

Bylaws of The American Honey Producers Association, Inc.

As amended on December 4, 2024

ARTICLE I

The name of this organization, a nonprofit Agricultural Association, shall be: THE AMERICAN HONEY PRODUCERS ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II

The American Honey Producers Association is formed to engage in any activity which will promote the common interest and general welfare of the honey producers and for the beekeepers in the United States.

ARTICLE III

Membership in this organization shall consist of all those engaged in the beekeeping industry who have complied with the payment of dues requirements as determined by the Executive Committee hereinafter set out.

ARTICLE IV-DIRECTORS

The control of this organization shall be vested in a Board of Directors, each of whom shall be a member of the Association.

Section 1. Each of the fifty (50) states is entitled to membership on the Board of Directors in accordance with the following schedule:

- A). States from which this organization receives \$500.00 in membership dues are entitled to one member.
- (B). States from which this organization receives \$2,500.00 in membership dues are entitled to two members on the Board of Directors.
- (C). If an elected member is not present at any meeting of the Board of Directors, then any eligible member that is present and in good standing and from the same state as the absent member may be seated as the Director for their state at that meeting. (*)

Section 2. The Directors shall have the general control of the property and business of the Association and they shall elect from their number five (5) members who are to act with the President, Immediate Past President, and Vice-President as the Executive Committee.

Section 3. The meeting of the Directors shall be held annually in conjunction with the annual convention of the Association. At such meetings the Directors shall elect the President, Vice-President, and the members of the Executive Committee, hereinafter provided for, shall provide for the rules and procedures necessary to conduct any election, and said election may be held by secret ballot. The Board of Directors may also receive reports of officers and may transact any other business as may come before them. The votes of a majority of the Directors present shall constitute a binding act of the Association. The meeting of the Directors will be held at a time and place as shall be selected by the Executive Committee. Special meetings of the Directors may be called at any time by a majority of the Directors and notice thereof in writing must be mailed to each Director at least fifteen (15) days in advance of such meeting, except in the event that the notices provided for in this section are waived by the written consent of all Directors.

Section 4. In addition to the powers and authorities by these bylaws expressly conferred upon them, the Directors may exercise all of such powers of the Association and do all such lawful acts and things as are not by statute, or by Certificate of Incorporation, or by these Bylaws, directed or required to be exercised or done by the members of the Association.

ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The members of the Association shall be divided into three groups, to wit:

- (A) Voting members
- (B) Associate members, non-voting
- (C) Auxiliary organization and members, non-voting

Section 2. Voting members - The requirements for and amounts of dues for honey producers or beekeepers which shall constitute membership in the Association for voting members shall depend upon the number of colonies maintained and shall be as follows, to wit:

# Colonies	Membership	Dues
1-24	Backyard	\$100
25-499	Sideline	\$500
500-4,999	Commercial 1	\$1,000
5,000-19,999	Commercial 2*	\$2,000
20,000 and up	Commercial 3*	\$5,000

*Includes 2 memberships

Only those honey packers and dealers, bee supply manufacturers, professors, bee research personnel, technical advisors, and apiary inspectors whose net income from the production of honey or keeping of bees exceeds fifty percent (50%) shall be eligible under this paragraph as a voting member.

Section 3. Associate members shall enjoy all rights and benefits of the Association except the right to vote. The requirements for and amounts of dues which shall constitute associate membership in the Association for ~~persons~~ nonvoting members who are not honey producers or beekeepers shall be as follows, to wit:

\$100 Individual -Professors, bee research personnel, technical advisors, and apiary inspectors.

\$500 Business -All other persons and firms who are not honey producers nor beekeepers.

Section 4. Auxiliary organizations and their members shall enjoy access to information, publications and updates from the Association. They shall not enjoy the right to vote or to attend business meetings. The requirements for and amounts of dues which shall constitute auxiliary membership in the Association shall be as follows, to wit:

\$0 Auxiliary organization - Any State, Regional or National beekeeping organization requesting recognition as such shall submit a request for approval to the Executive Committee.

