Greetings from Rhode Island!

Beaches, Quahogs & Beekeeping. We’re snowed in, but looking forward to our Summer sunshine and EAS 2011. All kinds of Rhode Island charm, hospitality and enthusiasm await you when you spend the week with us. We’re thinking big and getting ready and hoping for the biggest EAS attendance yet. Our surrounding states are supporting us and we may have many commuting daily for the festivities.

We already have an excellent group of prominent speakers lined up for our beekeeping inspiration (see inside for more on this). The Crowne Plaza Hotel has the same amount of excitement as we do. The folks there are really looking forward to having us.

In addition to the traditional beginning bee school classes, the short course will have a “Business of Beekeeping” series. There are lots of hands-on workshops planned for the Beeyard, with RI Bee Wrangler, Jeff McGuire. Look forward to our Wednesday trip to the Roger Williams University Shellfish Hatchery Lab with a tour by the lab’s manager, our own Rhode Island beekeeper, Karin Tammi. This lovely campus overlooks the bay and will be sure to cool us off on a sultry Summer’s eve. We’ll then head over the Mount Hope Bridge for a barbecue and clambake in nearby historic Middletown. We have plans for daily raffles and the biggest auction yet on Thursday evening. Our vendor exhibit will feature all of the familiar bee suppliers along with local artisans with their crafts, wares and products. Rhode Island Beekeeper and longtime EAS member Betty Mencucci will head up vendor coordination. Rhode Island Beekeeper Bonnie Frechette has plans in the works for a Friday Farmer’s Market so you can bring home New England farm products. We are looking forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones.

See you in July!

Ed Lafferty
EAS RI Director

Award Nominations For Hambleton Memorial; Roger Morse Outstanding Teaching/Extension Service/Regulatory; Student Apiculture

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 2011 will be presented at the annual conference of the Society at Providence, Rhode Island, July 25-29, 2011. Nominations and letters of recommendation should be e-mailed to AwardNomination@easternapiculture.org and received no later than April 4, 2011.

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.

Jim Bobb
EAS Chairman Of The Board

HAMBLETON AWARD RECIPIENTS
1973 Rolf Boch
1974 Norman Gary
1975 Basil Furgala
1976 Walter Rothenbuhler
1977 Samuel McGregor
1978 Hachiro Shimanuki
1979 S. Cameron Jay
1980 Jonathan White
1981 Elton Herbert
1982 Thomas Rinderer

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Hello everyone! I hope you enjoyed your holiday season and are looking forward to spring. I know I am. It's been a long, cold, snowy winter in Ohio. We were able to get in the bees last Thursday before it started snowing again. Right now we have five out of seven hives alive plus two nucs on the front porch that are doing quite well. So all in all not too bad. Of course we still have at least a month and a half of potential winter here in the Midwest.

There's lots to talk about this time - EAS 2011, the Secretary's position, a new Treasurer, EAS 2012 - so I'll try and cover it all in the space I have.

EAS 2011 is fast approaching, especially since we are a week earlier than the last several years. The dates are July 25-29, Providence RI at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. This venue is similar to Seven Springs in PA and Holiday Valley Resort in NY. Everything with the exception of the beeyard is in one location. Everett Zurlinden is our President this year and has a team of very excited RI folks that are working hard to give us an exceptional conference.

The Crowne Plaza is about five miles away from the Providence airport and the shuttle from the hotel gets you there in about five minutes - 10 if there is traffic. I flew to Providence for our Fall Board meeting and took the shuttle just to see how it worked. When you come to the baggage area you'll see a courtesy/information desk. You need to go there and they will call the shuttle for you, then you go outside where it is covered in case of rain and wait for bus which takes you right to Crowne Plaza. Rumor has it there will be an AmTrak stop at the airport by this summer.

The hotel rooms are very nice and the staff at Crown Plaza were exceptionally nice to us. There are a couple of restaurants in the hotel, but lots of local restaurants to try. If you come in on Sunday or Monday we don't have an evening meal planned so we urge you to try something local.

The cost of the hotel rooms is $119/night and you can call and make your reservation right now. We urge you to call soon. Be sure to mention EAS and beekeepers so you get the discounted rate. The number to call is 401.732.6000 and you can find out more about the hotel at their website www.crowneplaza.com.

Kim Flottum is heading up our program for Short Course Level II and the Conference (see page 6 for more on that) and Brenda Kiessling is organizing Short Course Level I with our Master Beekeepers as the teachers.

Chairman Jim Bobb and I are planning the workshop activities for Thursday and Friday. We are going to have at least an afternoon on Apitherapy and maybe a whole day. We will have beeyard activities, beekeeping, plants, crafts, creamed honey, and much more. Look in your spring journal and on the web page for a more detailed program.

The Board is excited about EAS 2011 and hope you are too. We are working on the budget and meals and all of the details it takes to make it work. I can tell you now that Breakfast and Lunch will be included in your registration. So even if you stay off site or camp or commute you'll still be able to get the meals at the hotel. By the next Journal we'll have all the pricing for you, hopefully on the web page even sooner. We're very close to having all the numbers worked out. As with every conference we hold at a Conference Center it will be a little pricier than a college campus. But you're not sleeping on a plastic mattress and sharing a bathroom in a dorm. So it's always a toss up. The conference centers offer everything in one location and more comfortable accommodations. College campuses are cheaper but all spread out and usually more walking and college food, which isn't always bad. Please know that we who have to work out the numbers always do our best to keep costs reasonable and at the same time offer you top notch speakers, workshops, and a comfortable place to be.

