CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The James I. Hambleton memorial award was established by the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to recognize research excellence in apiculture. The EAS Student Apiculture award was established to recognize students studying apiculture at the undergraduate or graduate level in a recognized college or university in the United States or Canada. Each award nomination must include a biographical sketch of the nominee, a list of his/her publications, specific identification of the research work on which the nomination is based and an evaluation and appraisal of the accomplishment of the nominee, especially of work in the last five-year period for Hambleton award nominees (or a shorter period for Student nominees). Two letters of recommendation supporting the nomination are also required.

The Roger A. Morse Outstanding Teaching/Extension Service/Regulatory Award is given annually to recognize an individual in teaching/extension and/or regulatory activity in the field of apiculture. Nominations for this award are welcome from any person in the field of apiculture or may be self-nominating. Nominations shall consist of a letter documenting the achievement of excellence in any or all of the areas of teaching/extension and/or regulatory activities in apiculture. Some indication of the appointment responsibilities should be included. In addition, a suitable CV or resume documenting the activities of the nominee must be submitted.

Nominations are now being accepted for all three awards. The awards for 2009 will be presented at the annual conference of the Society at Holiday Valley, August 5, 2009. Nominations and letters of recommendation should be sent to: Jim Bobb, 2011 Shearer Road, Lansdale, PA 19446 and received no later than April 6, 2009.

Resubmissions from a previous year should be updated if necessary, and a new cover letter should be attached which should indicate that this is a resubmission and relevant data is already in EAS possession.

EAS 2009

Welcome to the 2009 Eastern Apicultural Society Short Course and Conference. The theme of this year’s meeting is TOWARD NON-CHEMICAL BEEKEEPING, a challenge, and a goal for every beekeeper. We have a bunch of extra activities planned to go along with the lectures, workshops and meetings, so please check out the entire schedule to see what we’ve got planned.

Dr. Nick Calderone from New York’s Cornell University in Ithaca has set up the Level Two Short Course with a wide variety of tasks for anybody who wants the next level of experience. Level Two covers a wide variety of subjects, most requiring some background in honey bee biology and beekeeping experience. If you’ve matured to this point, you can see that this is the course for you... and there’s always the fundamentals in Level One you can revisit if you want.

Both levels include a half day tour of Commercial beekeeper Andy Card’s New York headquarters (he keeps 20,000 plus colonies in Mass and MS, too) and extraction and storage facility. It’s not often we get to tour a really big operation and see how they work, and get to listen to how the big guys make it work. Level two has a great cast of instructors... just take a look (page 4)... and you won’t get a chance to listen and learn from a better group this year. Everybody gets the best there is in the EAS Short Course this year... no matter if you’re just starting out, or have been at it quite awhile. Don’t miss our Short Course this time.

On Tuesday evening there will be a Microscopy Workshop sponsored by the Microscope Store. We are bringing in a collection of dissecting microscopes and will spend an evening with Larry Connor and Leslie Huston studying honey bee anatomy, plus other things only a microscope can find. There is an additional charge of $35 to take this exceptional workshop but it will be extraordinary. The class size will be limited to 15. If we have enough interest we will hold additional workshops Wednesday and Thursday early morning.

Our EAS Master Beekeeper Barry Thompson has worked long and hard this year with a challenge from the President to put together a top notch Level One Short Course program. And he’s done an A+ job... He sends along the following...

Ok, so you’ve gotten through the first six months, or three months (depending where you are.) You installed the package successfully, or you have nurtured the nuc through your first season. Now what?

Hone your developing skills as a beekeeper and expand your understanding of beekeeping. Take advantage of the information and practical tips provided by EAS Master Beekeepers in the Level One Beekeeping Short Course, Monday-Wednesday, August 3-5, Ellicottville, NY. Among the topics to be covered are honey harvesting, late summer management, fall treatments, winter preparations, spring build-up and readying one’s bees for the honey flow next spring and summer. Likely instructors include Master Beekeepers: Bob Cole (NC), Rick Cooper (ME), Billy Davis (VA), Anne Frey (NY), Allen Hayes (MD), Pat Haskell (VA),
Potherings from our Chairman...

