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EAS 2018 President’s Farewell

How can I begin to thank all the people who helped to make EAS 2018 the magnificent success it was? If you attended the annual Friday night banquet, you know that I attempted to recognize all volunteers in attendance before being overcome by emotion. By my estimate, one out of every 10 people at the conference volunteered in some capacity, something that still overwhelms me with gratitude.

The first experience for most EAS attendees is the registration table and once again, it operated seamlessly thanks to new and returning volunteers. Registration staff developed the process to register close to 800 beekeepers, answered email and phone inquiries daily for months, and prepared the registration packages for everyone while staying completely unfazed by special requests. Thank you for setting the tone for EAS 2018 with your warm hospitality.

There are many others who also play a role in the success of an EAS conference. The speakers are the reason beekeepers come to EAS; to learn from the best and brightest. Many of our speakers traveled across the country and the globe to educate us. But no matter how far they traveled, all of them put their best into their presentations, often sharing information not yet published. I am always amazed by how friendly the speakers are at EAS; willing to share a meal or a drink with attendees to make the EAS experience all the more memorable. My heartfelt thanks to all EAS speakers for sharing your life’s work and passion with us.

Our vendors were a large part of the conference success this year; they underwrote conference expenses, donated items to the auction, and sponsored the honey show and refreshment breaks. Thanks to a true trade show venue, we had 30% more vendors than EAS has had in recent years. It was wonderful to catch up with some familiar favorites as well as make new friends while sharing a snack together in the vendor hall. There is no way to adequately recognize the vendors for all that they contributed to the conference; please accept my thanks and know that you are so appreciated.

This year, EAS developed a children’s program locally. By pairing with a community partner, EAS educators reached dozens of children, having to add a second session to accommodate them all. Almost 50 children participated this year in what was one of the most successful children’s programs in EAS history. I am so grateful to the volunteer educators for their fabulous execution of our vision; it was far better than we dared hope.

One of easiest parts of the EAS 2018 conference planning for me was the Master Beekeeper Program. The EAS Master Beekeepers are an amazingly focused group of volunteers dedicated to the task of certifying beekeeping experts. They are self-contained, moving from conference to conference, testing and certifying worthy beekeepers each year. I often call the Master Beekeeper Program the jewel in the crown of EAS. Once again, this group proved me right and I can’t thank them enough for all they contributed to the conference not only with their certification process but also with their teaching.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the Honey Show. If you had a chance to visit the Honey Show, you witnessed a tremendous number of entries in an outstanding educational display. This showcase of the finest hive products from across the country is staffed by experts willing to explain what makes an entry exceptional. My hat is off to the entire Honey Show staff, from chairman, to
judges, stewards and volunteers. And of course to all the competitors, including the blue-ribbon winners who generously donated their winning entries to the live auction. Many thanks to each of you for your participation!

The EAS auctions to raise funds for honey bee research were amazingly successful this year, generating over $11,000. Of course none of that would be possible without the generosity of our donors and our bidders. Or without those working quietly behind the scenes to conduct the auctions. It takes skilled volunteers to collect, sort and stage the auction items for the greatest return. I am so grateful for the expertise that our volunteers brought to the task – thank you for the many hours beyond your initial commitment that went into this successful fundraiser. And thank you to all who contributed an item or bid upon an item; your munificence benefitted EAS, the Sustainable Honey Bee Program and the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank this year.

Due to a committed group of individuals, we had entertaining social events offered each evening plus a full-day tour to historical Jamestown, the entry point for honey bees into North America. Planning all the events and the meals was a staggering undertaking and I will be forever grateful to the people who worked for months ahead of the conference determining what would appeal to EAS attendees and then making those ideas a reality. There was an enormous number of moving parts to each social activity and an equal number of extraordinary people working behind the scenes to make it appear effortless. Please accept my thanks for the quiet dedication and hard work that went in to enhancing the communal experience of EAS 2018.

No EAS conference would be complete without the bees and this year we had an exceptional apiary. I am indebted to the bee wranglers for working in the 90+ degree heat to safely transport the bees and set up the apiary. We had beekeepers bring in bees in Langstroth hives, Warré hives, Top Bar hives, and Comfort hives, a truly diverse teaching environment of 30 colonies for use in workshops and Master Beekeeper certification. Yours was a physically taxing job and you performed it daily without complaint for which I thank you profusely.

As I look forward to the coming year of less responsibility as EAS President Emeritus, I want to once again express my boundless appreciation to all the volunteers, officers, speakers, and vendors who contributed so generously of their time, funds, skills, and enthusiasm. I knew that EAS President was a large commitment but I had no idea how large. Thanks to the support that I received, it was also the most rewarding experience I have encountered as a volunteer and one that reaffirmed for me that people are generally noble and dedicated to a purpose larger than themselves. I am grateful for the experience and the friendships developed.

Can’t wait to see everyone again next year in South Carolina!

Sincerely,

Pam Fisher
EAS President Emeritus
Chesapeake, Virginia
WELCOME, From the Desk of the President

The Eastern Apicultural Society is venturing into New Territory!

Yes, the fair State of South Carolina is, for the first time, hosting the EAS Conference which will be held in Greenville, SC on July 15-19, 2019. The Beekeepers of South Carolina are anxiously awaiting the date, while very busily preparing for the EAS and its members to embark in Greenville for a week of outstanding speakers sharing their knowledge and wisdom with all of those that seek a better understanding of the *Apis Mellifera* L., the wonderful and unique Honey Bee! This will be the most wonderful opportunity for every person beginning to think about, or just beginning to keep a colony of bees to learn firsthand from the speakers and to receive hands on experience in the apiary. For those that have some experience with beekeeping, we offer them the opportunity of taking that next step into the Intermediate level and ultimately to the advanced Level. There will be something for every level of Beekeeper. Then, for those beekeepers that want to join the renowned group of EAS Master Beekeepers, they will be offered the distinct pleasure of being tested in Written, Oral, Laboratory, and Practical phases of this challenge. There will be a Honey Show, a fun-filled night of BBQ, Thursday night Auction, and the Friday night Banquet.

South Carolina welcomes the Eastern Apicultural Society, as well as the Beekeepers located in the 27 States along the Atlantic Ocean.

Sincerely,

Ralph C. (Buddy) May Jr.
EAS President
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We had a record number of 30 individuals taking the EAS Master Beekeeping exams in 2018 and a record number of 16 were certified as new EAS Master Beekeepers. Here is a bit of background for our newest Masters.

JOHN BENHAM

John Benham is a very active beekeeping mentor and instructor, organizing spring bee schools and participating with 4 local bee associations in central Kentucky. In Kentucky, the state association helps with subvention of the bee schools, something he helped develop by increasing funding while President of the Kentucky State Beekeepers Association. John now serves as their treasurer. John is current President of the Mammoth Cave Beekeepers and serves as co-manager of the honey booth at the Kentucky State Fair. With his current 40 hives he raises some queens and sells his products at local farmer’s market.

MONA CHAMBERS

Mona Chambers is the first EAS Master Beekeeper from Arizona, where she works as a research technician for Dr. Gloria DeGrandi-Hoffman, the USDA Tucson Bee Lab chief (our 1998 Hambleton Award winner). Mona’s journey with honey bees began as a high school student, when she was hired at the bee lab as a student employee for a Women in Science initiative. Her first look inside a colony was a visit to the Africanized Honey Bee Apiary where she got multiple stings. She came back to work part-time as she finished high school, and worked on her bachelor’s degree in International Studies at the University of Arizona. She accepted a full-time position upon graduating. She has since established See the Bees, an endeavor promoting honey bee education and advocacy to children, adults, and underserved communities. Through See the Bees, she volunteered with a Washington State Prisons program teaching inmates beekeeping. Mona is also an accomplished cellist and currently holds a purple belt in Brazilian jiu-jitsu.

STEVE CHEN

Steve Chen of Holbrook NY, an attorney, has been keeping bees since 2009. He currently maintains 20 hives at 3 apiaries, providing pollination services for two organic farms. He uses his home yard bees to raise his own queens for re-queening his own colonies and to sell to others locally. Steve is President of the Long Island Beekeepers Club and teaches the Beekeeping 101 courses offered by the club along with intermediate topics. He is currently enrolled in the new Cornell Master Beekeeper program and an active mentor and advocate for honey bees. Steve was nominated by Rich Blohm and Moira Alexander, and was one of 3 Long Island beekeepers to be certified this year.

LARRY COBLE

Larry Coble of West Columbia SC, a retired Registered Nurse, started bees in 2011 by relocating a colony which had taken up residence in a squirrel box in his yard. The next spring they built up and swarmed twice, but by then he was hooked. The next year he bought 6 packages and collected local swarms growing to 18 hives, then 28 hives the following year. Currently he has 47 hives managed for extracted and comb honey. He produces nucleus hives and has recently added queen-rearing to his repertoire. He also teaches local beginners classes at local events.
He has served his local club as Association Secretary for two years, manages the Association's website, discussion groups, and started their local library. Larry continues to assist with his local association's monthly newsletter and has published articles in bee journals. He has managed honey bees for pollination on local organic farms and, along with fellow South Carolina beekeeper, and EAS Master Beekeeper candidate, David MacFawn, on cotton. Larry has garnered a first place in the South Carolina State Fair for honey and beeswax entries. Fellow EAS Master Beekeeper Buddy May picked up his certificate as Larry had to leave the conference early and awarded Larry his certificate and pin at Larry's local association.

Larry would like to welcome everyone to South Carolina for EAS 2019.

DOUG GALLOWAY

Doug Galloway is one of two new Master Beekeepers from North Carolina. In 2016, the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association’s (NCSBK) Master Beekeeper Program Committee (MBP) recognized Doug as a Master Beekeeper. Starting with 4 colonies, two nucs and two packages, his apiary grew to 6 colonies plus an eight-frame observation hive he maintains at an elementary school. Beginning in the fall of 2017, Doug began a research project under the supervision of Dr. David Tarpy at NCSU which added 20 colonies to his apiary.

An active volunteer educating the public at the North Carolina State Zoo’s Honey Bee Garden, Doug has also taught Beginning Beekeeping classes at Appalachian State University and Caldwell Community College. He also speaks at local bee clubs, the NCSBA meetings, elementary schools, garden clubs and senior centers. Doug currently serves as Chairman of the NCSBA’s MBP Committee, is a NCSBA Regional Director and is President of the Caldwell County, North Carolina, Beekeepers Association. Doug has won blue ribbons for both his extracted honey and beeswax at the North Carolina State Fair and the NCSBA Summer Conference. He was nominated by Fred Proni.

COY DAVID HOCUTT

Coy David Hocutt of Carmel, Indiana, remembers his opportunity as a 6-year-old on vacation in Tennessee to accompany a sideline beekeeper. On subsequent family vacations he returned to visit the beekeeper and even eventually was promoted to “turner of the hand crank” then to “smoker lighter”. At 16 he became his own beekeeper eventually working up to a dozen colonies and even purchasing his own 2-frame hand-extractor. But then tracheal mites happened, life intervened, and the bee-less equipment went into storage.