2011 Annual Show - If you look at the Show Rules in this issue on page 7, you'll notice there are fewer categories than in the past. In looking at all of the numbers over the past few years we've found that some categories are just not popular any longer and some have become very popular over the last few years. The interest in the Photography category has greatly increased. So for this year we've scaled back to the most popular categories. This is not necessarily a permanent change, but a change for this year. We will reevaluate and possibly bring back some of the other categories in the future. Please read the rules over closely if you plan on entering the contest.

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so there is no confusion when you arrive.

EAS 2012 - President Bill Mares and his team are going strong on getting their speakers lined up and working with The University of Vermont in Burlington. We'll be going there next month to visit the campus and see the town. The dates for that conference are August 13-17, 2012. Mark your calendars.

EAS 2013 and Beyond - States that are lining up as possible EAS Conference sites are New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia. We're always looking ahead, so if you have a strong group in your state that would love to have EAS in their backyard please let us know. The board is always ready to help in providing guidance, volunteers and lots of help. How about some of the southern states. We need to get back down south in the next few years. Think about it.

Secretary - As mentioned in the Fall Journal we are in need of a Secretary for EAS. Loretta Suprenant has been our secretary for as long as I've been with the Society and for several years before that. She is ready for a break and will be retiring from this position. Her term is up this year - 2011. So far we don't have any candidates for this position. Although we will miss Loretta tremendously, she deserves a rest. I'm sure there is someone in our organization that is thinking about this position. We need you to raise your hand now. If you think you might be interested please contact Loretta, Jim Bobb or myself and we can let you know exactly what is involved. This is a paid position. You won't get rich, but you will be compensated.

Treasurer - We do have a candidate for our Treasurer's position. John Tulloch's term is up in 2012. Our candidate for treasurer is Greg Fariss. Greg and his wife Susan have been with EAS for several years and last year they were our vendor coordinators in NC at Boone. Greg will be working with John over the next year and getting a handle on how the system works. John not only manages our finances, but keeps track of memberships and works each year on the budget for the current conference. So there is a lot to learn. We appreciate Greg stepping forward for this challenge. And John we thank you for your years of service to EAS. We'll miss you!

We have a new webmaster managing our website. His name is David Meldrum from Massachusetts. If you haven't visited there lately I encourage you to do so. David has made some changes and updates. We're excited about having David on board.

Rick Hough has been our webmaster for many years and has done an excellent job for us. Rick has been with EAS for even longer than that. We haven't seen Rick in a while. His life has gone in a different direction. He is living in New Hampshire now, so maybe we'll see him this year or next since we're close to his area. Thank you so much Rick for all you've done for EAS. Rick is an EAS Life Member and Master Beekeeper. Hope to see you soon, Rick.

We hope to have a very special attendee at this year's conference. When we visited Providence this past fall for our site visit and board meeting, we ran into an old EAS friend, Don Chirnside. For those of you have been around for awhile you may remember Don was our ‘Treasurer for many years prior to John taking over. Don lives right there locally and we have invited him to come and visit his old beekeeping friends. So please say hi to Don and make him feel welcome. It was a real treat to see him and his wife Joan.

Well, I'm out of space. Please make your plans as soon as possible, call Crowne Plaza today and visit their website so you can see what a beautiful place it is.

Hope to see you all there. Have a great summer. Enjoy your bees.

Kathy Summers
Vice Chairman & Editor

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Winter, 2011
The following is a copy of an email I sent to Massachusetts State and County Presidents, Officers and Board members. I had asked that each county contribute to the EAS Foundation for Honey Bee Research. The financial award in recent years has been $5000. My last report from EAS Treasurer, John Tullock, was that Massachusetts contributions had passed $4000. As the state’s President I am pleased at the positive response to this appeal for donations, and extremely proud to find Massachusetts beekeepers (yes those frugal yankee traders) understand the value of investing in research and researchers. The Foundation has value beyond the financial award that makes it worth every beekeeper’s support. It is an investment in all our beekeeping future.

I hope each of you will consider sending a donation to the research foundation. Massachusetts has covered the funding this year, but we need to build this to a sustainable level with the eventual goal of investments earning enough to fund the annual award. EAS and its programs are an investment in beekeeping. A contribution from each of us will protect that investment.

This is a direct request for donations to the EAS Foundation for Honey Bee Research or more specifically to fund the annual awards as decided by the EAS awards committee. I have pasted the list of past recipients and the projects they were working on when they received the award. As you can see the topics were and still are relevant to all beekeepers, the recipients are well known to many of us, and the amount of money is only a small part of the cost of their research. Receiving this award supports the work and provides additional encouragement for future grants to continue the research and help the researcher.

EAS established this award with the idea that our organization should contribute money for worthy projects, and recognize those individuals that contribute to the improvement of beekeeping and our understanding of the honeybee. In many ways this sends a very clear message that we value the work and the individuals with our public recognition and thanks. In the world of research recognition is extremely important as funding is competitive and limited. Having an organization like EAS endorse a project and its contributors is often far more important than the cash award.

So here’s the pitch. This award is funded by a small endowment and the annual contributions made directly to the Honey Bee Research Foundation. Donations come from individuals, and clubs (Barnstable County & MBA have sent regular contributions) and this year we fell short of the required $5,000. that was approved. Neither the current level of investment or the donations is keeping up with amount to continue the award at the current funding level. Yes we can lower the amount of the award, or as I would prefer strengthen its value by soliciting more contributions and eventually offering a more substantial award. Look at the titles to these projects and tell me we do not all benefit from this research. It deserves our support and is one the best ways to help honey bees and beekeepers.