\$0 Auxiliary member – Any individual who is a member of an auxiliary organization recognized by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI - ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

There shall be an annual convention of The American Honey Producers Association to be held at a time and place as selected by the Executive Committee. At such annual conventions, any and all necessary business on behalf of the Association shall be transacted. At all meetings of the Association, including the annual conventions, and at all meetings of the Directors, such meetings shall be governed by the parliamentary procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII - OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall include a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 1. Voting members in good standing shall be elected to the office of the President and Vice-President from the membership at large by the Board of Directors during the annual convention (*). The terms of their offices shall be for a period of one (1) year or until their successors are chosen and qualify in their stead.

Section 2. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Secretary-Treasurer who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII -PRESIDENT

The president shall be the chief executive officer of the Association. He shall preside at all meetings of the members, Directors, and Executive Committee. He shall have general and acting management of the business of the Association and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the membership, the Directors and Executive Committee are carried into effect.

Section 1. He shall execute bonds, mortgages and other contracts requiring the Seal of the Association and may delegate such authority to Secretary.

Section 2. He shall be ex_officio, a member of all standing committees if any, and shall have general powers duties of supervision and management usually vested in Office of President of an Association.

Section 3. He Shall have authority to cast a vote to break a tie at the membership conventions, at the meetings of the Board of Directors and Executive Committee meetings.

ARTICLE IX VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President shall, in the absence or disability of the President, perform the duties and exercise powers of the President, and shall perform such other duties as the Board of Directors shall prescribe.

ARTICLE X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE-

Section 1. Executive Committee shall consist of the President, immediate Past President, Vice-President and five (5) members of the Board of Directors who shall be elected by Board of Directors. The members of the Executive Committee elected by Board of Directors shall each serve a term of three (3) years and whose terms shall expire as follows:

Positions 1 & 2 begin and end on the same years.

Positions 3 & 4 begin and end one year after Positions 1 & 2

Position 5 begins and ends one year after Positions 3 & 4

Section 2. The election of members to the Executive Committee by Board of Directors shall be from members of the Board of Directors by a nomination committee from floor. Such election shall be conducted pursuant to the producers set forth in Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 3, The Executive Committee shall have the authority to transact all necessary business between annual conventions and Board of Directors meetings, but no action by the Executive Committee shall be contrary to expressed wishes of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Executive Committee shall have the authority to engage the services of a Secretary-Treasurer and define the duties as well as set the salary of such Secretary. The Secretary shall hold office at the discretion of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may appoint such other officers or agents that herein provided for as it may deem necessary. Such appointees shall hold their offices for such terms and shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as shall be determined, from time to time by the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The Executive Committee shall have the authority to choose from its members, those to serve on the board of the "American Honey PAC", a political action committee connected to the American Honey Producers Association. The immediate past president and the treasurer of the Association shall serve as officers on that board.

ARTICLE XI

All officers shall render written and detailed reports of business transacted by them at the annual convention of the membership.

ARTICLE XII AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be altered or amended by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the annual convention; provided that no amendment may be proposed at the annual Convention unless the membership of this organization be given at least thirty (30) days written notice of such proposed amendment. The notice herein provided may be given in Association publication.

Adopted this 24th day of January, 1970,

EH. Adee, President

Attest: Glenn Gibson. Secretary

(*) As amended at Orlando, Florida, January 27, 1982.

Article X. Section I was at Arlington, Virginia, January 30, 1976, to allow voting privileges the Vice-President and the immediate past President in all Executive Committee meetings.

Article X Section 2 was amended at St. Louis, Missouri. February 8, 1979, to simplify the election of the Executive Committee members,

Article V Sections 2 & 3 were amended at Tucson, Arizona, February 10, 1977 at Phoenix, Arizona. January 13. 1983, at Tucson, Arizona, January 13, 1990, at Nashville, Tennessee. January 8, 1992 and at Tucson, Arizona, January 8. 2005, at Tucson, AZ. November 30, 2022, to increase membership dues.

Article IV Section 1. was amended at Tucson, AZ November 30, 2022, to align with increased dues.

Article IV Section 4 and Article VIII. was amended at Tucson, AZ November 30, 2022, by replacing "board" with "directors" for clarification and consistency.

Article X Section 1. amended at Tucson, AZ November 30, 2022, to clarify the election dates for Executive Committee positions 1-5.

Article IV Section 1-4. Amended and Auxiliary membership added at San Antonio, TX December 4, 2025

Article X Section 6. Added at San Antonio, TX December 4, 2025