The stored equipment was restocked with retirement in 2010. Following his restart he took the Indiana Beekeeping School and University of Montana online Master Beekeping course and this year completed his EAS Master Beekeeping certification.

David currently makes nucleus hives, raises queens for sale, and produces comb and extracted honey for sale. He is member of the Central Indiana Beekeepers Association (CIBA) and mentors six CIBA club members. He makes numerous presentations to local public schools, libraries, garden clubs and other beekeeping organizations. He is also a member of The Beekeepers of Indiana Education Committee.

CINDY HOLT

Cynthia Holt, a lifelong insect enthusiast, got her first hive of bees in 2011. With 3 young children at home at the time, learning to maintain a beehive seemed a little less daunting than getting a degree in entomology. Today, she is the owner of Little Rhody Beekeeping, which offers a variety of honey bee and pollinator-related services, and Apiatrix Apiaries, which provides honey and hive products. She is very active within the Rhode Island Beekeepers Association (RIBA), as the former Newsletter Editor and along with Scott and Emily Langlais, managing the RIBA apiary, which is part of the Bee Informed Partnership Sentinel Apiary program. Cynthia teaches workshops, mentors, and makes it her personal mission to get as many people as possible to care about insects (and arachnids) as much as she does.
JUSTIN WILLIAM KAY

Justin William Kay, Greensboro, North Carolina started in apiculture through Dr John Ambrose’s college level course in 2004 and Dr. Dave Tarpy’s “Advanced Beekeeping” the next year. He purchased a nuc that spring and has since expanded to currently manage 42 colonies, though he has had as many as 65 colonies. He has a sideline beekeeping company, Smokey Creek Bee Farm, producing and selling extracted, chunk and section honey. He produces and sells sourwood honey, flavored (infused) honeys, pollen, and value-added bee products such as candles, lip and bee balms. He raises his own queen stock.

Justin is both a North Carolina Certified Beekeeper and a Certified Honey Producer. He has been involved in promoting beekeeping and bees through local non-profits, schools and news platforms, as well as serving as a mentor to others in the community. He regularly brings an observation hive to various functions to educate kids and the community on the importance of honey bees, including to schools to teach 2nd and 3rd graders and to a local summer YMCA camp as part of their outdoor education program.

BOB KLOSS

Bob Kloss remembers watching his Italian grandfather open and manage bees. Seeing an ad for a beekeeping short-course at Rutgers, he enrolled. After watching Tim Schuler, EAS Divelbiss winner in 2017, and Bob Hughes easily manipulate the honey bee colonies, he began keeping bees in 2009. Bob currently manages 25 colonies in and around Flemington NJ.

Bob has been Vice-President and President of Northwest New Jersey Beekeepers and currently is Chair of Publicity and Promotion for the club. He estimates that he gives 20-25 talks on bees/beekeeping annually. He manages the 5-10 colonies in the NWNJBA club apiary and volunteers at 2 County Fair bee booths. He also helps a local Boy Scout troop manage their apiary in a public park. After joining State Apiary Inspector, Tim Schuler, in a March 2018 trip to teach beekeeping in Malawi, Africa he established a partnership between his local club and the developing Malawian beekeepers.

DEBORAH KLUGHERS

Deborah Klughers manages 49 colonies as the business Bonac Bees. She is known as the “Bee Lady” of East Hampton, Long Island. In addition to her own bees she takes care of clients who have honey bees on their property as a business. She sells honey and bee products and promotes honey bees at local farmers markets and local fairs. She is especially interested in reaching out to children. She has a popular blog. Deborah is a member of Long Island and American Beekeepers Federation as well as EAS.

SCOTT LANGLAIS

Scott Langlais of Johnston, RI with Cynthia Holt are the newest EAS Master Beekeepers from Rhode Island. Scott, along with his wife Emily, started bees in 2010 to compliment his lifelong interest in science, gardening and insects. His initial two colonies did not survive the first winter. That was a wakeup call that inspired a more intense course of apicultural study. His initial training was the Rhode Island Beekeepers Association short course and he has since been an active club member. He currently is rewriting and redesigning club presentation materials, he designed the club logo and writes/edits the newsletter. He helped establish the Club Bee Library, housed at a local branch of a public library.

Scott (along with Emily) were the initial custodians of two hives on the Rhode Island College campus which included training college employees on the maintenance and upkeep of the hives. Following a weekend queen-rearing workshop with Dr. Larry Connor, Scott has co-headed his club’s queen-rearing program, running a dedicated out-yard for the purpose. Scott continues to mentor new beekeepers, teach occasional workshops, speak at club meetings, and regularly fill speaking requests for the Rhode Island State Association. Under the name Bare Hand Apiary he produces honey, a small number of nucs and mated queens, and several wax products for sale.

GRACE MEHL

Grace Mehl joins a continuing list of Long Island EAS Master Beekeepers, 3 added in 2018. Grace is the Education Director for the Long Island Beekeepers
Club (LIBC). She organizes and teaches a monthly Beekeeping 101 class in conjunction with the monthly meeting and is also one of the instructors for the Club’s Beginner and Advanced Beekeeping course.

Grace is in her 8th year as a beekeeper, having retired from Military service, serving much of it in the same area as our EAS 2018 conference in Hampton VA (a homecoming of sorts for her). Grace credits EAS Master Beekeepers Rich Blohm (1988) and Moira Alexander (2017), for her inspiration and getting her past the learning stage. She currently has 11 colonies and often assists her fellow LIBC member and Programs Director, Moira Alexander with her 20 colonies, as well.

STEVE MOELLER

Steve Moeller is from Missouri. He first attended EAS in 2012 and is member of both EAS and HAS. He retired after 35 years working in Telecommunications, the last 10 years as a corporate trainer and training manager. He has kept bees continuously since 1974. Once a 100-colony beekeeper, he is now maintaining around 60, “enough to keep the fun in it”, he says. Steve is raising most of his own queens. He sells honey, pollen and beeswax at local farmer’s markets. He is a member of Boone Regional Beekeepers Association of Columbia and a second local association in Kansas City.

VANESSA ROGERS

Vanessa Rogers has been a beekeeper for about 10 years. As our newest EAS Master Beekeeper from Maine she joins husband Chris as another distinguished husband-wife EAS Master Beekeeper team joining Steve and Peggy McLaughlin of Maine, the Priebes of NH, the Doans and Carpenters from NY, and the McCaig’s of Quebec. Vanessa and Chris manage 50 colonies in Maine’s Sebago Lake region (Windham). They own and operate a small local bee shop and are active in new beekeeper education.

She looks forward to bringing back what she has learned at EAS.

CLYDE STRANG

Clyde Strang, an M.D., still works part time as a surgeon helping in the operating room. His parents, Arthur and Martha Strang, were among the original founders of EAS and hosted the first EAS meeting at the University of Maryland in 1955. He has been involved with beekeeping as a youngster, and did a senior thesis at Hood College on winter wax scale secretion. He currently manages 50 colonies primarily on his dad’s original farm, where his sister resides, outside Gaithersburg, MD. Eight of his colonies are a Bee Informed Partnership sentinel hive site. He is active in the Maryland State Beekeepers, and helps manage the apiary for the Carroll County Beekeepers Association. Clyde participates in medical missions to Africa (Ghana and Nigeria) where he meets with local beekeepers in his rare “down time”.

ANDREW WOOTTON

Andrew Wootton came the furthest to test for and earn his EAS Master Beekeeper certificate in 2018. He also gave a paper describing his solar hive scales at the Short Course’s Electronic Colony Monitoring session. Andrew resides in Melbourne Australia but learned beekeeping from his father in England before emigrating. He recalls capturing swarms in straw skeps and then transferring these to Modified Dadant hives. While in high school, he developed a sting allergy; he has been desensitized, keeping up by getting plenty of stings to keep his antibody titer up.

With approximately 20 colonies in Langstroth equipment, he raises queens and sells them to the local club which is the largest recreational bee club in Melbourne. As a member of the State Varroa Response Team (Varroa is absent from Australia) he was recently called out to respond to an incursion (thankfully successfully dealt with). He is mostly retired as University Lecturer in Clinical Biochemistry and keeps busy teaching multiple Beginner and Advanced classes to local beekeepers.
The testing for Oral and field exams each involved over two dozen currently certified Master Beekeepers. Each candidate’s oral exam has a panel of three Members and the Field test has two graders. There was plenty of room in the Virginia EAS apiary which greatly assisted the testing process and the bees were well behaved. This year there were some current Master Beekeepers present to observe the testing process, insuring a good pool of experienced testers for future testing. Debbie Delaney was ably assisted with written and lab exams by University of Delaware Bee Technician Dan Borkowski. Dewey Caron has passed the Master Beekeeper Advisor mantle to the capable care of Debbie Delaney.

The Master Beekeeper Business Meeting included a discussion of the possibility of putting a cap on number of individuals admitted for testing in the future as the 20 new takers and 10 re-takers is close to a limit we can effectively test at the conference.

PS. It was great to see Roberta Glatz at Virginia EAS 2018. Roberta was certified in New York State in 1978 before EAS assumed responsibility for the Master Beekeeper testing and certification.
The purpose of the Master Beekeeper certification program is to identify and certify people who have a detailed knowledge of honey bee biology, expertise in the proper practices of beekeeping, and can present this information to the beekeeping and non-beekeeping public in a detailed, accurate, clear and authoritative manner. The goal of this program is to certify that those who are awarded the Master Beekeepers Certificate are competent at a college level in the four areas where they are tested.

The certification program is conducted in conjunction with the annual EAS Conference and testing will be held in Greenville, SC on July 16-17, 2019. Applicants must be a member of EAS at the time the exam is taken and have a minimum of 5 full years’ experience as a serious beekeeper in some aspect of apiary management such as a very dedicated hobbyist, a commercial beekeeper, working for a commercial beekeeper or as an apiary inspector.

Anyone wishing to take the Master Beekeeper Certification Exam should submit an application and recommendation by email to mbcertification@easternapiculture.org or by mail to Carol Cottrill, EAS Secretary, 60 Rolling Hill Drive, Naples ME 04055. The application and Recommendation forms can be downloaded from the EAS website or requested from the Certification Committee. The deadline for application is June 1st (note the change!). The number of applicants accepted may be governed by the facilities available for testing. Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

More information about the Master Beekeeper Certification application process and the exam can be found on the website (www.easternapiculture.org) by hovering over Master Beekeepers and then clicking on Certification. The Master Beekeeper Certification Committee will be happy to answer questions; our email address is mbcertification@easternapiculture.org.
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Mann Lake Eastern Apicultural Society Master Beekeeper Scholarship

by Brenda Kiessling

This scholarship, sponsored by Mann Lake Ltd. and created and administered by the EAS Master Beekeepers, was established to encourage a worthy young individual to pursue an interest in honey bees and beekeeping. The Scholarship will provide financial assistance for the selected candidate to attend an annual EAS conference. In addition to the waiver of registration fees by EAS for the short course and the main conference, the Scholarship will provide up to $1,000 to the successful candidate to offset other conference expenses such as travel and lodging.