Massachusetts beekeepers have been important leaders and contributors to EAS since it was first founded. The growth and success of EAS has been influenced by a number of past Massachusetts bee folk, and I would like to think we will continue to be important to the organizations future.

With that said I would like each county to contribute $100. (or more) to the research foundation with a goal of $1000. or 20% of the national contribution to come from Massachusetts. It would be wonderful if this ended up on your budget as an annual contribution. I would love to be able to challenge other EAS directors to match us for donations. I consider this a modest amount for most organizations and as many of our clubs are non-profit this is an appropriate use of our money. I will sweeten the deal by pledging $250.00 from Warm Colors Apiary, leaving $750.00 for the counties and state to donate. Bring this up at your next business meeting.

Best in beekeeping,

Dan Conlon
EAS Director

President, MA Beekeepers Association

EAS Foundation For Honey Bee Research Awards History

1994 Diana Sammataro and Glen Needham, Ohio State Univ. $1200 – “Acarapis woodi and the effects of vegetable oil on its movements”

1994 Cynthia Scott Dupree, University of Guelph, Ontario $850 – “Potential transmission of honey bee viruses by acarapis woodi”

1995 Award: None

1996 Gard Otis, University of Guelph, Ontario $1500 – “The selection of varroa resistance in honey bees based upon the development period of all bee castes”

1996 Scott Camazine, Penn State University $1500 – “Monitoring, mapping and management of insects affecting vegetable crops”

1997 Diana Sammataro, Ohio State University $2000 – “Efficacy and effect on essential oils for controlling parasitic bee mites”


1998 Award: None

1999 Award: None


2001 Keith Delaplane, University of Georgia $5000 – “Putting it all Together: Using IPM Strategies to keep Varroa Mites below Economic Threshold”.

2002 Mike Hood, Clemson University $5000 – “Economic Threshold of Mites”

2003 Marla Spivak and Abdullah Ibrahim, University of Minnesota $5000 – “Honey Bee Mechanisms of Resistance to Disease and the Parasitic Mite Varroa destructor”

2004 Tom Webster, Kentucky State University $5000 – “Evaluation of Screened bottom broods for showing development of acaricide resistance in varroa mites”

2005 Heather Mattila and Gard Otis, Guelph Univ. $5000 – “The effects of pollen supplements and shortages

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1983 Thomas Gochnauer
1984 Roger Morse
1985 Alfred Dietz
1986 Eric Erickson
1987 Martha Gilliam
1988 Robert Page
1989 No Award (No conference)
1990 Christine Peng
1991 Anita Collins
1992 Mark Winston
1993 Gene Robinson
1994 Thomas Seeley
1995 William Wilson
1996 John Harbo
1997 Walter S. Sheppard
1998 Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman
1999 Gard W. Otis
2000 No Award (No nominations)
2001 No Award (No nominations)
2002 Orley ‘Chip’ Taylor
2003 Marla Spivak
2004 Jeff Pettis
2005 Stanley Schneider
2006 Keith Delaplane
2007 Greg Hunt
2008 Zachary Huang
2009 No Award (No nominations)
2010 David Tarpy

STUDENT AWARD RECIPIENTS
1979 Mark Winston, Univ of KS*
1980 Richard Nunnemaker, U of WY
1981 Osman Kaftanoghu, U of CA
1982 Alan Bolton, University of FL
1983 G. de Grandi-Hoffman, MI State
1984 No Award
1985 Gene Robinson, Cornell Univ.*
1986 Daniel Pesante, Louisiana State
1987 Robert Danka, Louisiana State
1988 Michael Smirle, Simon Fraser
1989 No Award, (No conference)
1990 Jeff Pettis, Texas A&M*
1991 Ken Naumann, Simon Fraser
1992 Ernesto Guzman-Novoa, U of CA
1993 Lilia de Guzman, LA State
1994 Tanya Pankiw, Simon Fraser
1995 Diana Sammataro, Ohio State
1996 Tugrul Giray, Univ of IL, Urbana
1997 Elizabeth Capaldi, MI State Univ
1998 Michael Stanghellini, NC State
1999 No Award (No nominations)
2000 No Award (No nominations)
2001 Paula A. Macedo. Univ of NE
2002 David Schultz, Univ of Illinois
2003 Heather Mattila, Univ Of Guelph
2004 Selim Dedej, Univ Of Georgia
2005 Lora Morandin, S. Fraser Univ
2006 Shelley Hoover, S. Fraser Univ
2007 Nick Aliano, Univ of NE, Lincoln
2008 Geoff Williams, Acadia Univ, NS
2009 Reed Johnson, University of IL
2010 No Award
*Mark Winston, Hambleton, 1992
Gene Robinson, Hambleton, 1993
Jeff Pettis, Hambleton Award, 2004

ROGER MORSE TEACHING/EXTENSION/REGULATORY AWARD
2000 James Tew, The Ohio State Univ
2001 Dewey Caron, University of De
2002 Michael Burgett, Or State Univ
2003 Malcolm Sanford, U of Fl, Ret.
2004 Don Dixon, Provincial Apiarist, Manitoba Canada
2005 Marion Ellis, Ext. Specialist, Univ. Nebraska
2006 Tony Jadczak, Apiary Inspector, Maine
2007 Clarence Collison, Extension, Mississippi State
2008 Robert Berthold, De Valley, Retired
2009 William Michael Hood, Clemson University
2010 Dennis vanEngelsdorp, Pa Dept of Agriculture

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Winter, 2011
The EAS Annual Short Course has something for everybody this year, from just starting out to seasoned veteran. And with more than 20 speakers you’ll get experience and skills from all over the map.

