitors by a buck-a-hive just to get a contract. The end result was that there were a whole lot of beekeepers who were not covering their basic costs and beekeeping was a declining business. Then the mites came.

Varroa and tracheal mites were a mixed blessing. Many beekeepers lost a lot of hives and now had an increased materials and labor cost just to keep their hives alive. The up side was that people who did not run their operation in a business-like manner, treat their bees AND pass that added cost along to the farmer, went out of business. The second part of that is the press coverage of the mites and honeybee problems educated the farmer that we had increased costs, and with virtually all of the feral hives dead, they were going to have to have honeybees from beekeepers for pollination — no more free rides. This, coupled with published research showing dramatic yield increases on traditionally non-honeybee-pollinated crops increased the demand for bees. There are now more growers looking for beekeepers than there are bees. The potential market is larger than any single beekeeper can afford to promote themselves to directly.

As beekeepers, we can and will do more in the future to increase the awareness of the value of honeybees. The best way to increase your market share is to increase the market! But for now, the first step is to make it easy for prospective clients to FIND a beekeeper to provide pollination services.

### A Pollination Provider List

With this in mind, the OSBA is going to prepare and maintain a list of beekeepers who will provide pollination services and actively make this list avail-

able to growers, both via mail and the Internet. To best meet what seems to be the diverse needs of the different growers, there will be two listings. The first list will be defined as beekeepers who will supply and service over 20 hives to a grower. This list is primarily for larger beekeepers who run palletized operations and find it uneconomical to place less than 20 hives at a location. The second list is beekeepers who will provide less than 20 hives and/or individual colonies, and can service small acreages. Beekeepers can be listed on both lists, or just the list that suits their operation.

These lists will be compiled alphabetically and list the beekeeper and/or business name and their phone/fax/e-mail address. No location information will be on the list other than area code for the first version of the lists. This may change as we get input from you and from growers. We will develop and change the format when necessary to provide the best information for our members and for the growers. The lists will be limited to beekeepers who are members in good standing of the OSBA.

### How do you get on the lists?

Write or call Ron Bennett at 11260 Simpson Road, Monmouth, OR 97361-9630 - 503-838-2328 - e-mail: ooffy@aol.com. Let him know which list you want to be listed on and EXACTLY how you want to be listed, that is your name and/or business name, your phone number, your fax number and e-mail address if applicable. The cutoff date for the first printing will be February 28th. The printed lists will be revised every 60 days to have the most current information. The Webpage will be updated every 30-days. The lists will be available at no cost to anyone requesting it.

We feel that this service will go a long way to adding to the value of an OSBA membership. We invite your participation and welcome your input and suggestions on how we might improve this service. We have also talked about having a list of honey sellers, like the WVBA list, which has been very popular in the Mid-Willamette Valley.



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## Basics in Northwest Beekeeping

by Ron Bennett

**I**n January and February, you should disturb the bees as little as possible. They will be in a tight cluster and you should not break their cluster.

Lift the hives to find any light ones and give these emergency feed of sugar candy or dry sugar. Dry sugar or sugar candy is best because the bees can access it with the minimum of time away from the cluster (warmth from their sister's bodies) and consume it directly. With syrup feed, they must go to the feeder (breaking cluster and risking chilling themselves) and syrup has to be dried some for consumption.

Watch the flight intensity on warm days to spot weak colonies, and reduce your weak colonies to one story. Once again, this should only be done on a day where the temperature is above 55°F done quickly (but not rushed) to avoid chilling your bees. Do not remove frames from the hives as this will chill the bees.

Store your unused brood comb in a cool dry place and protect your bees and stored comb against mice. Drawn comb is one of your most important assets. It takes your bees a lot of honey and pollen to generate a frame of wax.

Plan and prepare equipment for the coming season. Now is the time to build frames and hive bodies. Decide on the size of boxes you will need and the type of foundation (plastic or wax). You will need to cross-wire wax foundation to keep it straight in the frames.

Pay your dues to the OSBA and your local bee association. They need your support and you need them.

At the end of February, treat for mites with Apistan® strips (two strips per hive). You want to start your treatment for Varroa mites before mid-February so that you have completed treatment BEFORE you put on your first honey super in March. Early supering will help to gather the first honeyflow of Maple, and give your bees the space they need to help minimize swarming.