The candidate may be any young person between the ages of 18 and 25 who is a full-time student, or is not a full-time student but is currently employed by a commercial or sideliner beekeeper and plans to pursue a career in apiculture. If the candidate is a veteran of any branch of the U. S. armed forces, the age limit is 30. The candidate must have been keeping bees for a minimum of one year by the time the conference for which the scholarship is requested begins and although they may have a beekeeping mentor, they must be primarily responsible for the care of their bees. The candidate must also have participated in a local short course in beekeeping.

Qualified candidates must complete an application form (available on the EAS website) and must provide letters of recommendation from at least two experienced beekeepers, preferably a mentor and another beekeeping individual familiar with the candidate’s experience and qualifications. Candidates must also write an essay of no less than two, and no more than three, double-spaced typewritten pages describing their reasons for wanting to attend the EAS conference. The essay should also outline the candidate’s ambitions with respect to beekeeping, including both short and long-term plans.

Applications must be received by the Chairperson of the Mann Lake Scholarship Committee by April 1, 2019. Additional information and the application form can be found on the EAS website: http://www.easternapiculture.org/master-beekeepers/youth-scholarship.html. Questions can be sent to the scholarship committee at: MannLakeScholarship@EasternApiculture.org or to Brenda Kiessling, 10610 Hunters Valley Rd., Vienna, VA 22181.

MANN LAKE 2018 SCHOLAR

Abigail Sennett, from Maine, was chosen as the 2018 Mann Lake Scholar for EAS.

This is a youth scholarship with candidates from age 18-25 (30 if a veteran). The scholarship provides $1000 for the successful candidate to attend EAS. Travel is covered to $500, registration fees are waived, and the remaining $500 usually covers room, board, and the activities that these energetic young people want, such as field trips, banquets, etc.

We are fortunate this year to have such a qualified young person: she has been involved in bees ‘my whole life’. She is part of the family which owns “Swan’s Honey” commercial apiary in Maine. She works bees, raises queens, developed a hive stand to ease the task of lifting hives, travels to Georgia in the winter to tend the family bees, teaches, and has attended state and national bee meetings.

NOTE TO EAS MEMBERS: if you have a young person working in bees with you, or know of such a person, consider encouraging them to apply for this scholarship for a very educational week at EAS. Information is on EAS website.
SEEING IS BELIEVING! On Tuesday, the “Excellence in Honey and Hive Products” track in the Short Course was extremely well attended. Honey Show entries started to roll in that afternoon and continued until just before judging started on Wednesday. During my tenure, as EAS Honey Show Chairman, this display of enthusiasm was unprecedented. We had 78 entrants and 116 entries!

The EAS Honey Show is beginning to take it’s place as one of the top competitions in our country! The vision of Pam Fisher, EAS President and Karla Eisen, Program Chairman came to pass with the show in a large centrally located venue this year. When the show opened on Thursday that room was packed with beautiful exhibits and wall to wall visitors. The comments in the visitor’s book were universally enthusiastic and appreciative.

Internationally acclaimed, Virginia Webb, came from Georgia with top tier exhibits. Her Extracted Honey won a 1st Place Blue Ribbon, Best in Class, and Best of Show. As she has, many times, she left with the Silver Sweepstakes Award for most show points. I look forward to the day she says, “Enough is enough!” and joins the EAS Honey Show Judging Team. Her leadership and comments on the score cards would be invaluable!

The nightmare of every Honey Show Chairman is the story of an entrant shedding tears because of a perceived or actual, mistake in the judging process! This year, at the Silver Awards Presentation Ceremony, I was so pleased and touched by the tears of joy shed by Taffee Oakes, of Alabama, when she was presented the Silver Award for her delicious candy. I learned the lesson that tears can be beautiful!

To round things out, geographically, our EAS Treasurer, Jacky Hildreth, from Maine, won the Silver Award for his beautiful Comb Honey entry. This was the 1st time he entered the EAS Honey Show. Way to go, pal!

Space limits further mention of Silver Award Winners, but all are listed in the Official Show Results. Thank you for your beautiful work.
Your EAS Honey Show Committee is preparing a proposed change in the Photography Rules to be submitted, for approval, to the EAS Board of Directors, at their October meeting. Judging Criteria will be addressed to facilitate better understanding by entrants and matting of all photos will become mandatory, to enhance their beauty.

My final point is about the “Wall of Shame” (as in “Ain’t That A Shame”, the Fats Domino hit from the stone age) - a wall display of unawarded ribbons at the 2018 EAS Honey Show. Some were unawarded due to a lack of merit but most were unawarded due to a lack of entries. We can do better than that! A much better title might be the “Wall of Opportunity”! We all owe it to our craft to participate in this most educational experience. Preparing an entry for a honey show translates directly to excellence in our everyday products. Remember, even a 6th Place Ribbon, from a show of this stature, carries a deep meaning and importance. After all, we are the beekeepers of the East!

A closing note regarding the EAS Honey Show is that it is the place to bee! Bee there or bee square!
EAS 2018 HONEY SHOW RESULTS

**ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW**

**A1 Gift Arrangement**
- First: Fiona O’Brien
- Second: Virginia Webb
- Third: Joseph Nicolai
- Fourth: Deborah Klughers

**A2 Sewing Needlework**
- First: Virginia Webb
- Second: Cheri Babler

**A3 Novelty Wax**
- First: Virginia Webb
- Second: Alexandra Bartsch
- Third: G & S Apiary, Inc
- Fourth: Deborah Klughers

**A4 Misc Arts Crafts**
- First: G & S Apiary, Inc
- Second: Goods Local Honey...and More
- Third: Alexandra Bartsch
- Fourth: Frank Linton
- Fifth: Alane Mosinski
- Sixth: Joseph Nicolai

**BEESWAX SHOW**

**B1 Beeswax Block**
- First: None
- Second: Virginia Webb
- Third: Mitchel Wayne
- Fourth: Dwayne Sayers
- Fifth: Pam McFarland
- Sixth: Joseph Nicolai

**B2 Tapers Dipped**
- First: None

**B3 Tapers Molded**
- First: None
- Second: Virginia Webb
- Third: Joseph Nicolai
- Fourth: Deborah Klughers

**B4 Novelty Candles**
- First: None
- Second: Joseph Nicolai
- Third: Virginia Webb
- Fourth: Deborah Klughers

**HONEY SHOW COOKERY**

**C1 Cookies**
- First: Joseph Nicolai
- Second: Goods Local Honey...and More

**C2 Yeast Bread**
- First: Doug Koch
- Second: Alexandra Bartsch
- Third: Joseph Nicolai

**C3 Cake**
- First: Joseph Nicolai
- Second: Denise Dietrich

**C4 Candy**
- First: Taffee Oakes
- Second: Joseph Nicolai

**GADGET SHOW**

**G1 Gadgets Large**
- First: None

**G2 Gadgets Small**
- First: None
- Second: Joseph Nicolai
- Third: Goods Local Honey...and More

**HONEY**

**H1 Light Honey**
- First: Suzy Spencer
- Second: Pam McFarland

**H2 Amber Honey**
- First: Mike Ledoux
- Second: Toni Burnham
- Third: Ann Zudekoff
**H2 Amber Honey (continued)**
Fourth Goods Local Honey ...and More
Fifth Patti Wong
Sixth Virginia Webb

**H3 Dark Honey**
First Virginia Webb
Second Anne Fraser
Third Goods Local Honey ...and More
Fourth Dwayne Sayers
Fifth Ray Wise

**H4 Creamed Honey**
First Mitchel Wayne
Second Brad Shaw
Third Alexandra Bartsch
Fourth Nicole Balenger

**H5 3 Sections Boxes Comb**
First None
Second None
Third Virginia Webb

**H6 Three Circular Sections Comb**
First None
Second Mitchel Wayne

**H7 Three 4" Square Cut Comb**
First None
Second None
Third Virginia Webb
Fourth Mitchel Wayne

**H8 Three 16oz Jars Chunk Honey**
First None
Second Virginia Webb
Third Mitchel Wayne

**H9 Frame of Honey**
First Jacky Hildreth
Second Becky Johnson
Third Joseph Nicolai
Fourth Taylor Guilford

**H10 Black Jar Honey**
First Deborah Sasser
Second Holly Brannon
Third Alane Mosinski
Fourth Jennifer Holmes
Fifth Michele Yih Tippett
Sixth David Mosinski

**MEAD & HONEY BEER SHOW**

**M1 Mead Dry**
First Christy Hemenway
Second G & S Apiary, Inc
Third Pam Hepp
Fourth Taylor Guilford
Fifth Dwayne Sayers
Sixth Sam Comfort

**M2 Mead Sweet**
First Sam Comfort
Second William Hingt
Third Bob Talkiewicz

**M3 Mead Fruit or Juice**
First Fredrick Proni
Second Kaia Hurd-Parks
Third William Hingt

**M4 Mead Sparkling**
First Daniel Kluger
Second William Hingt

**HB1 Beer Light to Medium**
First Nick Downs

**HB2 Beer Medium to Strong**
First None

**PHOTOGRAPHY**

**P1 Photography - Closeup or Macro**
First Meghan McConnell
Second Scott Langlais
Third Deborah Sasser
Fourth Denise Deacon
Fifth Grai St.Clair Rice
Sixth Betty Mencucci

**P2 Photography - Scenic**
First Betty Mencucci
Second Joseph Nicolai
Third Deborah Klughers
Fourth Taffee Oakes
Fifth Alexandra Bartsch
Sixth Lucinda VanVleck

**P3 Photography - Portrait**
First Joseph Nicolai
Second Alexandra Bartsch
Third Deborah Klughers

**P4 Photography - Essay**
First Joseph Nicolai
Second Alexandra Bartsch
Third Deborah Klughers
HONEY SHOW TEAM THANK YOU

by George H. Wilson

This year’s EAS Honey Show, in Virginia, was the finest in recent memory! It stands as a tribute to the efforts of the entire Honey Show Team, the sponsors, judges and entrants. Special thanks to my wife, Karla Eisen, for all her support and assistance during the past three years. This show was also reflective of the knowledge and inspiration imparted by my mentors, Mike Palmer, Bob Wellemeyer, and Michael Young, MBE.

Pam Fisher, our President, insured that the Honey Show had a place of prominence that it deserves. When the show opened, the entire large, centrally located space, was filled completely! The Guest Book reflected the delight of conference participants.

The sponsors are a backbone of the Show. They provide the funds for the gorgeous Silver Awards, ribbons, and other expenses. Allagash Brewing Company, American Bee Journal/Dadant, Bee Culture Magazine, Brushy Mountain Bee Farm, Buffy Bee Company, Kelley Beekeeping, Maine State Beekeeper’s Assoc., Mann Lake Ltd., VA Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, and the W. Fisher Bee Farm all deserve our special thanks.

Ashby Jewelers and Showcase Productions, both owned by VA beekeepers, have generously, sourced and engraved our Silver Awards and produced the informative and attractive graphics for our permanent, portable display units. ApiSolutions Consortium provided funding to offset travel and hospitality expenses for selected key personnel.