My term as president of the PA State Beekeepers Association (PSBA) has come to a close and I now better understand and appreciate the need for term limits. I was president for four years and vice president for two years before that. It is time for a change in Pennsylvania and a time for me to focus my efforts in new directions.

Many have asked what I plan to do now in my “retirement.” Scott, a fellow beekeeper, and I have decided to fix up my shed and turn half into a wood shop and the other into an extraction room. We hope to offer the extraction room for new beekeepers to extract honey. We are also planning to raise queens, something that I had started to do before PSBA took up so much of my time.

So, what does this story have to do with EAS? I can find all of the information that I need to expand and explore new areas of beekeeping either at an EAS convention or from fellow EAS members.

Last year, Jennifer Berry gave detailed workshops on grafting and raising queens. This year we will visit Bob Brachmann’s Russian queen breeding operation. Many EAS members also raise queens and are very approachable. Feel free to contact some of our EAS Master Beekeepers for advice on getting started raising queens while you are at the convention.

Have you thought about fabricating your own woodenware? I plan to start offering some custom-made woodenware myself. Dave Peregmon will be happy to discuss his experiences, types of wood to use, box joints, and the cost effectiveness. Beekeepers small and large are always looking for efficiencies to save time and muscles. EAS will visit the commercial operation of Andy Card. Look for ideas that you can use. While visiting a large commercial operation, I discovered a simple setup for labeling jars that I can recreate at home for a cost of less than $5 which will apply each label quickly and uniformly. Ask me in August if I am able to make mine work.

Although pests and diseases are serious problems for the bee industry, my time in April and May is spent managing hives to prevent swarming and maximize honey production. Tom Seeley, who has been studying bee behavior for years at Cornell, will be at EAS as will our 2008 student award winner, Juliana Rangel-Posada, a student of Dr. Seeley’s. Juliana will share her research on swarm behavior.

Finally, if you have questions on building a honey house or setting up an extraction area, Kim Flottum, EAS President, has written a book entitled The Honey Handbook in which he explores different equipment used to extract and process honey from a small operation that fits in a spare bathroom to a stand-alone honey house. For a beer or a nickel, Kim will share his thoughts on processing honey.

Someone asked me what is EAS? EAS is much more than a convention. Come for the speakers, but learn from fellow beekeepers. Many of us have become close friends. EAS is like a family. If you are shy or would like to be introduced to a speaker or other attendee, let me know and I will introduce you. (Warning: Some of those past introductions are now married.)

And now a few words about our EAS finances. The economy of the world has tanked and affected many of our friends, family, and perhaps some of us individually. Factories in PA that supply doors, windows, furniture, and mobile homes closed leaving several of my siblings out of work. EAS has made an effort to keep costs to a minimum this year and still provide a quality convention. Many of my friends will be camping at EAS again this year so consider that as a way to reduce costs. We have made a decision to invite speakers that are more local to keep our costs and fees low. Perhaps the economy will turn around in the next few months but it is prudent for us to be frugal and insure the long term health of our organization. However, as you can tell by the roster of speakers on the program, we will still have a robust convention in Ellicottville.

As for our Honey Bee Research Fund and other dedicated funds, the money is safe. Either by luck or the wisdom of our treasurer, John Tulloch, the EAS Finance Committee has invested our funds in CDs. The value of our funds has not decreased with the market downturn. Many of us now wish we had the foresight to do this with our personal funds. Other charitable institutions that invested their funds in the markets have seen their investments drop considerably. Your EAS funds are safe.

As always, the leadership of EAS is here to serve you. Please contact us with any questions or comments that can make EAS better.
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Brenda Kiessling (VA), Joe Kovaleski (OH), Ray Lackey (NY), Erin MacGregor-Forbes (ME), Carol Mark (KY), Woody Medina (MD), Landi Simone (NJ), Barry Thompson (MD), Bill and Nancy Troup (MD), Kent Willimas (KY) and Ellen Zampino (CT). Plus, there will be Instructors from the Level Two Course assisting in the beeyard. This is a first time ever event for EAS, and it’s going to be the best there is. Come join the fun and get to work with some of the best beekeepers EAS has to offer!