Buy your new colonies or order package bees. Packages are usually available only in the first and second week of April, so you need to have your equipment ready and your packages ordered in time.

And, one of the best management tools we beekeepers have is re-queening, so plan and order queens for April 1st delivery.

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# Plans for 1997 are in the Works!

a report by Ron Bennett

In early January, George Hansen, Bart Snyder and I got together to address some of the issues raised at the 1996 OSBA Fall Conference (see the Minutes on page 7) and make plans for this year.

Breaking with tradition somewhat, it was decided to join forces with Ruhl Bee Supply, the Portland Beekeepers Association, and the Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association, and make the jointly held Field Day the OSBA Spring Field Day as well. The OSBA has supported this event the last two years and it was felt that by putting an added emphasis on this Field Day, we could have even better participation. The Field Day will be April 26th and will again be at Foothills Honey in Colton. The event is open without charge to anyone who is a member of any of the sponsoring clubs and/or the OSBA without additional charge. New people will be asked to join one of the groups to participant in this exciting and growing event. The last two have featured a workshop format at a group of hives, and the workshop topics have been: Good hive management: "working quietly and keeping the bees gentle"; Finding and painting the queen, dividing your colony, etc; Swarm control and Super management; and Bee Diseases and Parasites, identifying and treatments. This event is an excellent way for new and old hands at beekeeping to learn new tricks in a hands-on environment.

August 9th was selected as the date for the Annual OSBA Picnic and Field Day. The Picnic will be in Salem, most likely at Wallace Marine Park in West Salem (we'll get a conformation on the exact location and time when the park is not under water!). The day will start off with a tour of a Salem-area Cherry Packing Plant and a presentation on cherry pollination strategies. This year, in an effort is increase attendance, the event will not include a "camp over" Friday night, although anyone interested in attending, there are camping opportunities as well as motel rooms available in the area.

And, our Fall Conference will be earlier this year, October 30th, 31st, and November 1st in Hood River at the famous Hood River Inn. This event will be a Tri-State meeting with the Washington State Beekeepers and the Idaho State Beekeepers participating. Bart Snyder is already putting together a very exciting program and a list of "heavy-hitters" as presenters. The program outlined will run two days with the first day, October 30th being primarily a social day.

You will notice the new officers joining the

Executive Board of the OSBA, Bart Snyder as vice-president, Jim Lehman representing Eastern Oregon, and Rocky Pisto representing Central Oregon. We all need to thank our outgoing vice-president, Charlie Mock for the excellent job he did last year putting together the programs and events like the Requeening and Nucleus Hives program at Tillamook last Spring, and the wonderful program at the 1996 Fall Conference in Seaside. Our heartfelt thanks goes to him for his efforts and attention.

In the Minutes on page 7, there is a "shopping-list" of areas of concern and interest expressed by members. One of the concerns was that in the past, no one was assigned to follow-up and complete these programs. George Hansen promised "no unfunded mandates" to steal a phrase, and here is how we hope to address some of the issues.

Bear Problems and ODF&W - we have run two articles on bears and bear fencing in the *BeeLine*, and will prepare an article for later this year covering the major points and including input from ODF&W and local wildlife agents on exactly how you show deal with bear problems. There is a "path" that will solve the problem of a bear attacking your hives when preventative measures fail and we will report on this.

On the problem of Honey House Licenses, the ODA will only licenses a dedicated honey house. The majority of beekeepers, both in and out of the OSBA do not have the volume of business to warrant a dedicated facility, and are therefore extracting and/or bottling illegally if they sell their honey other than directly from their home. Ron Bennett will approach the ODA to try to amend the rules to allow smaller beekeepers to come into compliance with the law on "part-time" honey houses.

George Hansen took the lead on the issue of the confusing and diffi- Cont. on Page 6

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## Bee Schools Announced

**B**ee Schools are a tradition and our best way to help and introduce people to bees and beekeeping. The single most requested item at the OSBA Bee Booth at the State Fair is for more information on how to keep bees. Some of the local organizations offer bee schools as a way to introduce others to the joy of beekeeping.