The Focus for Level 1 this time is From Now to Next Year, We’ll Cover It All. Designed by more than a dozen EAS Master Beekeepers the program covers from right now – the end of July – to a year from now.

• You’ll experience everything you need to know to make it through harvest this summer,
• How to prepare for winter, and of course how to successfully overwinter will get you started.
• Plus, you’ll find out all about diseases and what to do before they get to be a problem with good IPM and management
• Then moving into spring and what bees eat
• How to prevent swarming by making splits and nucs, and how to increase your colonies for healthy growth
• Then, there’s all the ins and outs of the specialties of summer management to make honey and keep bees healthy plus some thoughts on urban beekeeping which is certainly a hot topic right now
• You’ll finish up with handling your harvest, marketing the crop and some ideas for labels and other promotion.

How the EAS Master Beekeepers can cram a whole year into two days is a feat you need to experience to believe, but if you’re at the stage where getting through the rest of this year is still a bit of a mystery, and next year an adventure yet to be…consider the EAS Level 1 Short Course this year…From Now To Next Year, We’ll Cover It All!

The EAS Level 2 Short Course this year is specially designed for beekeepers thinking of expanding their operations…from tiny to a bit larger, or from large to really big…we have ideas and practices to put to good use.

The focus of this year’s event is Growing Your Business, Going From Hobby To Hard Work. Bees put food on the table of everyone of our speakers in Level 2…some are queen or nuc producers, some sell supplies, some shuffle packages and queens as a middleman, plus we have honey producers, migratory pollinators, researchers who work with the business side of bees, comb honey producers and those in the business of promotion.

In two days we’ll cover nearly every way there is to make a buck with bees, show some of the pitfalls to avoid, highlight some of the tricks you can use, and how to end up with more money than you started with…there’s an old saying that goes…there’s a lot of money in bees, and most of it is yours. We’ll show you how to turn that around.

The Wednesday Extravaganza is worth the whole week we think…it’s the last day of the Short Course and the first day of the Conference, so there’s more beekeepers in the place than you can imagine. Wednesday is when we start the double sessions that go on the rest of the week. You’ll have to pick and choose because you won’t get to see everything. Bring a friend and split the difference and share the knowledge later if you can. And the Vendors show up on Wednesday, too, so check out everything they have to offer, when you have the time.

Wednesday starts with Randy Oliver, Commercial Beekeeper, Pollinator, Researcher and contributor to the American Bee Journal on all aspects of Honey Bee Health. Randy is followed by Dave Mendes, Commercial beekeeper, Dick Rogers from Bayer and Jessica Lawrence from Eurofins Research, plus Mike Palmer, Cindy Bee, Dan O’Hanlan, Diana Sammarota, Maria Marchese and Jeremy Wagnitz. The rest of the week we have Jeff Pettis, Christi Heintz, our Hambleton Award Winner, and our Student winner from last year Mike Goblsrch. Jennifer Berry, Paul Arnold, Dave Tarpy and Everett Zurlindin, our 2011 EAS President round out a very full week.

All of these folks are focusing on “Practical Beekeeping”, looking at all aspects of what beekeepers need to know to keep bees healthy, and beekeepers wealthy and wise.

One thing you’ll want to check out for sure is the microscopy session this year. Dr. Paul Arnold, from Young Harris College in Young Harris Georgia is holding two pollen identification workshops…one on Thursday and one on Friday afternoon. Participation is limited, so if identifying your varietal honey is important you’ll want to be a part of this special session. Watch the Spring journal for more information on this.

There’s lots more for sure elsewhere in the Journal, but the Program is always important, and this year is no different. . . . A Beginner’s Bonanza and Building Your Business in the Short Course, and some of the most up-to-date information on Practical Beekeeping you can imagine all the rest of the week.

And we haven’t even mentioned the special events we have planned in the BeeYard. Stay tuned for a real special show, this summer, in Rhode Island. You don’t want to miss it.

Kim Flottum, 2011 Program Chair
2011 EAS ANNUAL SHOW RULES

Please look these rules over thoroughly. You’ll notice there have been some major changes for this year. The categories are limited this year to our most popular ones.

THE PURPOSE OF THE EAS COMPETITIVE SHOWS IS TO PROVIDE A COMPETITIVE FORUM DIRECTED TOWARD IMPROVEMENT OF THE PRODUCTS OF BEEKEEPING. THIS POLICY STATEMENT IS INTENDED TO ESTABLISH GUIDELINES TO CLEARLY DEFINE THE RULES/STANDARDS FOR YOU TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL. As the show is to be a competition, it is fundamental that all participants know in advance the judging criteria for each class and follow the rules herein.

The Honey Show Committee is responsible for drafting policies, rules and judging criteria and for disseminating information. Judges will adhere to the Committee’s policies and rules. Annually, the committee will be responsible for:
1. Allocating space for the show and arranging entries.
2. Compliance with show rules and judging criteria.
3. Obtaining qualified judges.
4. Cooperating with EAS Treasurer in obtaining awards.
5. Accepting entries and opening show at a predetermined, published time.
6. Within three weeks following the Show, fill out a yearly comparison sheet and make recommendations for future shows.
7. Record all Blue Ribbon winners for the EAS Journals.

The Honey Show judging criteria are designed to reflect the skill of the participant. For example, taking off seasonal and plant specific honey is best illustrated by honey color and flavor. Alteration of either color or flavor in handling or preparation of the entry by the beekeeper will adversely affect the score. Honey Show judges may be professors of apiculture, or students of apiculture under a professor’s supervision or blue-ribbon winners of local, state and/or regional honey shows, or Professionals judging in their fields, such as crafts, mead or cooking. Judges must completely fill out a score card for each entry. If an entry is disqualified, the reason for disqualification must be stated on the score card. Judges should make comments on score cards in order to help the exhibitor improve. Judges must break all ties.