Wednesday is Overlap Day, and everybody gets to share the lineup of great speakers we have on hand. Take a look at Wednesday. And be sure to get a seat, it’ll be crowded in both areas all day on Wednesday. The vendors open up on Wednesday morning so you’ll have an opportunity to visit them all day, which is especially important for our Short Course visitors. And Wednesday evening we’ve got a special treat lined up... Pig Roast and Chicken BBQ out at Andy Card’s Headquarters. It’s rumored there’ll be music and other entertainment out there too, and everybody is invited. Short Course folks – stay another night and mix and mingle with the speakers, the Conference attendees, and the folks from Andy Card’s Merrimack Valley Apiaires for a whole evening. What an opportunity!

The Conference continues on Thursday and Friday, with the double sessions going on in the morning, and beeyard sessions, offsite sessions, workshops, vendors and more all afternoon. There’s more going on than you can do, no matter how hard you try. But we encourage you to try to be in two, or even three places at once. Here’s a thought on economics...share everything with a friend – travel together and split the cost, split a room, attend different short course classes and different Conference lectures and you can share the experiences later...it’ll cut your costs in half, and double your learning and experiences. Check out everything you can do all week long.

As far as where to stay? Holiday Valley (www.HolidayValley.com) is as close as you can get and has all the requirements to make your stay perfect. Your room price includes breakfast every day, and you are close to everything. If that doesn’t suit, there are more than a dozen Bed And Breakfasts within 10 miles of Ellicottville, www.Ellicottvillenyc.com, plus, there are 17 motels within 15 minutes of so of the Conference, plus two camping locations less than 10 miles away and two RV parking spots close by. Add to that the B&Bs, hotels, motels and such within 20 miles of the EAS Conference that will cost less. Check out the nearby cities of Jamestown, Springville, Salamanca, Allegany, Olean, and Cuba for additional places to stay. Find out nearly everything at either of the two web sites mentioned. They have lots of information.

If you choose to stay at the Holiday Valley hotel, you need to call directly for reservations, or better, go to their web site at www.HolidayValley.com for more information. The cost of their rooms is in the range of $160 or so a night, which includes breakfast. Parking is free at the hotel and at the meeting room parking lots.

Conference registration cost is still being refined, but it will be in the $170 range which will include your lunch everyday. As usual, the Pig Roast, BBQ and Banquet will have an additional nominal fee.

Begin your plans now for EAS 2009, August 3-7, 2009 in Ellicottville, NY at the Holiday Valley Conference Center. This summer head toward western New York, and TOWARD NON-CHEMICAL BEEKEEPING.

– Kim Flottum, President 2009

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Divelbiss Award

Each year EAS gives the Divelbiss Award to that person, or husband-wife team, who has – over a period of years – reached the non-beekeeping public to teach about the values of honey bees in our lives.

Each year you are asked to nominate someone, not necessarily from your own state, who would be a candidate for this award. You may wish to announce this award at your local and state organization meetings and in their newsletters. You may wish to inform officers of state and local organizations and request their input.

The nomination is really very easy. Write a letter outlining what the candidate has done in reaching the non-beekeeping public over a period of time. Such groups as 4-H, Scouts, school groups, media interviews, community organizations, Lions, Garden Clubs, county and state fairs, etc., all qualify as non-beekeeping public.

The letter may also include the teaching of beekeeper’s Short Courses and other instructional work toward educating beekeepers and prospective beekeepers. The nominee does not need to be a member of EAS (but we’d be delighted if he/she would join).

Send letter to: Loretta Surprenant, 27 County Home Way, Essex, NY 12936. email: eas@willex.com

Since the award needs to be engraved, the deadline for the nomination is April 15th.

If you have any questions, please give me a call or send me an e-mail.

– Loretta Surprenant, EAS Secretary

Foundation For Honey Bee Research

The EAS Foundation for Honey Bee Research is a competitive grant program developed from donations received from beekeepers and others interested in funding research on topical problems in honey bees. Proposals are solicited annually with award amounts to be determined the spring before the EAS annual meeting. Requests for support for student projects or for equipment/supplies for distinct research projects are given highest priority.

There will be one award for $5000 in 2009. The award will be announced at EAS 2009, but will be available by May 1, 2009. Deadline for application is March 31, 2009.