**L**ane County Beekeepers Association have announced their schedules for 1997. The Lane County Bee School will be on Saturday, March 8th at the Lane County Fairgrounds, Lane Extension Bldg., 930 West 13th Avenue, Eugene. Registration begins at 8:00 A.M. with the first session starting at 8:30 A.M. Areas to be covered in this school will be: Races of bees and their differences; Bee Behavior and brood rearing; Swarming and swarm control; Package bees and their care; Management techniques; Queen introduction and manipulation; Beehive inspection for disease; Nectar and pollen plants; Discussion of bee pollen, propolis; Wintering feeding and crop pollination; Honey production, supering, removing the honey, processing and marketing honey; Tracheal mites and varroa mites; Queen cell grafting; and Equipment, building and assembly.

The fee for the Lane County Bee School is \$15 (\$20 maximum for two people from one family) and includes a beginning book on how to keep bees and materials. For more information and registration, contact Bill King at 541-746-3839.

**P**ortland Beekeepers will hold their Bee Field Day this Spring in conjunction with the OSBA. This was a very well attended event and helped a large number of people to start out the right way. This "hands-on/in-the-field" meeting will give beekeepers, new and old, a chance to learn new techniques from experts with real hives. Questions that can only be answered with bees and a hive will be answered. The date will be April

26th, and is planned again for Foothills Honey in Colton. We will have more information as it is available.

**T**he Willamette Valley Beekeepers Association's Bee School will start on March 17th and runs three consecutive Monday nights (March 24th and 31st) [NOTE: THE NEW DATES FROM THE FIRST PUBLISHED ANNOUNCEMENT] and will be held at Room 112, Bldg 50, Chemeketa Community College, Winema Place, Salem.

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**A**nd, too late for publication last issue, was the announcement by the Portland Beekeepers Association of a 8-part Bee School at Clackamas Community College in the Environmental Learning Center. The classes started Jan. 20th and a second class was started on Jan. 22nd and runs eight weeks. Taught by Glen Mills, the classes carry credit. Call Clackamas Community College at 503-657-6958 at ext. 2351. The Portland group has plans to video tape these classes and produce a Northwest Beekeeping Video. They are seeking help and donations to help with this worthwhile project.

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### Chilean Beekeeper Training

Your new VP, Bart Snyder received the following e-mail in response to a listing he found on the 'Net. Anybody interested in helping, please follow-up directly.

Bart,

Thank you so much for your reply. I will keep you posted on our progress. In the meantime see the further details below. We are looking for a location where the Chilean may work for wages, as well as study, to help with the expenses and put a little money in his pocket. If one of your members would be interested we'll look for funding elsewhere (see below).

Washington state has a special relationship through the Partners of the Americas organization, with Chile in South America. Each state in the US has a corresponding country in Central or South America with whom they are involved in various programs and exchanges. These programs are quite varied in their nature. An example: There is currently an exhibition of works by famous Chilean photographers on display in the Seafirst Gallery in the Columbia Tower, in Seattle. Another example is the drug education program where a specialist from Washington state presented seminars to educators in Chile. If we could find a Washington state beekeeper who would be willing to participate in the exchange described below, the Partners of the

Americas would provide the project funding.

We are looking for a Beekeeper interested in sharing their knowledge with their colleagues in Chile. As a Peace Corps volunteer I worked with a second generation beekeeper. He is looking for a location in the US where he can work and study. He is interested in studying US beekeeping in general and disease identification and treatment. Ideally there would be a Spanish speaker at the US site. The funding for this project will be through various agencies, suggestions for funding are also welcomed. Pls contact me at WAC101@aol.com or 206-783 8453.

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Cont. from Page 3 cult new regulations by the various states' Departments of Transportation and will report on this soon. The lack of a consistent and predictable set of regulations governing honeybee transportation has led to beekeepers facing "local" interpretation of regulations. He will also write a letter to the American Beekeeping Federation on the possible lifting of regulation on pesticide labeling re: honeybees.

The BLM has suggested regulations that would make it difficult to impossible for beekeepers to use public lands. Honeybees have a very beneficial effect on public lands for pollination, and the BLM needs to be aware of this and make provisions to accommodate beekeepers. Bart Snyder has longstanding contacts with the Bureau of Land Management and will contact them to try to clarify their policy and work with them to be sensitive to your needs.