A very highly qualified team of Judges included many names familiar to us all. Bob Wellemeyer, Michael Palmer, Karla Eisen, Steve McDaniel, Ann Harman, Shane Gebauer, Michael Young, MBE and Mark Fieg. Roy Smith and Jennifer Holmes came from Florida to be part of our team. Zeb Johnston, local mazur (mead maker), and culinary professionals, Phil Griffin and Malinda Coletta rounded out the Judging Team. They were assisted by Stewards, Kija Hurd-Parks, Mary Duane, and Marilyn Parker. The competitive show was made possible by their timely efforts. Judging was completed on Wednesday afternoon and the Honey Show opened on Thursday morning.

Unsung heroes include Erik Brown who kept my computer from blowin’ up. Honey Show hosts & hostesses (docents) were friendly, informative and kept order. Jonna Davis, the lead for reception and dispersal of entries, made the “back room” operation a pleasure. Kris Kinsman kept track of the entries and entrants. James Wilson was especially helpful with our little video effort. Cheri Babler, my assistant, was there the entire time and learned more about how to produce a Honey Show than she ever expected. Carla Lewis was in charge of ribbons. Roadies Chris Mayes and Richard Reid not only helped load and unload all our stuff but built and assembled our show risers, made about 1000 copies, did PR with the venue staff, ran errands and stayed on call for the entire week.

Not everyone who helped is mentioned by name but know that your contribution large or small, is appreciated. The spirit of the team has been “CAN DO!” The Honey Show is no small enterprise. It is a pillar of EAS in that it educates entrants, those who attend the show, and, also, the general public. Each year’s show requires about 500 hours of volunteer work to produce.

In 2012, at my 1st EAS, the spirit of the EAS Honey Show was rekindled, in Burlington, VT by Mike Palmer. I saw it and was inspired! In 2016 Erin Forbes appointed me Honey Show Chairman. Thank you for your enthusiasm, excitement, and leadership. In 2016 the New Jersey team started building infrastructure and had a good show. That was our “1st practice”. In 2017 the “dress rehearsal” was in Delaware and the Honey Show really started to come together, receive serious attention, and gather momentum. This year, in Virginia, was “Opening Night” and received rave reviews! I am so grateful to all who have joined me on this exciting journey. I can’t thank you enough!
AWARDS AND GRANTS

2018 Award Winners:

DIVELBISS AWARD:
Michael Palmer, owner of French Hills Apiaries in St. Albans, VT

HAMBLETON AWARD WINNER:
Olav Rueppell, University of North Carolina, Greensboro

ROGER A. MORSE TEACHING/EXTENSION/ REGULATORY AWARD:
Jon Zawislak, State Extension Apiculturist for Arkansas

STUDENT AWARD:
James Withrow, North Carolina State University
Honorable Mention Alison McAfee

FOUNDATION FOR HONEY BEE RESEARCH GRANT:
Dennis van Engelsdorp, University of Maryland
Naughty Neighbors: Tracking the movement of bees from colonies collapsing from high Varroa infestation between apiaries.
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Elmin Taric, DVM, University of Belgrade
The differences between honey bee brood pathogens colonies in traditional and modern (commercial) beekeeping colonies.
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At each annual conference, the Eastern Apicultural Society presents the Charles and Evelyn Divelbiss Education Award. This award is presented to a person or couple who has - over a period of years - reached out to the non-beekeeping public to explain the value of honey bees in our lives.

This year’s recipient has promoted beekeeping and the value of bees to agriculture and the environment to the general public and to new beekeepers for over four decades.

His early experiences with public education concerning the value of honey bees occurred in grade school classrooms while his children were young.

He has been an instructor at introductory beekeeping classes for those interested in beekeeping as a hobby and has coordinated and participated in numerous workshops and short courses that target experienced beekeepers in order to better their bee management.

He has been a member of his state’s Pollinator Protection Committee where his insight as a commercial beekeeper acquainted with local farming practices has made him an invaluable member of the committee. His input was critical in educating the non-beekeeper committee members about the issues affecting bees while being sensitive to the needs of farmers who allow beekeepers to locate apiaries on their farms. He continues to work on the state and local level to educate people on the importance of land to support foraging for the honey bees as well as reducing the use of herbicides and pesticides.

He has influenced thousands of people during his beekeeping career by way of bee exhibits, honey shows, seminars, workshops and short courses. He has written thousands of posts on online beekeeping discussion forums, patiently answering questions and contributing his deep experience to the ongoing discussion. His positive influence is global having given presentations related to bees and beekeeping throughout the US, Canada, Mexico, Great Britain and New Zealand. He has also educated countless individuals via YouTube.

He is never shy about sharing his experiences so that other beekeepers may have the same success he has. For an individual who is so busy during the beekeeping season, he always finds a way to take the time to help others and offer guidance. Some beekeepers are secretive and protective of their methods. He enjoys seeing others succeed and is always willing to share his experience and insight. His passion and enthusiasm for beekeeping is infectious.

He has been a member of his state bee association and the EAS Board of Directors and a driving force in the continuation of the EAS Honey Show. He has helped draft local beekeeping ordinances in several area towns and cities. He was instrumental in developing and administering his state association’s queen rearing grant and teaching a new generation of queen breeders in the state.

Mike Palmer continues the tradition of Vermont being represented by innovative, dedicated and intelligent beekeepers who’s influence reaches well beyond the humble borders of our small state. Mike has entered the world stage of beekeeping and continues the tradition of applying Yankee common sense to this age-old science. To be a great teacher you need to be a great student and he will be the first to tell you that his knowledge has been gleaned from the likes of Brother Adam, Charley Mraz Sr. and many others that took the time to write and pass on their vast experience. Some beekeepers become recluse and others covet their knowledge as if it is a competitive advantage, but great beekeepers concern themselves with the success of the bees. Mike Palmer is one of these beekeepers.
Distinguished Speaker Award: New Award at EAS

by Dewey M. Caron

At EAS 2017 we started a new tradition of recognizing an EAS speaker with a Distinguished Speaker Award. This new award, similar to the Roger Hoopingarner Award for the American Bee Federation Distinguished Speaker, was made possible from a generous contribution to EAS by Ed and Elaine Holcomb, EAS Life Members of Shelbyville Tennessee. Mike Palmer was our initial Distinguished Speaker at Delaware in 2017.

This year the Ed & Elaine Holcomb Distinguished EAS Speaker Award in honor of Leslie H. Little and in recognition of Tammy Horn, was awarded to Dr. Jamie Ellis of University of Florida. The selection was made following tabulation of the 2018 meeting evaluation sheets of conference attendees. Dr. Ellis received a certificate to recognize his designation at our closing banquet of EAS 2018 at Hampton Conference Center August 16th.
Call for Nominations

By Carol Cottrill

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS:

• EAS James I. Hambleton Memorial Award
• Roger A. Morse Outstanding Teaching/Extension Service/Regulatory Award
• Student Apiculture Award

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. The Student Award includes a $1,000 premium.

Each of the above award nominations 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 Supported by Anita Weiss Foundation 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 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 résumé documenting the activities of the nominee must be submitted. This award includes a $500 premium.

Nominations are now being accepted for all three awards. The awards for 2019 will be presented at the annual conference of the Society at the Hilton Hotel in Greensville, SC July 15 – 19, 2019. Nominations and letters of recommendation should be emailed to AwardNomination@easternapiculture.org and received no later than February 1, 2019.

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

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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 “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. Requests for support for student projects (undergraduate summer employees/graduate student) or for equipment/supplies for distinct research projects are given highest priority. 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 (or more) awards available in 2019; the total amount available for all awards is $10,000. The award will be announced at the EAS 2019 Conference but available by May 1, 2019. The principle investigator should present their findings at the 2020 EAS Annual Conference, and we will publicize the award to aid in solicitation of additional funds for subsequent years.

Deadline for application is February 1, 2019. Additional submission details can be found at www.easternapiculture.org/honey-bee-research and further inquiries can be directed to 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 résumé. Only electronic submissions will be accepted.

3. Proposal must indicate how results will be disseminated if grant is funded. Investigators should 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 investigator(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 February 1, 2019 to the email account, HoneyBeeResearch@easternapiculture.org.

Proposal Review Process

EAS will review each proposal with a three-person proposal review board. One person is a member of the Board of Directors 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, 2020 and an accounting of expenditures made available to the EAS Treasurer by August 1, 2020.
TOTAL ATTENDANCE
779 people

BY DAY:
• Monday - 501
• Tuesday - 503
• Wednesday - 638
• Thursday - 591
• Friday - 569

REGISTRATIONS BY COUNTRY:
• United States - 750
• New Zealand - 7
• Canada - 7
• Australia - 4
• Turkmenistan - 3
• United Kingdom - 3
• Bermuda – 2
• France - 1
• Northern Ireland – 1
• Uganda - 1
EAS 2018 Conference Overview

by Malcolm T. Sanford (Reprinted with permission from Apis Information Resource News)

Hampton, Virginia, “Where it all Began” was the venue for the 2018 version of the Eastern Apicultural Society, August 13-17, 2018. Some 700 beekeepers, a record crowd, showed up to celebrate one of the oldest beekeeping institutions in the country, established in 1955. A full week of presentations were on display at EAS 2018. It began with the current edition of the electronic colony monitoring workshop, coordinated by Frank Linton who calls himself among other things the “beepeeker.” The first rollout of this workshop was at EAS in Vermont in 2012. I was privileged to cover the 2014 event, which took place in Missoula, Montana, as part of the 37th edition of the Western Apicultural Society. Some of the same players were back in action in Hampton, including Hive Tracks and Arnia. New guys on the block included folks concentrating on, among other things, solar and conventional hive scales, robots, new deployments of RFID technology and something called the "genius hive."

The next day I attended the symposium focusing on the Russian Honey Bee Breeding Association's activities. Billed as somewhat of a membership recruiting endeavor, along with a general information session, the Association trotted out some of its longest and most trusted members, providing a fairly complete background on the program, some of which I reported on in the past. A big part of the presentation was addressing various “myths” that have cropped up about “Primorsky” stock, including increased swarming and defensive behaviors. Russian bees do indeed require beekeepers to manage their colonies somewhat differently. However, it is increasingly clear that the trade off between these issues and the fact that Varroa tolerance results in much less energy and expense controlling mites makes adjusting to these management decisions worth considering.

Meanwhile, in the same two days a slew of presentations oriented toward beginner, intermediate and advanced were offered, along with the Society’s vaunted Master Beekeeper Program. It is prestigious enough that one student came all the way from Australia; passed the exam will take some of this experience back to the land down under.

The main meeting the remainder of the week featured several keynote addresses by luminaries including Randy Oliver, Celia Davis, Wyatt Mangum, Jamie Ellis, Juliana Rangel. A standout presentation was by Michael Young, a professional chef who has brought Welsh honey judging to a new level in this country that was on full view at the honey show. The range of speakers can only be appreciated by glancing at the EAS Speaker preview website. The organizers in Hampton also provided an up-to-date schedule of events via its daily Waggle, the “Ocellus of the EAS Conference.” Other surprises were in store for attendees, including a painted hive body competition that is a tradition of the Nansemond Beekeepers Association. In the vendor area, Bee Culture Magazine trotted out a “Facebook-live-event” that provides a nice recap of many of the exhibits on hand. All this was topped off by the traditional awards ceremony and banquet, and EAS life member and business meeting, those planning future conferences would do well to emulate the Hampton event.