DISCLAIMER: The score cards and entries are the property of the exhibitor. Although EAS will exercise all due care in judging and displaying entries, exhibitors enter items at their own risk. If possible, judges may hold an open session to answer exhibitors’ questions after the show is opened to the public.

GENERAL SHOW RULES
1. All entrants MUST BE current dues-paying members of the Eastern Apicultural Society. If NOT registered for the current conference proof of current paid dues status must be submitted at the time of making entries.
2. Only one entry in each class may be made by an individual family, or that individual’s family, or that individual’s apiary.
3. Separate section or class rules will apply.
4. Identifying labels on the entries are forbidden.
5. The exhibitor must choose which classes to place entries in. Judges may adjust classes at their discretion.
6. Entries can only be made during the hours published.
7. Entries must be left intact and on display until released by the Show Chairman.
8. No commercial products or displays are permitted.
9. No EAS entry can be submitted again for three years.
10. The decision of the judges in all cases will be final.

11. The Show Chairman has the authority to accept, reject and classify entries in accordance with the show policies, rules and judging criteria.
12. EAS assumes no liability for loss or damage of entries. Although EAS will exercise all due care in judging and displaying entries, exhibitors enter items at their own risk.
13. Entries not claimed by the end of the conference will be disposed of by the Show Chairman.

HONEY SHOW
CLASS DESCRIPTION
H1* Three 1-lb jars of honey, extracted, white
H2* Three 1-lb jars of honey, extracted, light
H3* Three, 1-lb jars of honey, extracted, light amber
H4* Three, 1-lb jars of honey, extracted, amber
H5* Three, 1-lb jars of honey, extracted, dark
H6 Three 16-oz jars of creamed honey
H7 Three 16-oz jars of chunk honey

1. Entries in classes H1-H5, marked, *, must be in Gamber jars, and may have plain metal or plastic lids. Canadian and International exhibitors may enter Classes H1-H5 with 500 gram universal jars; Classes H6 and H7 with 500 gm barrel-type jars.
2. Entries in classes H6 and H7 should be in cylindrically uniform, “wigwam” jar OR in the new “shoulder” jar or barrel-type.
3. Honey color classes H1-H5 will be determined by the Show Chairman. An official honey color grader may be used to make the final decision.
4. All entries must be the product of the entrant’s apiary and have been produced since the previous EAS Honey Show.

JUDGING CRITERIA
Extracted Honey
Classes H1 to H5 MAX. POINTS
1. Density 20
   (water content above 18.6% will be disqualified & below 15.5% will be docked points) 15.5 – 17.0% 20 points; 17.1 – 18.0% 18 points; 18.1 – 18.6% 15 points; >18.6 disqualified
2. Absence of crystals 10
3. Cleanliness 24
   Without lint – 6; without dirt – 6; without wax – 6; without foam - 6
4. Flavor 8
   (Points will be reduced ONLY for honey flavor adversely affected by processing)
5. Color 8
6. Container appearance 10
7. Accuracy/Uniformity of filling 20
   (Headroom: ½ inch maximum, 3/8 inch minimum with no gap between honey level and cap)

TOTAL 100

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Creamed Honey
Class H6 MAX. POINTS
1. Fineness of crystals 30
2. Uniformity & firmness of product 25
3. Cleanliness & freedom from foam 20
4. Flavor 15
   (Points will be reduced for honey flavor adversely affected by processing). (Disqualified for fermentation)
5. Accuracy of filling and uniformity 10
TOTAL 100

Chunk Honey
Class H7 MAX. POINTS
1. Neatness and uniformity of cut 20
   (Upgrade for parallel & 4-sided cuts; downgrade for ragged edges)
2. Absence of watery cappings, uncapped cells and pollen 20
3. Cleanliness of product 20
   (Down-grade for travel stains, foreign matter, wax, foam or crystallization)
4. Uniformity of appearance in capping structure, color, thickness of chunks and accuracy and uniformity of fill 20
5. Density and flavor of liquid portion of pack 20
   (Points will be reduced for honey flavor adversely affected by processing) (Disqualified for fermentation or > 18.6% moisture content of liquid portion)
TOTAL 100

BEESWAX SHOW
Class Description
B1 Single piece, pure beeswax, 2 lbs or more
B2 Candles, dipped tapers, one pair, pure beeswax
B3 Candles, molded tapers, one pair, pure beeswax
B4 Candles, novelty, single or coordinated set, containing beeswax

1. All entries in Class B1 must be covered with clean, transparent plastic film.
2. The optimum color for pure beeswax in Classes B1-B3 is light canary to straw yellow.

JUDGING CRITERIA
Beeswax
Class 1 MAX. POINTS
1. Cleanliness 35
2. Uniformity of appearance 20
3. Color 15
4. Aroma 15
5. Absence of cracks & shrinkage 15
TOTAL 100

Candles, Tapers
Classes 2-3 MAX. POINTS
1. Cleanliness, color, quality of wax 25
2. Uniformity of appearance and shape 25
3. Uniformity of pair 25
4. Finishing details:
   a. For molded: flat, finished bottom, wicks trimmed to ½”
   b. For dipped: last drip left on, wicks left joined
TOTAL 100

Novelty Beeswax Candle
Class 4 MAX. POINTS
1. Cleanliness & quality of wax 25
2. Design & overall appearance 25
3. Finishing details wick trimmed to ½”, flat, finished bottom 25
4. Originality 25
TOTAL 100

PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW
Class Description
P1 Close-up, print; Subject must relate to beekeeping
P2 Scenic, print; Apiary subject such as flowers, hives, etc.
P3 Portrait, print; Person or beekeeping procedure in appropriate setting.
P4 Essay, prints; A set of from 4 to 7 pictures depicting a beekeeping story.