Please see our website for all of the criteria and process.
## Tentative EAS, 2009 Short Course Schedule

### Monday - Level One

- **Introduction**
- **Session 1**, Summer Management, Removing Honey
- **Session 2**, Extracting and Processing the Crop I
- **Session 3**, Extracting and Processing the Crop II
- **Session 4**, Evaluating Colony Health Before Winter I
- **Session 5**, Evaluating Colony Health Before Winter II
- **Session 6**, Wintering Options I
- **Session 7**, Wintering Options II
- **Evening - Microscopy Session** (still to be scheduled)

### Monday - Level Two

Room 1
- Introduction
- IPM Lab, Nick Calderone
- Bee Breeding, Dave Tarpy
- Honey House, Kim Flottum
- Marketing, Ann Harman
- **Evening - Q&A**

Room 2
- Introduction
- Winter prep N/S, Clarence Collison
- Indoor Wintering, Paul Kozak
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- Winter prep N/S, Clarence Collison
- Bee Breeding, Steve Sheppard

### Tuesday - Level One

- **Session 1** Early Spring Management, Colony Autopsy, Colony Health
- **Session 2**, Swarming, Spring Crops, Varietal Honey
- **Session 3**, Wrap Up, Summary, Q&A
- Andy Card Tour

### Tuesday - Level Two

Room 1
- Mating nucs, Jennifer Berry
- Indoor Wintering, Paul Kozak
- grafting, Dave Tarpy
- Andy Card Tour

Room 2
- Reading Colony, Larry Connor
- Honey House, Kim Flottum
- Marketing, Ann Harman

Room 3
- IPM lab, Nick Calderone
- Evaluating Queens, Clarence Collison
- Marketing, Ann Harman

## Tentative EAS Conference Schedule

### WEDNESDAY CONFERENCE

(Short Course and Conference meet Jointly)

- **Room 1**
  - Kathy Summers, Moderator
  - Tom Seeley, (talk 1)
  - Dave Tarpy, (talk 1)
  - Maryann Frazier, (talk 1)
  - Hambleton Winner, (talk 1)
  - Student 1 (talk 1)
  - Tom Rinderer (talk 2)
  - Alison vanAlten/Tech (talk 1)
  - BBQ supper at Andy Card’s 5:30 – 9:00

- **Room 2**
  - Kim Flottum, Moderator
  - Tom Rinderer, (talk 1)
  - Hambleton Winner (talk 1)
  - Tom Seeley, (talk 2)
  - Student 2 (talk 1)
  - Jennifer Berry (talk 1)
  - Maryann Frazier (talk 2)
  - Larry Connor

### THURSDAY CONFERENCE

- **Room 1**
  - Will Hicks, Moderator
  - Kent Williams
  - Andy Card (talk 1)
  - Bob Brachmann (talk 1)
  - Gary Reuter (talk 1)
  - BBQ and Auction at supper

- **Room 2**
  - Ed Lafferty, Moderator
  - Ross Conrad (talk 1)
  - Student 1 (talk 2)
  - Alison vanAlten (talk 2)
  - Kirk Webster (talk 1)

### FRIDAY CONFERENCE

- **Room 1**
  - Jim Bobb, Moderator
  - Ross Conrad (talk 2)
  - Adam Finkelstein (talk 1)
  - Gary Reuter (talk 2)
  - Tour of Andy Card’s Facility/Workshops
  - Banquet in Evening

- **Room 2**
  - Moderator
  - Gary Shilling (talk 1)
  - Tom Rinderer (talk 1)
  - Student 2 (talk 2)

## Thursday Workshops

The details of our Thursday and Friday Workshop schedules are still be worked out, but we can promise you an excellent set of choices. The hardest part will be deciding which ones you don’t want to miss. We have an amazing list of workshop speakers, some familiar names and others that you may not have heard of yet. In the Summer issue of this Journal we will have a complete schedule for you to start planning which ones you want to attend.

But for now we can tell you our workshop speakers include Paul Kozak, Joanne Thomas, Dave Duncan, Jennifer Berry, Gary Reuter, Tom Seeley, Larry Connor, Maryann Frazier, Claire Waring, Ellen Harnish, Adam Finkelstein, Robert Brewer, Kitty Kiefer, Kent Williams, Peter Seiling, Ross Conrad, Sherry Ferrell and more.