REGISTRATIONS BY STATE:

- Virginia - 228
- Maryland - 81
- North Carolina - 63
- Pennsylvania - 45
- New York - 37
- New Jersey - 32
- Massachusetts - 28
- Unknown - 22
- South Carolina - 19
- Florida - 18
- Georgia - 16
- Delaware - 15
- Maine - 13
- Rhode Island - 13
- Tennessee - 12
- West Virginia - 11
- Kentucky - 10
- Ohio - 10
- Alabama - 8
- California - 8
- Indiana - 8
- Connecticut - 7
- District of Columbia - 7
- Arkansas - 5
- Texas - 5
- New Hampshire - 4
- Michigan - 3
- Minnesota - 3
- Mississippi - 3
- Arizona - 2
- Illinois - 2
- Louisiana - 2
- Oklahoma - 2
- Utah - 2
- Vermont - 2
- Wisconsin - 2
- Missouri - 1
- Oregon - 1

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PHOTOS:
1. Visit to Historic Jamestown
2. & 3. Hampton Road’s Harbor tour aboard Miss Hampton II
4. Early morning “Yoga for Beekeepers”
5. “Honey Thyme Drop” signature cocktail
6. Beach Bash Olympics - smoker lighting
7. Beach Bash Olympics - frame assembly
8. Banquet Entertainer Sam Ramsey
9. Betty Mencucci’s Memoir of 30 years of EAS

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The Painted Hive Body Competition

By Jane Schweiger

On a Saturday in October 2017 the fifth annual Painted Hive Body Competition of the Nansemond Beekeepers Association officially began. Many of our club members gathered for an afternoon to assemble and prime the hive bodies for the competition. It was as time when we could talk bees and show our new members how to put together woodenware in a relaxed setting. We knew the 2018 competition would be special because we had been invited to showcase our painted hive bodies at the EAS 2018 Conference.

Artists from our club as well as the community worked on decorating the hive bodies from October to the first of May to create beautiful works of art. Six full hives and approximately 65 hive bodies were painted by artists. The artists’ works varied as much as the artists themselves. Each hive body was a masterpiece in its own right.

This year the painted hive bodies were featured at five venues. On the last day that they were at the Marriott, where Pam Fisher (VSBA President Emeritus and EAS President), Jeff Hancock (NBA President) and Mark Butcher (Manager of the Marriott and fellow beekeeper) judged which were best in each category. Rick Fisher (VSBA President) tallied the votes and used the people’s choice as the tie breaker. Rick Fisher also handed out the awards.

It was exciting to see the reaction of all the attendees when they saw the hive bodies and full hives on display at the EAS Conference. It seemed everyone was taking pictures of them including the staff who worked the conference and the vendors. Many of the attendees expressed an interest in starting a similar program in their club.

On the last day of bidding on the painted hive bodies, there was a frenzied atmosphere as people were trying to ensure they had the winning bids on the hive bodies that appealed to them. One hive body was sold for $300. The auction sales total was $3,782 (about $1,500 more than last year). We were able to keep our costs low due to the generous donations of the full hives by Brushy Mountain, Dadant, Geezer Ridge, G & S Apiary, Inc., Hampton Apiary, and Valley Bee Supply. It was great to see all the hive bodies sold and off to new, permanent homes. $71 in donations was also raised.

Because the hive bodies were so well received by those at the EAS Conference, the Nansemond beekeepers Association should be able to donate at least $2,600 to bee research this year after covering expenses for the program. Proceeds from the auction have been donated in the past to fund honey bee research by Dr. Lisa Horth, Dr. Samuel Ramsey, and the Bee Informed Partnership. Through the Painted Hive Body Competition, the NBA was also able to donate one full hive to the EAS Live Auction which sold for $250.

Nansemond Beekeeper’s Association is very grateful to have been invited to the EAS conference to auction off our hive bodies. It is hoped that the EAS board will consider inviting us back again.
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EAS 2018 Auctions

by Pam Fisher

Each year EAS holds two auctions to raise funds for honey bee research: a silent auction and a live auction. This year, the auctions raised approximately $11,300 thanks to the generosity of both the donors and the bidders.

We were fortunate to have both Susan Lawlor and Millie Arthur as volunteers with much experience at silent auctions between them. We had initially thought the auction would require only a few hours to prepare, but wow, were we off on that estimate! Susan and Millie put in at least 40 hours of their time, working each day of the conference. They cataloged items, sorted and bundled them for the best presentation, even donated their own baskets and easels to the effort.

Our auctioneer this year, Benjamin Clark of Meridian Auction Services, LLC is one of us - a former commercial beekeeper who now operates as a sideliner in addition to running his real estate auction company. Ben brought his considerable energy to the live auction. Working the crowd, he raised approximately $8000 for EAS research grants in a little over an hour of bidding. The donated items were fabulous, including gift baskets of state specialties from Connecticut, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Ohio (gift bucket), Rhode Island and Virginia Beekeepers’ Associations. Complete hives were donated by Betterbee, Flow, and Rossman Apiaries as well as a painted hive by the Nansemond Beekeepers Association and a gift nuc with goodies by the Philadelphia Beekeepers Guild. Hope Johnson and Diana Sammatero, by way of Bonnie Morse, both sent meticulously hand-pieced quilts of heirloom quality. Our New Zealand visitors came so very far and managed to bring items for our auction; we really appreciate the

EAS 2018 Community Engagement

by Pam Fisher

When planning EAS 2018, we were struck by the generosity of the community; they genuinely wanted EAS in Hampton, VA and offered us financial concessions as an incentive. We knew that hundreds of visiting beekeepers would make a great economic impact in the community, but we wanted to make a larger contribution, especially if we could reach an underserved portion of the local population. The EAS 2018 planning committee decided to partner with the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank to celebrate the unique connection between honey bees, beekeepers, and our food supply.

Established in 1986, the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank has been the leading hunger relief organization across the greater Peninsula region, serving the 1 in 7 Virginians who struggle with hunger in the area. Unlike the holidays when everyone’s thoughts turn to providing meals, summer is a particularly challenging time for the foodbank. When school is not in session, children have no access to subsidized school lunches. 1 out of 4 individuals served by the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank is a child.

We placed collection boxes around the Hampton Roads Convention Center hoping for non-perishable food donations but recognized that most people were visiting and not grocery shopping while in Hampton. To our surprise and delight, several of the collection boxes filled up nicely over the week. Our auctioneer, Benjamin Clark, had the best fundraising idea of all – a round of bidding at the end of the annual EAS live
planning that went into that effort. Francis & Mary Ann Lindsay donated two spectacular baskets of Manuka honey health products and Jeremy & Fiona O’Brien donated a silver coin commemorating Manuka honey. From generous competitors, blue-ribbon Honey Show entries rounded out the items for live bidding.

In a departure from our normal auction protocol of raising funds only for EAS research grants, we also auctioned a “Quiet Box” of furniture quality. For those who are unfamiliar with the quiet box and its significance, it was an invention of EAS Master Beekeeper, Billy Davis, of Virginia, who passed away earlier this year. Billy’s quiet box is a device for working bees without upsetting them, a means to keep a colony calm during inspections. Proceeds from the auction of the quiet box went to Billy’s non-profit organization, the Sustainable Honeybee Program.

We finished the night with a round of bidding to raise funds for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank, the organization which serves those struggling with hunger in Hampton, Virginia and the surrounding area. Thanks to the generosity of EAS attendees, we raised $1650, enough money to provide 6,400 meals to those in need.

The auction is always a fast-paced and fun event but it has a serious purpose, to raise funds for research which benefits us all. How blessed we are to have the resources to attend a conference and bid on items that interest us; how wonderful to also give to those less fortunate than ourselves at the same time.

Benjamin started the bidding high at $1000 with no takers; he tried $750, then $500 with still no bids. At $250, EAS President, Pam Fisher, jumped to her feet and started the bidding. A flood of bids ensued and EAS raised $1650 for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank. As bidders were settling their accounts, some spontaneously pledged more than their original bid.

EAS attendees were overwhelmingly supportive of this effort to give back to the community where we spent our week. Several members said they understood the need, appreciated the connection between honey bees and our food supply, and they hoped that EAS would consider making a donation to a local foodbank a regular part of EAS conferences. The Virginia Peninsula Foodbank was understandably thrilled with our generosity which converts to over 6,400 meals thanks to their partnership with wholesale food suppliers. Hunger relief is truly a collaborative effort, and with the support of EAS members, the foodbank is able to provide nourishment and hope to those who confront the challenge of food insecurity. Thank you to all the generous donors of food and funds for the Virginia Peninsula Foodbank!
Notes from EAS 2018 Children’s Program

by Thea Klein-Mayer, Children’s Program Chair EAS 2018

Aimed to excite local youth about bees during this year’s EAS conference, the vision this year was to make the EAS Children’s Program accessible to children and families in Hampton, VA. The children’s program organizers focused on creating opportunities to bring local kids into the conference venue and to bring EAS beekeepers and educators from the mid-Atlantic region into the local community. To make the vision a reality, this year’s children’s program included two different sessions held during the first day of the full-conference.

The morning session was held at the convention center. We dissected flowers, observed live bees in an observation hive, tried out beekeeping tools, and taste-tested honey. A small but mighty group turned out including three children from Hampton and two young conference attendees. The afternoon session was a wonderful community partnership with a group of Master Gardeners who maintain a cheerful garden and arboretum at Hampton’s Bluebird Gap Farm, just minutes from the convention center. This session attracted over 35 children and adults to learn about bee biology and behavior at the observation hive, paint hive boxes, taste honey, and role-play pollination. Additional families visiting the park joined in or walked up to see what the buzz was about!

A FEW TAKEAWAYS BASED ON EAS 2018 CHILDREN’S PROGRAM:

- Connect with community partners and venues. The afternoon session was such a hit because we had a strong supporter in Tara Joseph, a local master gardener, who both connected us with a well-loved location and promoted the program within the community. Families feel secure bringing their children to local community locations.

- Rally experienced educators, like this year’s volunteers, Nicole Balenger and Toni Burnham. They know what children love and how to share info without lecturing (which as Jaime Ellis mentioned, is not the best way to learn).

- Find young experts. Alex, a young beekeeper knowledgeable far beyond his years, was another big help with the children’s program. A big thanks to he and his father, both EAS conference attendees, for participating.

- Promote the event widely but take registrations. We promoted this year’s sessions on Eventbrite and Facebook, along with the EAS website and local media. Registrations allowed us to anticipate the number of attendees.

- Seek out sponsors. This year’s sponsors made the free program possible by providing materials and support.