Ag Fest, in April at the State Fairgrounds attracts 16,000 to 20,000 visitors, including large numbers of children. The value of education to the young on the need for honeybees is a very important issue for the OSBA. Judy Bennett and the WVBA received a \$500 grant from the OSBA to help the them produce a bee display the Ag Fest and they are looking for volunteers. Contact Judy Bennett at 503-838-2328 if you would like to help.

Bart presented a letter he had received via the Internet about a Chilean beekeeper looking for a sponsor (see article on page 5).

And, we hope to bring members a group of added benefits. First, in response to several requests from grower's groups for a list of beekeepers who provide pollination services, we are going to develop a list of members who provide pollination services. Secondly, we are going to put together a group of pollination contracts used by beekeepers around the area and publish them for your reference and consideration. And, thirdly, we are putting together an Internet Website for the OSBA! Yes, it's true, the OSBA will be on the net. Our homepage should be up by the end of next month and have information on the OSBA and upcoming events, our pollinators list, and things like Oregon honey labeling requirements, bear solutions, State Fair winners, local clubs contacts, and much more.

As always, we welcome your input and help. If any of the above caught your attention or if your have a concern we have not addressed, please feel free to contact your officers — that's what they are there for.



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comments by Ron Bennett

These recipes are taken from the 1913 edition of  
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### Honey Soap

Cut 2 pounds of yellow soap in thin slices and put into a saucepan with sufficient water to prevent the soap from being burned. Place on the fire, and as soon as all the soap has dissolved, add 1 pound of honey and stir until the whole beings to boil. Then remove from the fire, add a few drops of essence of cinnamon, pour into a deep dish to cool, and then cut into squares. It improves by keeping. (*Judy and I have made homemade soap on several occasions and have added honey to the raw soap as above - it is a nice addition to any soap*).

### Cold Cream

One cup of honey,  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a cup of beeswax, 1 cup of cottonolene. Melt all, take it off the fire, and stir until it is cool. Rose or violet perfume may be added. It should be well protected from the air. The blending should be well done. This is fine for chapped or rough hands, if the are slightly moistened before applying.

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Phyllis Shoemake — December 7, 1996

George Hansen called the meeting to order at 5 p.m. Minutes of the 1995 annual meeting were distributed and approved as read. The treasurer's report and financial summary were distributed. The treasurer reported a balance of \$3807, which did not include any revenue for the 1996 conference. A request was made for the year end financial report to be printed in the BeeLine early in 1997.

George recapped what he understood was the direction given to him by the members when he was elected as president in 1995. This included planning for our spring and fall meetings and the summer picnic, solidifying and increasing OSBA membership, assuring the newsletters were produced in a timely manner, and the mailing list cleaned up. He agreed to hold no meetings or appoint committees without purpose. He asked if members feel there is any area in need of attention.

Ken Crow suggested someone talk with the ODF&W about bear problems. Ron Bennett wants to see us work with ODA regarding compliance with honey house inspection regulations. Dirk

Olsen added that we should work to eliminate honey house licensing. There was a complaint that everyone buys the same license whether small or large producer. Randy Johnson, National Honey Board, asked if we were following EPA labeling requirements for pesticides. Steve Sheppard volunteered to assist OSBA this area. Dirk Olsen suggested we provide a list to Mike Burgett for potential research projects to help the beekeeping industry. Randy Johnson talked of BLM proposed land use rules in his district which could exclude beekeepers from some areas. This is something which should be tracked. George said ODT and other state's transportation rules are changing regarding licensing and trucking and we need to keep our members informed. Ron Bennett said we need to list, then evaluate the suggestions and assign members to follow through. George said he will continue working at his current level of involvement but if any members want something particular done then they must provide their participation if they want action.

Willamette Valley Beekeepers Assn. has been invited to participate in Ag-Fest this year. Judy Bennett requested funds to be provided to WVBA to purchase materials for a booth. Sheryl Johnson suggested the Honey Board has a good deal of information and materials which might be helpful in putting together a display. Judy will explore that possibility and the Board will determine at the January meeting what our level of support will be.

The ABF meeting will be in Norfolk VA, and we may select 2 delegates for voting members. Oliver Petty and Marjorie Ehry will be the delegates for the first portion of the meeting and will be replaced for the second session. Chuck Sowers moved that the president make the appointments. Motion passed.

Ron Bennett reported that we currently have 172 paid members.