We also have two special treats added to our workshop program this year. On Thursday afternoon you will have the opportunity to visit a pure Russian Breeder Beeyard run by Bob Brachmann. Helping Bob out will be Tom Rinderer, Mike Potoczak and Charlie Harper. While there you can do some mite sampling and diagnosis for *Varroa*, tracheal mites and nosema with the Ontario Tech Transfer Team.

And Friday you’ll have the chance to visit Andy Card’s extracting facility and listen to other talks while you’re there.

As usual, the week will be full. Can’t wait to see you there!
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EAS Auctions

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2009 Honey Show

The typical EAS Annual Show is taking a rest this year. Participation has been considerably down the past couple of years so we’ve decided to scale back and keep it very simple for 2009. We’re only doing the “Black Jar” Class - see below. There will be a $5 entry fee and the winner will receive a ribbon and half of the entry money.

Robert Brewer, EAS Director from Georgia and International Honey Judge will be judging your honey.

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Mass News

The Massachusetts Beekeepers Association 2009 Schedule of events. For more information visit www.massbee.org.

Bee Equipment Irradiation Project - Our annual state irradiation date is March 9th. This is coordinated by county associations and the state association. Interested participants should contact their county club coordinator to signup. This is a way to clean up questionable equipment without using chemical treatments. Alternative to destroying AFB infected equipment.

Spring Meeting March 28th - Topsfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield MA. Opening remarks by Doug Petersen Massachusetts Commissioner of Agriculture Resources, John Burand PhD University of MA. researcher will present information on viruses found in honeybees and native bees in the state, and Jerry Hayes guest speaker Florida Chief Apiary Inspector. Free to members and first-time bee school students. $10.00 for non-members. Lunch (cost is extra) can be ordered in advance. Hosted by the Essex County Beekeepers Association.

4th Annual Field Day June 20th - UMass Agronomy Farm, South Deerfield, MA. A full day of practical demonstrations in all areas of beekeeping. Bring your veil as most presenters will be using live colonies. This event is open to all beekeepers at no charge (must pay for lunch). Lunch can be ordered in advance. Includes topics appropriate for new beekeepers and experienced beekeepers. Hosted by the Franklin County Beekeepers Association.

Fall Meeting October 17th - Leiscester Knights of Columbus, Leiscester, MA. Guest speakers include Marla Spivak, and Heather Mattilla. Free to members of MBA and WCBA. $10.00 for non-members. Lunch ordered in advance. Hosted by the Worcester County Beekeepers Association.

– Dan Conlan, MA Director

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Call to order: Chairman, Jim Bobb called the Eastern Apicultural Society of North America to order at 7:00 p.m. Saturday, October 18, 2008.

Roll Call: In order for a director to be able to vote their State/Provincial dues need to be paid.

Present: Jim Bobb, PA; Kim Flottum, OH; Kathy Summers/Flottum, OH; Loretta Surprenant, NY; John Tulloch, DE; David Peregmon, NJ; Aaron Morris, NY; Barry Thompson, MD, Joe Kovaleski, OH; John Baker, CT; Billy Davis, VA, On Conference Call: Robert Brewer, GA; Carol Cottrill, ME; Steve Genta, SC.

Director’s Absent: Ed Lafferty, RI; Jim Carmack, AL; Kent Williams, KY; Dan Conlon, MA; Gerry Fitzgerald, WVA; Will Hicks, NC; Jim Garrison, TN; Toni Downs, KY; Warren Miller, PA; Warren Seaver, DE; David Morris, MD; Earl Hoffman, MI; Keith Forsyth, ONT.

Guest: Steve & Cindy Mead, Western NY Honey Producers and Bob Brachmann, Commercial Queen Breeder, Western NY Honey Producers. Suzan Kovaleksi, OH.

Secretary’s Report: A motion was made by Kim Flottum and seconded by Barry Thompson that the minutes be accepted with the change of the word compatible to comparable and 11 p.m. to 11 a.m., Barry Thompson, MD/MB filling in for Davis Morris. All board members voted in favor of the motion.

A letter was received from Dave Anthony, President of the MI Beekeepers’ Association canceling its membership in EAS’ as they were not contributing members at this time. Jim Bobb will contact them to find out more information.

David Laney, IN has also resigned.