Thanks to Tara Joseph for connecting this program with Bluebird Gap Farm and rallying some amazing volunteers (Cynda, Rhonda, Kanisha, and Dee), Ruth Meredith the gracious observation hive owner, and Adam, the Bluebird Gap Farm Manager. Thank you to Karla Eisen and Pam Fisher for your vision of this year’s EAS children’s program and to sponsors: the Sweet Virginia Foundation, Brushy Mountain Bee Farm, and DC Beekeepers Alliance.

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EAS State Meetings

by Linda A. Mizer

ALABAMA
Bill Miller

The annual Alabama Cooperative Extension Service (ACES) Beekeeping Symposium is to be held on Feb. 2, 2019 at the Clanton Performing Arts and Conference Center. For more information visit the symposium website at http://www.aces.edu/home-garden/beekeeping/.

CONNECTICUT
John Baker

The CT Beekeepers Association will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at Memorial Hall, Main Street, Bethlehem, CT starting at 9 a.m.

Dr. Meghan Milbrith will be the featured speaker.

On the second Thursday of each month, at 7 p.m., Master Beekeeper Bill Hesbach presents Bee Talks at the Rockfall Foundation at 27 Washington Street in Middletown, CT.

For more information visit the CBA website at www.ctbees.org

FLORIDA
Jennifer Holmes

Fall Meeting 2018: Oct. 12-13th FSBS Conference, Gainesville, FL

GEORGIA
Linda Tillman

Fall Meeting 2018: September 27-29th
Spring Meeting 2019: February 15-16th
Fall Meeting 2019: September 26 – 28th

KENTUCKY
Tammy Potter


LOUISIANA
Steve Payne

Beekeepers Association, Fall Meeting 2018: Thursday, Dec. 6 - Saturday, Dec. 8 at the West Cal Events Center, 401 Arena Road, Sulphur, LA 70665. Information and pre-registration for the convention will be posted later this year on the LBA web site (http://labeekeepers.org).

MAINE
Peggy McLaughlin

Fall Meeting 2018: October 13th

Website: http://mainebeekeepers.org/information-for-beekeepers/how-to/maine-state-beekeepers-association-annual-meeting-2018/

MARYLAND
Patti Wong

Fall Meeting and Honey Show 2018: November 17th, Annapolis, MD, 9AM - 4PM

Spring Meeting 2019: February 2nd, 2019, Harford Community College, Bel Air, MD.

MASSACHUSETTS
Mary Duane

Massachusetts State Fall meeting is November 17, 2018. It is at Bristol County Community college. It is an all day event. Speakers are Dr Jamie Ellis and Dr Samuel Ramsey.
NEW HAMPSHIRE
Dorinda Priebe
Fall Meeting 2018: Saturday, October 20th, 9 a.m - 3 p.m. Camp Carpenter, Manchester, NH. Randy Oliver will present “Reading the Combs: Understanding Bee Biology over the course of a season”, and “Oxalic Acid Extended Release Research Update.” Becky Hermann will present “Creating Pollinator Gardens at Local Schools.” Preregistration for this event is required. Attendance will be capped at 300 participants. Registration Forms and more information can be found on the NHBA website: nhbeekeepers.org
This special meeting series is partially funded through the New Hampshire Department of Agriculture, Markets and Foods IPM grant.

NEW JERSEY
Eloise Naylor
Fall State meeting 2018: Saturday, November 10th, The College of New Jersey in Ewing.
We have Dr Debbie Delaney as our main speaker.

NEW YORK
Ben Carpenter
2018 Fall Meeting - Thursday, Nov 1, 2018 1:00pm - Sat, Nov 3, 2018 4:00pm
Pre-register and save, or register at the door, can't guarantee lunch or dinner will be available for at-the-door registrations, Pre-Register to save and guarantee meals.

NORTH CAROLINA
James Vinson
Spring Meeting 2019: March 1 - 2, 2019, Union County Extension Center, Monroe, NC 28112
Summer Meeting 2019: August 8 – 10, Hickory Metro Convention Center, Hickory, NC

SOUTH CAROLINA
Buddy May
The NCBA and SCBA will hold a joint Conference Meeting this coming Spring, as they do every other year. It will be held in Monroe, NC on March 1 -2, 2019. This Year North Carolina will be the host.

TENNESSEE
Michael Coulter
Fall Meeting 2018: October 12-13th at Hyder-Burks Agricultural Pavilion, Tennessee Tech in Cookeville, TN
Website www.TnBeekeepers.org

VIRGINIA
Pamela Fisher
Fall Meeting 2018: Saturday, November 3rd, 2018 at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave, Virginia. More information is available on the VSBA website at https://www.virginiabeekeepers.org/
Billy Davis and EAS

Submitted by Ann Harman on behalf of many authors

Billy was always one individual who I enjoyed seeing year after year at our EAS conference. He was generous and sharing and always cheerful. However for those years I asked Billy to be on the program I found Billy’s lawyer background first hand. He needed to check out the room immediately, carrying his presentation materials (neither of us could do it so we had to find a volunteer). I believe we had to change his presentation room most years as it was not meeting his purposes. You can’t argue with a Mississippi lawyer so it was always changed. It was worth it as Billy always had a great presentation and would always get very glowing reports. We will miss our “southern gentleman.”

Dewey M. Caron

Billy loved, absolutely loved, speaking to an audience about bees. Sometimes he would begin, in a bit exaggerated slow Mississippi drawl “ I’ve always had the bees. I began keeping bees when I was nine years old and I’ve always had the bees. ....(pause-like a Mark Twain pause for effect)....Wives come and go, kids come and go, jobs come and go......but I’ve always had the bees......” He’d KNOW in the first minute or two if he ‘had the audience.’ Watching him, one could tell when he knew that: he’d bring out another Mississippi bee story, slowing the drawl even more. The audience was spellbound. He had them.

Brenda Kiessling

I first met Billy at the EAS conference held at Cornell in 2002. One of the wonderful things about EAS is that new beekeepers who haven’t a clue about anything can sit down to breakfast or lunch with the most respected beekeepers and researchers in the field, trade jokes and stories, and pick their brains. Beekeepers are a remarkably friendly, down-to-earth bunch, and Billy was no exception. I vividly remember sitting down with him and getting into a lively discussion about growing degree days, a topic I’d recently read about. We chatted happily all through lunch. I was in the phase of traipsing through the woods and around my neighborhood identifying every weed, shrub or tree with a bee on it and wondering why the bees weren’t on the things I thought they should be on! Billy listened to me tolerantly, with that quiet grin on his face. At the end of the meal he said to me, “Girl, have you ever thought about taking the Master Beekeeper exam?” I hadn’t. Didn’t know what a Master Beekeeper was. Two years later I was one. That’s when my friendship with Billy really began.

Landi Simone
Billy and I always got to have a sit-down chat at EAS sometime over the course of the week. I learned many things about life in America, and he was never afraid to answer my questions and indeed understood my enthusiasm for learning. For me the last time we got together would have been at the “Liquid Alchemy” in Delaware, one of the evening events for EAS Delaware 2017. We sat outside under the few umbrellas, secure in our seating while others, namely Jeremy (my husband) and Brenda Kiessling (Billy’s friend and fellow beekeeper) went in search of drinks and what was on offer at the food trucks. We went into great depth about his mobility van comparing our two countries with the services available for the not-so-able-bodied. We also both discussed our determination to remain independent and of course beekeeping. It was here that he also took his ‘Sustainable Honeybee’ pin off and gave it to me, understanding my love of the bees and encouraging me to keep educating. It’s something I will always treasure, as it was from Billy.

Fiona O’Brien, NZ

I met Billy very early in my beekeeping endeavors as part of the Virginia Beekeeping Teachers Consortium. Those that knew him understood he was both gnarly and kind – he was even sometimes downright scary! His love and care for the honey bee and teaching others to care for these living creatures as he called them always shone through. Billy was at his zenith at the Eastern Apicultural Society conferences. At my first EAS I bore witness to Billy receiving the Divelbiss award, completely surprised. I saw a bit of his character that evening as he wasted no time in thanking Pat Haskell who did the organizational work that allowed him to spread the program with so much success. I am humbled to have the opportunity to work in such service to his vision of bringing EAS back to Virginia after 20 years. Nearly two years ago while we were exploring potential sites, Billy in his way and with his gestures symbolically “handed over the reins” to me to shepherd forth this vision with his trust and support. He had served as the EAS Virginia State Director for so many years so that was most meaningful. Billy’s last words to me still haunt: he “would be at EAS even if he had to crawl there.” I know Billy’s spirit was watching over us this year and maybe he even felt a bit of pride seeing the outcome of his efforts to educate beekeepers in Virginia and at EAS.

Karla Eisen

I can contribute only the sentiment that I found it tragic that we were so close to EAS 2018 in Virginia when we lost Billy. He told me last year that he wanted to be a part of EAS 2018 and respectfully asked to be included. The question took me by surprise because to me his participation was a given, not subject to question. I assured Billy that there was no way we would host EAS in Virginia without him.

Pam Fisher

Many more EAS stories about Billy will surface in the coming years.
EAS BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
August 17, 2018 11:15 a.m.
Hampton Roads Convention Center
Hampton, VA

Call to Order and Welcome: Chairman Erin MacGregor Forbes presided over the 63rd EAS Annual Business Meeting at the Hampton Roads Convention Center on August 17, 2018 and called the meeting to order at 11:18 am.

Secretary’s Report - Carol Cottrill
Approval of August 4, 2017 Delaware Business Meeting Minutes (Published in the Journal). A motion to accept the minutes as published was seconded and approved.

Treasurer’s Report - Jacky Hildreth
The conference is doing well. Last year EAS had a net income of about $11,000. This year the live auction made around $10,000 so the conference is in the black.

Chairman’s Report – Erin Forbes
The market has been good so EAS finances are doing well. A great team of volunteers worked together to put on this conference. There was good engagement with the EAS Master Beekeepers who worked on the conference and exam. She expressed thanks to all on the conference team for a well-organized conference.

President’s Report (EAS 2018) – Pam Fisher
Registration totaled over 800 for this year – the largest attendance at a conference in recent years.

Vice President’s Report (EAS 2019) – Buddy May
Buddy did a presentation just prior to the business meeting on the 2019 Conference to be held in South Carolina.

Sites:
- 2020 – Maine at the University of Maine in Orono August 3 – 7, 2020. Peggy McLaughlin will be the Vice President this year.
- Both Florida and Massachusetts are interested in hosting in the future.

Committee Reports

Awards
James I. Hambleton - Olav Rueppell
Roger Morse – Jon Zawislak
Student Award - James Withrow
Student Award honorable Mention - Alison McAfee

Divelbiss Award – Carol Cottrill
Will be announced at the Banquet Friday evening (Note: award given to Michael Palmer)
Membership – Lou Naylor
There are 1813 active members. Lou read the proposed change to the bylaws from a dues year of September to August to a rolling membership renewal date.

Nominations for 2018 Officers and Directors:
• Past President: Pam Fisher (VA)
• President: Buddy May (SC)
• Vice President: Peggy McLaughlin (ME)
The nominated officers were approved by a vote of the membership present.

The New York honey Producers nominated Ben Carpenter to serve as the Director from New York. The nomination was approved.

