

# State of the State 2016

Final Presentation

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# My Goals

- Geographically and demographically represent CO beekeepers
- Secure our non-profit status
- Create an organization that was financially stable
- “Brand” the organization
- Position the organization as the authority on bee issues within the state

# Successes!

- The CSBA has members that truly are representative of the State's diverse beekeeping population
- The CSBA's 501c3 status was achieved in 2013 and "officially" achieved in 2014
- The CSBA was composed of 45 or so primarily commercial beekeepers with less than \$1500 in the Treasury
- The CSBA is NOW composed of 1000 or so beekeepers with approx. \$28K in the Treasury

# Successes!

- The CSBA has a logo!
- The CSBA has a Facebook page, a Twitter handle, a website, PayPal and now accepts Square.
- Swarm Hotline
- The CSBA has been active in public policy for the past several years
  - Cottage Industry Bill
  - Pesticide Applicators Act
  - Bee bans / reasonable restrictions
  - Agricultural tax status for bee hives

# Mission Statement (1888)

- Better bee pasture
- More efficient and productive beekeeping methods
- Control poison sprays, diseases and enemies of bees
- For higher prices and more demand for Colorado honey
- Cooperation and understanding among bee people

# Progress on Mission Statement

- **Better Bee Pasture**
  - Forage Committee
    - Pollinator Week Activities
  - Publications
    - Save the Pollinators
    - Inviting Bees to your Property—No Fear of Stings
  - Key role in formation of CO Pollinator Network
    - Work with Federal and State agencies
    - Work with NGO's
    - Work with Corporate Partners

# Progress on Mission Statement

- **More efficient and productive beekeeping methods**
  - Education
    - Speakers over the past 6 years:
      - 2011—Jerry Hayes / Medhat Nasr
      - 2012—Dennis vanEnglesdorp / Diana Sammataro / Allen Dennison
      - 2013—Dewey Caron / Dave Mendes / Scott Hoffman Black (Xerces)
      - 2014—Jim Tew / Katie Lee / Diana Sammataro / Ross Conrad
      - 2015—Maryann Frazier / Jamie Strange / WAS conference\* / Kim Flottum
      - 2016—Vera Krischik / Reed Johnson / Dave Goulson / Keith Delaplane

# \*WAS Conference Speakers

- Headliners
  - Jim Doan
  - Jonathan Lundgren
  - Marla Spivak
  - Mark Winston
- Other Speakers of Note
  - Susan Kegley
  - Elina Lastro Nino
  - Peter Loring Borst
- Supporting Agencies/groups
  - Project Apis M / Pheasants Forever / PPAN / HBHC / PSC / Audubon Society / NHB / CU / CSU



# Progress on Mission Statement

- **More efficient and productive beekeeping methods**
  - Development and implementation of the CSBA Master Beekeeping program
    - Apprentice level
    - Journeyman level
  - CSBA Traveling Road Show
  - Colorado Honey Bee Queen Testing Project
  - Publication “Why Join a Bee Club”
  - Hands-on sessions added to semi-annual meetings
    - Queen marking
    - Mite treatments
    - Queen grafting

# Progress on Mission Statement

- **Control poison sprays, diseases and enemies of bees**
  - Pesticide Applicators Act Sunset Review
    - Reduced sunset review period
    - Addition of beekeeper to the Pesticide Advisory Committee (PAC)
  - Publication
    - How to solve your pest problems without harming pollinators
  - Section 18--Oxalic and Formic Acids, HopGuard

# Progress on Mission Statement

- **For higher prices and more demand for Colorado honey**
  - Actually had to be removed from 501c3 application
  - Price of honey has gone up in 6 years
  - Production of honey has gone down statewide
  - Demand for CO honey is at an all time high
  - Drafted a CO Standard of Identity for Honey
    - Taken up by national associations

# Progress on Mission Statement

- **Cooperation and understanding among bee people**
  - Partial success with formation of a truly statewide association—never could get Western CO and Pikes Peak
  - Monthly newsletter
  - CO Pollinator Network

# Frustrations and Failures

- Website—members only section
- Functional Liaisons
- Functional Committees
- Cooperation and understanding among bee people
  - CPBA

# Challenges Ahead

- Continue to offer / invent services that recruit and retain membership
- AFB / Other health challenges
- MP3
- Mail Chimp conversion / Other technological advances
- Cooperation and understanding among bee people
  - Unity not division

**It has been my pleasure to  
serve the CSBA.**

**Thank YOU for being a member!**