Treasurer’s Report: The Balance Sheet as of October 13, 2008 showed total liabilities and equity of $166,014.81. Income January-December 2008 showed $40,974.03. We have not received the final bill from Murray State as of yet. A motion was made by David Peregmon and seconded by Joe Kovaleksi to accept the report pending audit. All board members voted unanimously in support of the motion.

John Tulloch major concern is how this current crisis in the financial markets will effect EAS’ finances. John contacted Edward Jones representative and asked about the safety of EAS’ CDs. The CDs are insured by the government and that was confirmed and the amount increased by the bill congress passed to help stabilize the markets. What could be in jeopardy was the interest payment.

Past President’s Report EAS 2008: Kim Flottum reported that he had spoke with Kent Williams and said that the financial report would reflect how well they did. We are still waiting for the final bill. The Board stated it was a great conference. Kent Williams and the KY beekeepers did a great job.

Past Chairman’s Report: Kim Flottum reported that the Policy and Procedure Manual (P&P) was now electronic and should go on the website. The P&P has two components: It furnished examples of documents, letters, invitations, nominations, requests and the like for reference when new Directors, Committee Chairs, Executive Committee members come on board, or undertake chores with which they are not familiar. The second component is comprised of a series of guidelines, job descriptions and the like. These are, for the most part, the required instructions referenced in the Constitution and Bylaws. Volume 1.0 was presented to the Board. When changes are made at any meeting, results and comments are to be recorded in dated entries by the Secretary, noting what provision of the past P&P was changed, the new provision, and a link to the meeting minutes that contain the discussion leading to the change.

One item that the P&P should contain, but no references to it being required, is a table of contents, and if the Board of Directors feels it necessary a glossary. Time table: hoping to have things entered by the end of the year and on the website by the Spring meeting.

President’s Report EAS 2009 NY: to be held at the Holiday Valley Conference Center in Ellicottville, NY August 3-9, 2009. Bee Culture will be the first sponsor for the EAS short course and conference that is not a state beekeeping group. The Conference Center will supply rooms and meals as a package for a registrant rather than EAS registration dealing with the details. Will focus on commercial beekeeping, Russian bees and harvesting. There is lots of sightseeing in the area.

There will be no Honey Show this year. Jim Bobb and Joe Kovaleski felt the Honey Show should be up to the state hosting the Conference. This year an alternate Beer and Mead Show will be presented giving the Honey Show a rest.

A motion was made by Billy Davis and seconded by Dave Peregmon that we forgo the Honey Show for this conference and investigate what kind of promotion we can do to get more people involved in the Honey Show. All voted in favor of the motion but two.

Robert Brewer asked to be on a committee to review the Honey Show for future years.

There will be two levels of beekeeping. The Advanced Bee Class headed up by Kim Flottum and Nick Calderone with the beginners session spearheaded by Clarence Collison, Barry Thompson and the Master Beekeepers. A tour of Bob Brackmann’s Queen Breeding and Andy Card’s Honey House will be part of the activities.

The board toured the facilities prior to the meeting. John Baker felt it would be crowded for eating and meeting. Kim stated that they would have 1½ hours to clean up from the meal. Meal counts needed to be given two weeks in advance. They have about 102 rooms blocked off with a deadline date for release. There are also condos available that are not air-conditioned. The cancellation policy will be strict and will be spelled out in the Journal.

The budget was presented based upon 325 people including speakers and vendors. Base cost for the room is $129 + tax and a big breakfast bringing the total to around $160. Lunch will be included in the registration cost. The board brought up the issue of Holiday Valley charging the charge card right away. Kim and Kathy will work on this.

Chairman’s Report: Jim Bobb reported on the following:

HAS: Jim Bobb wrote a letter to Tom Webster and Phil Craft stating that we will try not to have our meeting too close to each other and we try to do some joint things together such as a joint scholarship. Joe Kovaleski stated that Jim Bobb’s letter was an excellent one.

Speakers Fund Update: Jim Bobb stated that the Chester County Beekeepers and Longwood Gardens would donate money to the Speakers Fund along with Jeff Pettis. Jim Bobb donates his speaker’s compensation to the EAS’ speaker fund. This Fund is to be used to offset conference expenses. Jim Bobb and John Tulloch will work out the details on how the funds will be distributed.