After the meeting Louisiana submitted a nomination to the Executive Committee. Wesley Card will be the Director for Louisiana.

Directors needed:
The following state director’s terms expire in 2018 and do not have a Director nominated:
• Maryland
• Vermont
• Canadian Maritimes

Honey Bee Health Coalition – Dewey Caron
The HBHC has 49 members and EAS is represented by Tammy Horn-Potter. A significant product from this group is the Varroa Management Tools which are available on their website.

Honey Show – Karla Eisen for George Wilson
The Honey Show this year had almost double the number of entries, but entrants need to up the quality of the products submitted as some classes did not have first place ribbons awarded. We need to teach excellence in honey and hive products.

Life Membership - Mary Duane
The Life Membership Lunch featured a talk by Celia Davis on England’s Master Beekeeper program.

Master Beekeeper Certification - Landi Simone
Landi thanked Dr. Debbie Delaney, her assistant Dan, Dorinda Priebe, Richard McLaughlin and Dr. Dewey Caron for all their work on this year’s exam. Twenty six candidates were tested and there will be sixteen new Master Beekeepers announced at the Banquet.

Journal – Linda Mizer
Linda would like to have content for the Journal from EAS members. Articles, photos, etc. can be emailed to: journal@easternapiculture.org
NEW BUSINESS

Bylaw revisions:
Proposed changes were published in the EAS Summer Journal:
- Revision to the EAS bylaws to add Washington D.C. as an association member.
- Revision to the EAS bylaw to allow a rolling dues renewal date for individual dues (not to include State/Provincial Association and Corporate dues).
Both proposed changes were voted and passed by the membership present.

Apimondia – Jeff Pettis
Apimondia 2019 will be in Montreal September 8 – 12, 2019. This conference is a money maker for the host and 10,000 to 15,000 participants will register. There is a scientific program and vendors attend from around the world.
Jeff proposed that EAS consider hosting a future Apimondia. The next bid opening would be in 2023 for a conference in 2027. It would need to be held in a gateway city near a large airport (such as New York, Boston or Washington).

Student Rate – EAS has a reduced rate for high school age students who wish to attend the conference.

Resolutions - Lou Naylor presented the 2018 Resolutions.

ADJOURNMENT
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:52 am.

Submitted by Carol Cottrill, EAS Secretary
2018 Eastern Apiculture Society Resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. EAS THANKS Pamela Fisher for her leadership as President
2. EAS thanks the Virginia State Beekeepers Association for hosting and sponsoring the 2018 Short Course and Conference.
3. EAS thanks the Hampton Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Hampton Roads Convention Center and the Embassy Suites for working with us to make this year’s conference a success.
4. EAS thanks all who served as committee chairs and worked to make the EAS 2018 meeting a huge success including Erin MacGregor-Forbes, Linda Mizer, Carol Cottrill, Jacky Hildreth, Karla Eisen, Bob Talkiewicz, Erik Brown, Phillip Imel, Al Banwell, George Wilson, Lou Naylor, Bob Bauer, Doris Morgan, Ray Banks, Ed Schweiger, Rick Fisher, Pat and Leon Knight.
5. EAS thanks Kimberly Epperson for opening the conference with a welcome from the Nansemond Nation.
6. EAS thanks our program committee Karla Eisen, Jennifer Tsuruda, Keith Tignor, Freddy Proni, Frank Linton, Don Conlon and the Russian Honey Bee Breeders Association for developing a wonderful program.
7. EAS thanks Linda Mizer for producing this year’s program guide.
8. EAS thanks Susan Lawlor and Benjamin Clark for organizing and conducting our fundraising auctions.
9. EAS thanks Master Beekeeper Advisor Debbie Delaney, Dewey Caron, Landi Simone, Carol Cottrill, Dorinda Priebe, Richard McLaughlin and the many other Master Beekeeper volunteers who planned and carried out candidate testing.
10. EAS thanks Keith Tignor, James Wilson, Mike Ledoux, Wyatt Mangum, Ruth Meredith and Danielle Quant for providing honey bee colonies for use throughout the meeting.
11. EAS thanks Honey Show Chair George Wilson, Karla Eisen, and all who acted as judges and assistants for their work on our Honey Show.
12. EAS thanks Don Hopkins, Jennifer Keller and Lewis Cauble for their work in the apiary
13. EAS thanks Kristine Smith for her help with advertising.
14. EAS thanks Thea Kline-Mayer for organizing and conducting our children’s program.
15. EAS thanks Virginia’s Extension Apiculturist, James Wilson, Pat Harrison and Stephen Wilson for organizing the beekeeper Olympics.
16. EAS thanks Ron Davis for organizing our field trip to historic Jamestown.
17. EAS thanks the EAS Executive Committee, Board of Directors and Committees for helping to make our organization a continuing success.
18. EAS thanks all volunteers who gave their time to assist in any way needed to create a warm welcome to our members and guests.
19. EAS thank all of the speakers for their presentations and for working for the improvement of the honey bee industry.

20. EAS thanks all volunteers who provided transportation to the airports and wherever needed.

21. EAS thanks all of the newspapers, magazines and TV stations that have continued to produce materials to bring awareness of honeybees and beekeeping to the public.

22. EAS and the Master Beekeepers in particular, thank Mann Lake LTD. For graciously continuing to support the EAS Mann Lake Master Beekeepers Scholarship in keeping with our mission of education.

23. EAS thanks all of our Colony, Queen, Worker and Drone Level, Honey Bee Research and Speaker & Education Fund donors.

24. EAS thanks all of our Bronze and Silver Level, Children’s Program, refreshment break and Honey Show sponsors.

25. EAS thanks all who have so generously donated items to our auctions.

26. EAS thanks the Master Beekeepers who fulfill a core part of our mission.

27. EAS thanks all who have donated the time talents and resources to make this EAS a great success.
Vice-chair Linda Mizer called the meeting to order at 5:20 pm.

STATES/PROVINCES IN GOOD STANDING
Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia

STATES/PROVINCES WITH EXPIRED DUES
Illinois (vacant), Mississippi (vacant), Ohio (vacant), Wisconsin (vacant), Canadian Maritime, (vacant), Ontario (vacant), Quebec (vacant)

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS
The following nominations were received and approved by the Board:
• Florida - Jennifer Holmes (2019) finishing term for David Mendes
• Connecticut – John Baker
• Indiana – Debbie Seib
• Maine – Peggy McLaughlin

PROXIES
• Alabama – Marilyn Parker for Bill Miller
• Georgia – Mary Cahill Roberts for Linda Tillman
• Kentucky – Kent Williams for Tammy Horn Potter
• Master Beekeepers – Landi Simone for Steve Repasky

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Present at the Conference Center: Erin MacGregor Forbes, Chairman; Linda Allen Mizer, Vice Chairman; Bob Bauer, Past President, DE; Pam Fisher, President; Buddy May, Vice President, SC; Jacky Hildreth, Treasurer; Carol Cottrill, Secretary; Marilyn Parker, AL: John Baker, CT; Mary Cahill Roberts, GA; Debbie Seib, IN; Peggy McLaughlin, ME; Landi Simone, Master Beekeepers; Dorinda Priebe, NH; Lou Naylor, NJ; Bob Talkiewicz, NY; James Vinson, NC; Vincent Aloyo, PA; Karla Eisen, VA. William Miller, AL (arrived at the end of the meeting).

Attending via WebEx: Jane Dennison, RI.

Absent: Jim Bobb, Chairman Emeritus; Jennifer Holmes, FL; Kent Williams, KY; Randy Fair, LA; Patty Wong, MD; Mary Duane, MA; Rich Weiske, MI; Michael Coulter, TN; Michael Willard, VT; Charles Walter, WV; Keith Inglin, Webmaster.
Guest: Dewey Caron

SECRETARY’S REPORT- Carol Cottrill
The minutes of the March 8, 2017 Board of Director Meeting were distributed via email. A motion was made to approve the minutes as distributed, voted and passed.

Chairman Erin MacGregor Forbes arrived to lead the meeting.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Jacky Hildreth
Financial reports were distributed by email. Last year ended well. Although not all income and expenses are in it is expected that the Virginia Conference will make a profit of $20,000 to $30,000. Costs were higher, but are being covered by larger attendance.
An audit was done by Peter Richardson (copy attached). If EAS wants to have a full audit done by an outside CPA firm it will cost around $10,000. Currently it cost about $6,000 to file tax returns and perform a financial review.
Bonding for the Treasurer and anyone else with access to EAS funds was discussed. Currently no officers are bonded, the cost to provide bonding is unknown.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Erin MacGregor Forbes
Things are going well for this conference. The conference teams are working well together and both South Carolina and Maine are well into planning for their respective conferences. The Master Beekeeper program is also active and doing well.
Erin repeated that she will only serve 4 years so that her term is up in 2019. It is important to identify a person willing to serve as Chairman soon as the vote must be taken at the Spring Board meeting. She plans to be an active Past Chairman and to do long term fund raising. The position of Past Chairman is meant to support the current Chair and she will do that.
The candidate for Chairman must be, or have been, an Officer or Director. The time commitment depends on having a good team in place and in identifying who is responsible for the various functions.

PAST PRESIDENT’S REPORT (EAS 2017) - Robert Bauer
No report – he has been working closely with the Virginia team on this year’s conference.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT (EAS 2018) - Pam Fisher
Currently there are over 700 attendees registered and a number of walk-ins are expected. This year’s program is very diverse with new topics and a variety of hive types in the apiary. Volunteers were managed using an on-line software program that was helpful and will be used again next year.
Karla Eisen, Program Chair, stated the importance of continuing to look at diversity in future speakers to serve and grow our membership.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT (EAS 2019) – Buddy May
Next year’s conference will be in Greenville, South Carolina at the Hilton. There is an airport shuttle available and all activities will be at the hotel or shuttles will be provided so rental cars will not be needed. The dates are July 15 – 19, 2019. Seven speakers have been confirmed and a children’s program at the local science center is planned. Master Beekeepers will be helping with
the Short Course. The theme will be Honey Bee Health. Hotel rooms will be in the $109 - $119 price range.
Lou Naylor suggested reaching out to area club leaders to show them how to register for the conference, so they can assist their members and spread the word about the conference.

SITES:
- **2020 ME - Peggy McLaughlin**
  On August 8, 2018 the EAS 2020 Site Committee visited the University of Maine campus in Orono and met with their conference planning staff. A copy of the committee’s site inspection report was given to the Chair. UMO is located close to I-95 and to the Bangor International Airport. A tour of the facilities showed that all activities could be scheduled in a fairly compact area (the conference center and classroom/laboratory buildings are clustered together), there is ample free parking, the site is on level ground and fully ADA compliant. The vendors and the honey show can be in main conference center building. It offers easy loading and close parking for vendors. There are many opportunities for tours and activities right on the campus and there are a number of hotels, inns and campgrounds close by. UMO is willing to work with the conference committee and participate in the planning process. The dates available are August 3 – 7, 2020. A motion was made to accept the Site Committee’s recommendation that EAS hold the 2020 Conference at University of Maine Orono. The motion was voted and passed.