There was a discussion about a joint or tri-state meeting in 1997, with Oregon as host. No decisions were made as to location or date. Dr. Burgett stated he and Dr. Sheppard would be glad to do what they can to help with arrangements.

Elections were held and the 1997 slate of officers is: George Hansen - President; Bart Snyder - Vice-President; Phyllis Shoemake - Secretary/Treasurer. Regional representatives are: Eastern Oregon - Jim Lehman; Central Oregon - Rocky Pisto; Metro - Chuck Sowers; Willamette Valley - John Mespelt; South Coast - Joann Olstrom; North Coast - Bob Allen; and Southern Oregon - George Steffensen.

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## News from the American Beekeeping Federation

### Legislation to Expand NHB Moves Forward

A proposal to expand the activities of the National Honey Board into beekeeping research and honey quality assurance is being presented to Congress. The industry could be asked to vote on the changes as early as next winter.

The proposal would amend the Honey Research, Promotion, and Consumer Information Act, the statute under which the National Honey Board is organized and functions. If the amendments are enacted into law, an order implementing the changes would be prepared by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and presented to the industry for approval in a referendum.

The proposal grew out of an industry summit meeting which was held in February 1996. Representatives of five distinct groups of the U.S. honey and beekeeping industry participated in that meeting. In the intervening months, various members of the Reno group reviewed successive draft proposals from the Washington law firm enlisted to create the legislation and usher it through Congress. Committees of the group refined specific issues through mail and in conference calls. In early December the current proposal was sent out to the full Reno group and was received with almost universal acclaim. To clarify the few remaining minor issues, the "Reno group" scheduled a meeting during the Federation convention in Norfolk. (The participants in the Reno summit are listed at the end of this article.)

#### Reno Goals Unchanged

Through all these drafts, the core proposals developed in Reno remain unchanged. The repeated revisions have revolved around the means to achieve those goals, not in changes to the goals. The four main goals of the legislation are 1) to clearly define the Honey Board's authority and mandate to include beekeeping research; 2) to expand the Honey Board program to include the fight against honey adulteration; 3) to fund these expansions by assessing honey packers; and 4) to bolster honey packer representation on the Board in recognition of their new role in the funding.

The goals emerged from an all-day session in Reno, led by Washington attorney Wayne Watkinson, a veteran facilitator intimately familiar with agricultural commodity groups and promotion programs, such as the National Honey Board. During this session, the industry representatives put the U.S. honey and beekeeping

industry under a microscope and examined it to answer these questions:

- Where are we now? - Where do we want to be? - How do we pay for it?

Five categories of issues, or concerns, surfaced: Industry condition was seen as the over-arching issue of the summit. Despite the recent dramatic increase in honey prices, the participants recognized that long term depressed prices had left the producers, especially, with a need to "catch up" financially.

For beekeepers, the research issues are closely akin to industry conditions, since research is seen as a means to finding a solution to so many of the problems plaguing producers, and since the industry has experienced and is faced with continued reductions in research activities—at a time when needs for such research are more acute than ever. The months since Reno have seen this concern grow.

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The participants recognized that quality issues play a key role in the industry's future, since the protection of the image of honey was paramount to the continued viability of the industry. Combating economic adulteration and chemical contamination are top needs toward maintaining this image.

A key concern in marketing was whether the increased honey prices would result in a downturn in the demand for honey—a concern which has been borne out to a degree since Reno. Increased marketing activities are needed to sustain demand and price.

Certain changes in the scope and structure of the National Honey Board were seen as a course toward addressing the other concerns. It was determined that the Honey Board's role should be expanded to help solve some of the needs which had been identified. Here's what the proposed legislation would do:

**Beekeeping Research**

While it is recognized that the Honey Board has authority to fund honey production research, basic beekeeping research activities are not defined as one of the Board's primary roles. The legislation would clarify that the Honey Board is authorized to carry on beekeeping research. It would go even further and require that the Board allocate 8% of its annual revenues for beekeeping research. If the Board did not feel the research proposals during a given year warranted expenditure of all the budget, the funds would be "banked" pending receipt of additional proposals, but they would have to be reserved for beekeeping research. With the expansion of the assessment to packers (see below), the Honey Board's annual assessments would be about \$6 million, meaning a beekeeping research allocation of \$480,000. Observers of the Board feel the beekeeping research

would be directed by a committee of the Board. In keeping with its current mode of operation, those Board members with particular interest or expertise would be named to that committee. Also, the Board has the authority to include proposals and award grants to those deemed most worthy. The funding would not be limited to U.S. Department of Agriculture research facilities, but would be open to all qualified researchers.