EAS Education & Outreach Committee: At the EAS Summer Board of Directors Meeting a motion was made that an Education & Outreach Committee be formed to assess and document the education resources currently available to member state and local organizations and to document areas where resources are lacking and prepare a proposal for EAS to meet those needs. At that time, Jim Bobb handed out the Education and Training Sur-
ve to state directors due back by September 15, 2008. He requested that if you did not send in the survey that you do so.

Sites:

EAS 2010: will be held at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC, August 1-7, 2010. A site inspection is needed.

EAS 2011: Ed Lafferty, RI was not able to attend. Kim Flottum reported that they had a committee formed and feel overwhelmed. EAS will do most of the work. A site inspection is still needed.

EAS 2012: We are waiting for Virginia to resubmit their invitation for 2012.

Committees:

Editorial Report: Kathy Summers reported that she was working with Rick Hough on the electronic newsletter and things were going well. Kathy stated that Rick was doing exceptionally well with his cancer treatments and that he was at home. Because of all of Rick’s dedicated service to keeping our website updated, a motion was made by Kathy Summers and seconded by Kim Flottum to pay for Rick’s expenses to EAS 09. All voted in favor of the motion.

Membership: Brouchers: There will be a brochure for EAS 09 after the first of the year.

Renewals: John Tulloch stated that this year we took a more aggressive approach to the membership renewal. Renewal notices went out in September and thus far we have had nearly 100 renewals. We will repeat the solicitation after the first of the year. Approximately 600 notices were sent out. We currently have 547 members.

Corporate Membership: Kim Flottum stated that we need to begin the program by approaching corporations, and setting fees. John Tulloch feels that we need to spell out the Rights and Privileges of a Corporate Membership by the Spring EAS Board Meeting.

Non-Renewal List: The board decided to send the non-renewal list out (February 2009) after the January billing.

Master Beekeepers: Barry Thompson reported that some Master Beekeepers wanted compensation for teaching the Short Course class while others did not. Barry asked for those MBs attending the Fall EAS Board Meeting to state how they felt. Joe Kovaleski felt that no compensation should be given because we need to put forth some of our efforts. Aaron Morris felt that compensation was vague and a grey area, therefore, MB should be compensated in the same manner. Billy Davis felt that he would not have been able to participate in the workshop had he not been compensated. He feels that he volunteers enough and it would help if he could be compensated.

Kim Flottum offered no charge for registration for the Short Course if you teach the short course and in return you would be able to attend everything else for free. John Tulloch felt the board needs to make it clear what the compensation was going to cover. Barry Thompson asked that the topic be tabled.

Master Beekeepers Exam: Barry Thompson stated that we now have two new MBs. They are trying to find out who the active MBs are and hoping to have the first MB’s newsletter out before the Annual Meeting.

Barry Thompson stated that one person challenged the grading of their MB exam. Jim Bobb responded to the applicant by referring the situation back to the MBs. The board felt the final decision rested with the MBs.

Awards: The Student Award, J.J. Hambleton, Roger A. Morse/Weiss Teaching, Extension and Regulatory Award and Divelbiss Award will all be sent out the first of the year.

Foundation for Honey Bee Research: There is about $61,000 in the HBR fund. Dave Tarpy was not able to attend but put forth a written motion which was seconded by Aaron Morris that $5000 be awarded to the HBR winner at EAS 09. All voted in favor of the motion.

Web Link for HBR: Kim Flottum will work out the details on how the HBR and Speaker Funds can be on the Website.

CCD: The HB Foundation awarded ($5000) to Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD) grant to the Penn State University team of Dennis vanEnglesdorp and Diana Cox-Foster. The money has now been used up.

Resolutions: Aaron Morse stated that Toni Downs and Tammy Horn presented a great resolution at EAS 08. Resolutions will be presented at EAS 09.

Historian: The Historian report is due at EAS 09 NY.

Life Members: Aaron Morris stated that two more Life Members came in. John Tulloch stated that there are 547 members with 225 being Life Members. We need to know where we are financially so we know if we have to take money from the Life Membership Fund.

Endowment Fund: John Tulloch stated that we need another source of revenue and endowments are a good place to start. He was hoping to be able to bring the Edward Jones Investment people to the next board meeting if held in West Chester, PA.