1. The photo contest is open to all photographers.
2. Prints must be a minimum of 5” x 7” and a maximum of 11” x 14”, mounted on a mounting board that extends at least one inch beyond the print on each side. No frames are permitted. Essay prints may be mounted on one mounting board.
3. Prints may be black & white or color.
4. Photographs can be entered only once in any EAS show.
5. Each photograph, including the Essay as a set, must be accompanied by a 3” x 5” card giving: photo title, entrant’s name, address, city, state, zip or postal code, and telephone. The card must state the class entered.
6. Brief captions may accompany the Essay photographs. The order of Essay photographs must be indicated clearly.
7. Winners must agree to have their photos published by EAS in any/all appropriate publications.

JUDGING CRITERIA
Classes P1-P4 MAX. POINTS
1. Composition 35
2. Treatment of subject matter 35
3. Quality and presentation 30
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The 25 eastern beekeepers responding to this survey reported managing 21,640 colonies for which they had 45,023 rentals (2.1 rentals/colony). These rentals generated over $3 ½ million ($3,532,501) gross pollination income. Rentals for 13 commodity groups were reported – the table represents survey summary – see MAAREC website ag.udel.edu/maarec/ for details and more in-depth analysis.

2010 Pollination rentals (number and % of total) and income (total fee and % of total) by crop type – 25 Commercial (300+ colonies) and Semi-commercial (>50 colonies) beekeepers, Mid-Atlantic region:

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Dewey M. Caron,  
Professor Emeritus University of DE  
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Oregon State University

2011 Divelbiss Award

Each year the Eastern Apiculture Society 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 education 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).

Deadline: April 15, 2011. We would prefer your nomination to be sent electronically by sending it to: eas@willex.com. If you cannot send electronically you can also send to Loretta Surprenant, EAS Secretary, 27 Country Home Way, Essex, NY 12936.

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EAS sends out a big THANK YOU to The Vermont State Beekeepers Association for making this offer. This is an excellent opportunity to help beekeepers who might be on the fence about coming to EAS because of expenses. It is pricier this year than some because we are at a Conference Center instead of a college campus, but it will be a great meeting as always.

If your association has lots of money just sitting around, how about suggesting they give some back to their members in a way that will make them better beekeepers.

Thanks again Vermont. Great idea!

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Requests for support for student projects (undergraduate summer employees/graduate student) or for equipment/supplies for distinct research projects are given highest priority. Requests for “seed money” to provide investigators the opportunity to collect preliminary data or as “add on” funds to combine with other funding sources to continue present research will also be considered. We welcome separate discrete project proposals and requests that identify pieces of ongoing research programs where additional funds can accomplish an objective of a larger program. Grant funds may be used for supplies, equipment, salaries, travel, or other appropriate uses by the recipient. As a nonprofit organization, the EAS Foundation does not pay overhead on funded research grants.

**There will be one award for $5000 in 2011.** The award will be announced at the EAS 2011 Conference but available by May 1, 2011. The principle investigator must present their findings at the 2012 EAS Annual Conference, and we will publicize the award to aid in solicitation of additional funds for subsequent years.

**Deadline for application is April 1, 2011.** Additional submission details can be found at [www.easternapiculture.org/honey-bee-research](http://www.easternapiculture.org/honey-bee-research), and further inquiries can be directed to David Tarpy (EAS Foundation Chair) or Jim Bobb (EAS Chairman of the Board) at HoneyBeeResearch@easternapiculture.org.

**Proposal Submission Criteria**

1. Proposals are welcome from any individuals conducting research on honey bees. The role the investigator will perform if awarded the funds should be clearly stated.
2. Proposal should briefly outline the objective and a plan of work, to be completed within one year of funding, and a justification for the proposed work. If intended as “seed money,” the proposal should clearly state how the funds will enable the investigator to secure additional funding for project continuation. Proposals should not exceed five written pages in total length (double-spaced) excluding title page, budget, and résumés. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.
3. Proposal must indicate how results will be disseminated if grant is funded. Investigators are encouraged to present their work to a future EAS annual meeting and through the EAS journal (in summary form) if at all possible but other funds should be used for such dissemination. An acknowledgment of EAS support should be included in any presentations or publications resulting from the research.
4. The proposal should be arranged in the following format:
   a) cover page to include title, name, address, e-mail, and telephone of investigators(s) and title/affiliation of investigator  
   b) justification  
   c) objective(s)  
   d) project description  
   e) plan of work/timetable  
   f) budget  
   g) short (half page) résumé of each participant  
   h) name of principal investigator to appear on every page of proposal (very important)
5. Electronic copy of the proposal should be submitted by April 1, 2011 to the e-mail account, HoneyBeeResearch@easternapiculture.org.

**Proposal Review Process**

EAS will review each proposal with a three person proposal review board. One member is an elected Director to the Board while the remaining two are researchers (the Board member may be a researcher). None of the panel will have a direct connection to any research project for which a proposal has been submitted. In cases of conflict that panel member will be excused from voting. Evaluation of proposals will be made on the following criteria: Scientific merit, relevance of the proposed project to beekeeping, reasonableness of the budget proposal to the actual work to be performed, potential for securing or adding to funding from other sources, and finally, interest of proposed research to EAS members. All funds must be expended by June 30, 2012 and an accounting of expenditures made available to the EAS treasurer by August 1, 2012.