**Honey Quality Assurance Program**

The amendments would clarify the authority of the Honey Board to engage in a honey quality assurance program. "Quality assurance" would include both economic adulteration of honey (the addition of cheaper sweeteners) and the contamination of honey with deleterious substances, inadvertently incorporated into the honey at some point in its production and processing. The proposal specifies that the quality assurance program could include random testing as well as development of a voluntary a "seal of approval" system for honey meeting established standards.

The amendments would retain the provision of the current law stating that the law does not "prohibit the sale of various grades of honey, provide for control of honey production, or otherwise limit the right of the individual honey producer to produce honey."

**Handler (Packer) Assessment**

The amendments provide for a 1¢ per lb. assessment on honey packers (referred to as "handlers" in the law), just as honey producers and honey importers are now assessed. The additional assessment would be levied on all honey. Imported honey would be assessed 2¢, at the border, to capture direct sales and retail-pack honey. Producer-packers would pay the handler assessment on the volume they pack.

Producers selling directly to bakeries, etc. would be assessed the second cent on those sales.

Persons engaging in qualified advertising activities, as defined by the proposed law and as further regulated by the Board, would be eligible for a credit on up to 50% of the handler assessment they have paid in a given year. This provision is seen as encouraging individual packers and producer packers to engage in promotion of their brands and having the ability to recoup a portion of those expenditures. Such private advertising would supplement the Honey Board's generic promotion activities and expand the overall volume of honey promotion.

**Honey Board Make-Up/Nomination**  
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	6	Tillamook Beekeepers
	10	Lane County Beekeepers
	11	Tualatin Beekeepers
	13	Portland Beekeepers
	21	Coos County Beekeepers
	24	Willamette Valley Beekeepers
March	3	Southern Oregon Beekeepers
	6	Tillamook Beekeepers
	8	Lane County Bee School, Lane Fairgrounds, Eugene
	11	Lane County Beekeepers
	12	Tualatin Beekeepers
	13	Portland Beekeepers
	17	WVBA BEE SCHOOL, Part 1
	21	Coos County Beekeepers
	24	WVBA BEE SCHOOL, Part 2
	31	WVBA BEE SCHOOL, Part 3 & Meeting
April	26	OSBA/Portland Field Day Bee School
August	9	OSBA Summer Picnic Salem
Oct.	29-30	OSBA Fall Conference



*Cont. from page 9* Honey Board activities, the handler representation on the Board would increase to 4 seats (up from 2). To minimize the growth in the size of the Board, the public member seat would be eliminated, resulting in a 14-member Board (a net increase of only 1 member). The new make-up would be 7 producers, 1 cooperative representative, 4 handlers, and 2 importers.

With more handlers coming on the Board, the importer seats would be restricted to importers, eliminating a past amendment which has allowed one of the importer seats to be filled by an exporter (who, in practice, has been a handler).

To give each represented segment of the industry more control over the selection of its Board members, the nomination of representatives of each segment would be from persons recommended by the respective organizations. The National Honey Nominations Committee would nominate for the producer positions as it does now, but would be required to select the nominees for the handler seats and the importer seats from recommendations by their organization(s) and for the cooperative member from recommendations by the cooperative(s).

Other amendments effect other, relatively minor points which arose during the reviews and housekeeping changes, including removal of some of the start-up provisions of the law which are now obsolete.

Any person desiring more detail on the proposed amendments can contact the American Beekeeping Federation for a copy of the "redline," a composite of the amendments and the existing legislation.

**SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS**

Participating in the Reno Industry Summit Meeting were:

- **American Beekeeping Federation:** Bill Merritt, Dave Hackenberg, Bruce Beekman, Clint Walker, Gene Brandi and Troy Fore
- **American Honey Producers Association:** Bob Barnes and Steve Park.
- **Sioux Honey Association:** John Milam, Gary Evans, Bob Brandi, Bert Belliston and Dale Bauer.
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