Nominations: Ann Harman has stepped down as the Nominating Chairperson. An official letter must be submitted from each state nominating their candidate for director to the EAS board.

The following nominations are needed: President 2010; Vice President: 2011; Master Beekeeper

Director Nominations: GA, OH, ONT, PA, SC, VA

Vacant states: NH, MS, VT, WI, LA, IL, IN, MI

Vacant Provinces: Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, PEI.

Website: Aaron Morris reported that he went to outside people to look at the website. We need to define to the public who don’t know us who we are. He stated that he was surprised as to how fast the info was put on. Aaron encouraged the board to check the website to see what is missing.

Old Business:

Conference Call/Teleconferencing: EAS was using the Conference call at this meeting. All they needed to do was call the Holiday Valley number along with the code number. Carol Cottrill, Steve Genta and Robert Brewer participated in the Conference call. The participants said it was hard to hear as it kept cutting out. Loretta Surprenant will contact the other Board Members who said they wanted to be part of the Conference call but was not to see why they did not take part in the call.

Young Beekeeper’s Award: At the EAS Summer Meeting in KY, approval was given to set up a young beekeepers award with criteria to be decided. An exploratory committee consisting of Billy Davis, Dave Peregmon and Brenda Kriselling was set up. Billy Davis and Brenda Kriselling interviewed several Young Beekeepers and they will have a recommendation as to how it will be administered.

New Business: Next Tentative EAS Board Meeting: March 7, 2009 at the North & South Carolina Meeting in Charlotte, NC.

Adjugment: A motion was made by Aaron Morris and seconded by John Baker to adjourn at 10:20 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by: Loretta Surprenant
EAS Secretary
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News • Events • Gossip From The EAS Beeyard

EAS belongs to most of our region’s State Associations in order to keep up with what’s going on in the Colonies. If we don’t yet belong to your Association contact Loretta so we can sign up. And, send your newsletter to our Editor so we can keep up.

**The CT Beekeepers Association** will hold its Spring meeting April 4 at the CT Ag Experiment Station, 123 Huntington Ave., New Haven. The speakers, all from the Station, will cover Beekeeping in CT, Honey Bee Health and AFB, and Pesticides and Honey Bees.

Their Picnic and Field Day will be held on Saturday, June 13th at the Station’s Lockwood Farm in Hamden. See [www.ctbees.com](http://www.ctbees.com) for further details.

**The Heartland Apicultural Society (HAS)** will host their annual conference July 9-11, 2009 in Oberlin, Ohio. Please visit [www.heartlandbees.com](http://www.heartlandbees.com) for more details.

**Cornell Honey Bee Collection**

With support of EAS and several U.S. Beekeeper organizations, Cornell University’s Mann Library announces that the first 20 volumes of the AMERICAN BEE JOURNAL are now online in the Hive and the Honey Bee Collection of historical beekeeping materials ([http://bees.library.cornell.edu](http://bees.library.cornell.edu)). This is a continuation of the Library’s effort to make available online rare beekeeping books/Journals.

This effort to compliment the Hive and the Honey Bee digitization program with early ABJ journals began two years ago. With matching funds from the Library preservation program, an additional 20 volumes of the ABJ are also being copied and visitors to the online site should be able to view the full 40 earliest volumes of ABJ online (1861-1884) by spring 2009.

*ABJ* is the first English language journal in the beekeeping field. Early editions, started/initially edited by Samuel Wagner of York PA, include articles by L.L. Langstroth, Henry Alley, Moses Quimby and A.I. Root. Observations on Chinese honey harvest methods and tips on the value of wild onions and other herbs as bee plants are two examples of the material covered. “These early volumes are a treasure trove of often beautifully illustrated details on the theory and practice of 19th century American beekeeping” according to Evelyn Ferretti, Mann Library’s public programs administrator.

The Hive and the Honeybee is a free, full-text archive of selected rare works from the E.F. Phillips Collection, one of the world’s most comprehensive apicultural libraries. The site also offers more than 30 key historical monographs, including L.L. Langstroth’s original *The Hive and the Honeybee* plus classics such as the 1863 edition of Charles Butler’s *The Feminine Monarchie* and Samuel Hartibs *The Reformed Commonwealth of Bees*, published in 1855. —Denny Carr
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