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**Meeting Notice**

The Connecticut Beekeepers Association will hold its Spring meeting April 9 at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, Jones Auditorium in New Haven. Speakers are still being confirmed.

More information will be posted at [www.ctbees.com](http://www.ctbees.com). You can also email Becky Jones at t.c.jones@snet.net.

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OBITUARY

George E. Payne, 84, passed away on December 4, 2010, after a long and courageous bout with cancer.

Mr. Payne was employed at the DuPont Company for 32 years, retiring in 1985, as a principal consultant in the Employee Relations Department, dealing with executive compensation matters.

He was born in Turin, New York. In 1946, he graduated from Clarkson University, where he was also a member of the faculty. In 1948, he received his Master’s degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, where he served on the faculty as an instructor of economics.

An avid outdoorsman, he was a member of the Wilmington Trail Club for a number of years, and enjoyed a wide range of activities at his farm in Ellisburg, NY.

Mr. Payne was a certified Master Beekeeper, a member of the Eastern Apicultural Society, and a past president of the Delaware State Beekeepers’ Association, and the New Castle County Beekeepers. He and his wife, Doris, demonstrated beekeeping at the Delaware Agricultural Museum, the Delaware Nature Society, and a number of local schools and organizations. George and Doris both served as Directors for EAS.

He was a member of the Aldersgate United Methodist Church, where he was a former member of the worship committee and administrative board. Previously, he was a member of St. Andrew’s United Presbyterian Church, Newark, DE, where he served for many years as a ruling elder and clerk of session. For several years he served as a lay pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Port Penn, DE.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Robert of Ellisburg, NY. He is survived by his wife, Doris; a daughter, Susan of Baltimore; a son, Robert of Washington, DC; a sister, Clarise Piantedosi of MS; a stepson, David Burgomaster, and his wife Joy and two step-grandchildren, all of Wilmington.

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Past President’s Report EAS 2010: Dave Tarpy reported that they budgeted for 325 and had over 500 people. The board thanked Dave Tarpy and all the North Carolina people for their hard work and for presenting a great conference!

Note: Will Hicks sent an email which stated: By almost any standard, the 2010 meeting in Boone was a success. The only real complaint was about the hills in the area, and despite the work of numerous volunteers, millions of years of geology just couldn’t be erased. Perhaps Rhode Island will have better luck.

The one standard of success in which most of the board might be interested, unfortunately, is not yet available, and that is whether or not the meeting made more money than it spent. There are bills and (I think) grant money that are still coming in and these should be received and paid in the next few weeks. There is still money in my EAS checking account that I am using to pay some of the final bills and I will give a full accounting of all of the funds I received and spent.

President's Report EAS 2011 RI: will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Warwick, RI July 25-29 2011. Site is an easy on and off and only two miles from the airport. Everything is under one roof and air conditioned. The contract has been signed. We need to get people to stay at the Hotel in order to get free conference rooms. The area is flat with no steps and plenty of parking area.

Kim Flottum will handle the Short Course and the MBs will handle Short Course Level I. There will be a recognition ceremony on Tuesday evening for those taking the short course. An off-site tour and clam bake will be held at the Roger William University. You will view a wet lab for growing oysters. There will be an auction, BQ and banquet held in a tent. The Program will be handled by Kim Flottum and Mike Palmer. Both old and new speakers will be worked into both the Short Course and Program. Each morning we will view a wet lab for growing oysters. Kathy Summers will work on the workshops.

Chairman’s Report: Jim Bobb deferred his report and will fill in as needed.

Sites:
EAS Vermont 2012: As reported by Bill Mares, the last time Vermont hosted an EAS Conference was 30 years ago. They are looking at the University of Vermont located in Burlington, VT the week of August 13-17, 2012. “Theme “Bees & Beyond.” The rooms are air conditioned and were built three years ago. The airport is about three miles away. They will use $10,000 of their own money in order to support their members in attending. Mike Palmer and Dewey Caron will be in charge of the program. The MBs have been asked to do Short Course Level I. Kathy Summers will do the workshops. We will visit Shelburne Museum.

Future Sites: Pennsylvania is looking at the Philadelphia area. They are expecting a lot of walk-ins. Maryann Frazier will be in charge of the Program.

New Jersey is also exploring a possible site for 2014 or 2015.

Committees:
Editorial Report: The Fall Journal will be finished up this week. Kathy Summers asked the board to think about offering a discount to those who take the Journal electronically.

Membership: Dan Conlon stated that membership is everyone’s responsibility. We need to do more on the website to enlist prospective new members.

Carol Cottrill suggested using pay pal and Bill Mares suggested offering a two year membership so they are in the loop for a longer time. The board requested that a proposal be presented at the next board meeting on how to get more members.

The renewal solicitation letter will be sent out around the first of the year.

Master Beekeepers: Brenda Kiessling reported that the Master Beekeepers were in charge of the Level I Short Course. We now have three more new MBs. They are trying to get the Master Beekeepers list up to date and have only 15 more to update.

For those who are retaking a part of the MB exam, the cut-off date will be the same date as the cut-off for EAS Registration. A letter will be sent to all those who have taken the exam for the last five years letting them know what the cut-off date will be. This will also be put on the website. The MBs will do Level I Short Course in 2011.

Brenda Kiessling asked for clarification from Dave Tarpy regarding paying MBs. David Tarpy said that they still had the $10,000 grant. $4000 has
been paid to all Master Beekeepers from all states for Registration fees only.

**Taping of Meetings:** Brenda Kiessling stated that Master Beekeepers have paid to attend the Conference but are not able to attend because they are busy doing the MB certification Program. They requested that speakers be taped so that the MBs would be able to see what they missed.

**Comments:** Kathy Summers stated that speakers need to give their permission and this is not an easy thing to do as they have to be careful because their presentation might not be published yet. It would be very costly to tape the meetings as you would have to have projectors in every room. Joe Kovaleski stated that Thursday is a long day with many beekeepers involved. Janet Bardzik suggested that testing take place prior to the conference. Carol Cottrill stated that many wanted to go through the short course prior to taking the exam.

It was felt that if you wanted to maintain your status as a MB you would have duties. Jim Bobb stated that a more concrete proposal be submitted prior to the Spring Board Meeting.

It was suggested that the MBs tape the short course session as a fund raiser.

**Awards:** Jim Bobb stated that the Award Nomination Letters would be sent out in January for the Student Award; J.I.Hambleton and Roger A. Morse/Weiss Teaching, Extension and Regulatory Award. No additional contributions have come in for the Roger A. Morse/Weiss Teaching, Extension and Regulatory Award. We will put it in the EAS Journal asking for donations.

**Divelbiss Award:** Loretta Surprenant stated that the nomination letters would be sent out in January with a deadline date of April 2011.

**Foundation for Honey Bee Research:** A motion was made by Kathy Summers and seconded by Dan Conlon that a $5000 award be awarded at EAS 2011 RI. All voted in favor of the motion. We need to get a campaign going to replenish the fund. We will have a line on the registration form asking for donations and using pay pal.

**Financial Plan:** John Tulloch reported that a Stewardship Plan be established to generate contributions. The Foundation for Honey Bee Research fund has $51,000 and we need $100,000 to be self sub-staining. There are organizations available to help us get started. Jim Bobb and Bill Mares will work on this.

**Resolutions:** Chairman John Kananowicz, CT.

**Historian:** The Historian report is due at EAS 2011 Rhode Island and will be presented at the Business meeting.

**Nominations:** An official letter must be submitted from each state nominating their candidate for director to the EAS board.

**Expiring in 2011:** Delaware, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Illinois, Alabama, Mississippi, New Foundland, Florida.

**Vacant:** Wisconsin, Michigan, Indiana, New York, Louisiana.

**Vacant Provinces:** Ontario, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec.

**Life Members:** We need a need chairman.

**Webmaster:** David Meldrum introduced himself as the new webmaster and stated that Rick Hough would be in the background in case of problems. Rick will be assisting with on-line registration portion of the web. David plans to give the website a new face lift starting in December after an upgrade to the web server. Pictures are needed. He will make it possible for people to add items to the website.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Youth Scholarship Program:** Brenda Kiessling reported that at the Summer MBs Board Meeting it was unanimously voted that we develop a MBs Youth Fund to be administered by EAS to provide a Scholarship to attend the Short Course and Conference for one person who comes from an established State Bee Program. $1000 is needed and Brenda asked that a line item be added to the registration form and that the board poll the directors to see if that would be possible. The board felt it would take away from the Honeybee Research Foundation. She also asked for a vendor space at EAS 2011 RI. The board said that was doable. Jim Bobb asked that a written criteria be submitted prior to the Spring Board Meeting.

Next Board of Director’s Meeting by Web Conference sometime in Feb/March 2011.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Janet Bardzik and seconded by John Kananowicz to adjourn at 9:45 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Submitted by: Loretta Surprenant, EAS Secretary
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**From The Colonies**

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 Capital Area Beekeepers’ Association** is offering it’s 24th Annual Short Course May 7 & 14. Part I, May, 8:00 a.m. at the Dauphin County Agriculture & Natural Resources Center, 1451 Mt. Road, Dauphin, PA. Part II, May 14, 12:00 noon at Dave Anderson’s Apiary, 7081A Colebrook Road, Palmyra, PA. The cost is $40 which includes a CABA membership.

For additional information or to register please contact jim Hoover, 717.691.1413 or hooversdron@aol.com.

**New Hampshire Beekeepers Association**

Spring meeting March 19, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Lakeshore Farm, Northwood.

Guest speakers include Allen Hayes from MD, *Gadgets You Don’t Need For Beekeeping But Will Want To Use and Hive Scale Project*; Bill Mares from VT, *Sustainable Beekeeping Project with Dewey Caron and EAS 2011 and 2012.*

For more information or to register for the meeting visit www.nhbeekeepers.org.

**New Hampshire Beekeepers are supporting National Ag Literacy Day March 15.** NH Agriculture inthe Classroom has chosen *In the Trees, Honey Bees* for their Ag Lit book selection. This book will be read and donated to 200 school systems in NH. We ask beekeepers to bring the tools for their trade to share with the kids and make sweet memories for NH school children.

**MA Beekeepers’ Association Spring Meeting** will be held March 26 at Topfield Fair Grounds, Topfield, hosted by the Essex County Beekeepers’ Association.

Speakers include Jerry Hayes, Scott Soares, Ed Karle and Claire Desilet.

For more information call 508.541.4609 or visit www.massbee.org.

**Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers’ Association (SEMDA)** in cooperation with the Schoolcraft College Beekeepers’ Club and the Oakland Beekeepers’ Club, will hold its 73rd Annual Beekeeping conference, March 19 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia.

Speakers include Roy Hendrickson and Roger Hoopingarner.

Admission is free to SEMDA members and $10 for non-members. Bring a dish to share at the potluck lunch.

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