- **2021** – both Florida, which has a new bee lab opening that year, and Massachusetts have expressed interest in having a conference.

COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

**Awards** – Peggy McLaughlin
- Hambleton Award: Olav Rueppell, University of North Carolina, Greensboro
- Roger A. Morse Teaching/Extension/Regulatory Award: Jon Zawislak, State Extension Apiculturist for Arkansas
- Student Award: James Withrow, North Carolina State University
  Honorable Mention Alison McAfee
- Divelbiss Award (announced at the Friday Banquet): Michael Palmer

Karla Eisen suggested giving conference registration and a one-year membership keynote speakers and the Hambleton, Morse and Student winners. When discussion compensation for speakers it was noted that HAS is paid most speakers $500, and one $750, this year even though it is not HAS policy. This may cause some problems in the future if speakers are attracted to conferences that pay rather than just cover expenses. A motion was made to give conference registration, all meals (including evening meals/banquets) and a one-year membership to up to six keynote speakers and the Hambleton, Morse and Student Award winners starting in 2019. The motion was passed with one opposed and the rest in favor. Language will be added to the appropriate Policy and Procedure Manual sections describing this change in procedure. Copies of the modifications made attached.
**Membership** – Lou Naylor
Currently there are 1,496 bundled memberships for a total of 2,405 individuals.
Life Memberships are also set up as a bundle, with the ability to add up to three people to that bundle. If the Life Member dies what should be done with those who are bundled in that membership and can possibly re-bundle the membership if the Life Member is removed? Lou will send a list of Life Members for their state to each director, so they can check on their status.
The membership will be voting on changing the bylaws to allow a rolling membership. This change will apply to those who just joined to attend this year’s conference.

**Nomination Committee**
Erin appointed a committee to find a Chairman: Pam Fisher, Lou Naylor, Carol Cottrill, Erin Forbes and Linda Mizer (the Vice Chair is on all committees per the bylaws).

**Historian** – materials are still in storage at Allagash in Maine and we still need a volunteer for this position.

**Honey Bee Health Coalition** – Dewey Caron for Tammy Horn Potter
Dewey gave an overview of the work the HBHC is doing. There are 49 groups now and four task forces: hive management, forage and nutrition, crop pest management, outreach and communications. The yearly donation from EAS helps support the four task forces that are developing materials.

**Honey Bee Research Awards**
Dennis van Engelsdorp, University of Maryland
Naughty Neighbors: Tracking the movement of bees from colonies collapsing from high Varroa infestation between apiaries. $7,000.00
Elmin Taric, DVM, University of Belgrade
The differences between honey bee brood pathogens colonies in traditional and modern (commercial) beekeeping colonies. $3,000.00

**Journal** – Linda Mizer
Currently doing three Journals a year. There have been proposals to do four, but the publication dates might have to be flexible to avoid interference with the conference dates and deadlines. Linda needs content - new articles, photographs and suggestions – as well as the repetitious items such as minutes, Master Beekeepers, etc.
The program deadline is dependent on getting the vendor advertising in on time. Trading ads with HAS and WAS worked out well.
Landi Simone suggested a photo contest with winning photos going into a calendar that could be sold at the conference. Winners from the Honey Show could also be used in the Journal or in a calendar.
Karla noted that the President and the Program Chair are responsible for a large amount of the content in the spring Journal and the Conference Program.

**Life Membership**
Celia Davis is speaking on the Master Beekeeper program in England at the Life Membership luncheon on Thursday.
Mann Lake EAS Scholarship
Abby Sennett was chosen as the 2018 scholarship winner.

Master Beekeeper Certification - Landi Simone
Testing will begin on Tuesday with 17 new candidates and 9 taking one or more retests.

Policy & Procedures – Carol Cottrill
EAS currently pays mileage at the federal business rate ($0.545/mile) not at the IRS rate for charitable organizations (.14/mile). This year speakers only giving one talk did not have transportation costs covered. Guidelines are needed, especially for those driving long distances to the conferences, so that reimbursements don’t exceed the cost of a plane ticket. The Guideline should be that mileage paid should not exceed the cost reasonable of airfare plus ground transportation to the conference. A copy of the modifications made to the Speaker Compensation Policy is attached. A Policy/Procedure for Wild Apricot needs to be prepared. Lou Naylor volunteered to work on this.

Publication and Communications
Erin appointed a committee: Linda Mizer, Kevin Inglin, Lou Naylor and Erin Forbes. Need to include website, social media, communication to directors and educational materials that can be sent to Directors via Wild Apricot.

NEW BUSINESS

Amendment to EAS Constitution
Connecticut made a proposal to amend the Constitution as follows:
   Section 3. Terms of Office
      A. Directors
         Delete: No director shall serve more than two four-year terms consecutively. The Connecticut Association stated that they don’t have enough volunteers and might not have someone willing to be a state director if the current director is not able to serve additional terms. The motion was defeated by unanimous vote.

Crown Bee Proposal – Dewey Caron
A proposal was submitted by Crown Bee to recognize and support native bees. See attached proposal. Native bees will be included in the 2019 Conference presentations. The 2020 conference will also include presentations on pollinators other than honey bees.

A motion to adjourn was made and the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM

Submitted by Carol Cottrill
EAS Secretary
From: Peter Richardson [mailto:pfrichar@gmail.com]  
Sent: Thursday, August 02, 2018 6:14 AM  
To: John B. Hildreth  
Subject: EAS 2018 Audit

At your request, I have reviewed the accounts of EAS for 2017. On the whole, I have found the accounts to be in order with no discrepancies noted. I do have a few comments.

1. As an investment advisor, I have particular expertise in investment management. Having reviewed the statements from the Delaware Community Foundation and Edward Jones, I have no changes to recommend. Community foundations like DCF provide a level of professional management within their pooled funds that is not usually available to smaller investors such as EAS. The portfolio return, net of fees, for their fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 was 5.9%. This is consistent with their benchmark and is reflective of a well-diversified portfolio constructed to achieve growth and preservation of principal.

The Edward Jones account is intended as a liquidity reserve and is appropriately invested in money market funds and CD’s.

2. EAS reimburses certain officers for travel expenses related to the EAS conference. This appears to be a long-standing practice. I recommend that there be evidence of approval of these expenses by another officer or board member. For example, the president should approve the expenses of the treasurer in writing. The charges themselves are well documented and reasonable in amount.

3. As is common with small non-profit organizations, the finance staff consists of one person. It is a best practice to have a separation of duties between the person writing checks and the person reconciling bank accounts. This is not practical for EAS, and the practice of having a third party such as myself to review the books on annual basis mitigates this risk. I found no concerning activity in the bank and investment accounts.

4. In the past there has been discussion over whether or not to have a full, annual audit of the EAS financial statements by a CPA firm. While an audit provides the highest level of assurance on an organization’s financial statements, the question is: is it worth the money? I leave the answer to the board. Having a person such as myself look over the books and records is a good practice, but I do not have the capabilities of a CPA firm. It would be useful to price out the cost of an audit, as well as a “review”, which is an intermediate step between our current compilation by Brown Edwards and a full audit. With all of that said, I am not recommending a change in current practice, but merely bringing up an important point for consideration.

Please let me know if you have any questions. I wish I was joining you at the conference this year, but life intervened. Thanks for all you do for EAS. Your record keeping is exemplary.
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Policy and Procedure Changes:

**Student Award Winner** (changes in red)

An Honorary Mention Award may be given if the committee feels a second candidate deserves recognition. This student will receive a certificate and is not required to attend or present at the annual conference.

**Student Award Stipend:** $1,000.00.  
**Student Award Plaque:** No plaque is presented.  
The Student Award Winner will receive conference registration, all meals during the conference and a one-year individual membership to EAS.

**Hambleton Award Winner** (changes in red)

Researchers concentrating on applied or applied/basic research, over purely basic research, should be given greater preference in committee deliberations.

**Hambleton Award Premium:** None  
The Hambleton Award Winner will receive conference registration, all meals during the conference and a one-year individual membership to EAS.  
**Hambleton Award Sample Plaque Wording:**  
Presented to  
Recipient  
for Outstanding Research  
J. I. Hambleton Award  
Eastern Apicultural Society  
of North America, Inc.  
Date

**Morse Award Winner** (changes in red)

For nominees with teaching appointments: in addition to breadth of teaching, both for formal and informal courses, evaluations of students and/or peers (for multiple years), showing excellence/steady improvement in teaching expertise is required. Publications, grants, awards, etc. related to the candidate's teaching, should be included in evaluation of a candidate.  
**Morse Award Premium:** $500.00.  
The Morse Award Winner will receive conference registration, all meals during the conference and a one-year individual membership to EAS.  
**Morse Award Sample Plaque Wording:**  
Roger A. Morse  
Teaching- Extension- Regulatory  
Award  
Presented to  
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for Outstanding  
Teaching and Service to the  
Beekeping Industry  
Eastern Apicultural Society  
of North America, Inc.  
Date  
Supported by Anita Weiss Foundation
Conference Speaker Compensation Policy (changes in red)

Registration (Short Course or Conference or both) is to be waived for most speakers. Speakers must submit a conference registration form in timely fashion, using the provided speaker's code.

Speakers should support the mission of EAS and become members, paying the membership fee, unless already a Life member or their membership is currently paid-up.

Hotel or motel bill during the actual conference, up to the cost of the dorm cost, is to be reimbursed for speakers electing to NOT stay in the dorms. They must submit receipt to the EAS treasurer for such reimbursement.

Reasonable travel expenses for those speakers will be reimbursed by EAS. For those driving, mileage reimbursement will be based on the IRS reimbursement rate/mile. Mileage will be paid up to the reasonable cost of airfare plus ground transportation to the conference. Speakers need to submit a mileage statement to the EAS treasurer for such reimbursement.

EAS will cover meal costs for speakers during the period of their EAS responsibilities at the meeting venue. We do not pay for meals or travel expenses for spouses.

Ordinarily air travel will be arranged by EAS for speakers – if speakers make their own arrangements we ask that speakers try to book airfare early and responsibly to help keep costs down. A receipt will be required for reimbursement by the EAS treasurer in instances where the speaker makes their own arrangements.

Up to six keynote speakers can be given conference registration, all meals during the conference and a one-year individual membership to EAS.

In return, we expect the speakers to provide at least 3 talks. The “talks” could also be “in the beeyard”, a book signing, or an evening talk back. We will seek to arrange EAS activities in a one or two-day period to accommodate speakers. Further coverage of additional expenses will need to be negotiated by the speaker. If they wish to attend short course or conference and are not on the program, it is expected they will pay for the appropriate registration. Where there is a combined registration fee lower than either the Short course or conference, they may pay the difference.

Exceptions that are requested should be brought to the Executive Committee for approval or denial. The bottom line is that we want to treat everyone fairly and equitably yet be responsible financially with the EAS funds.
Proposal to EAS to consider inclusion of native bees to organization

Crown Bees would like EAS to be the first *Apis mellifera* organization to recognize and support native bees. This recognition would slowly be introduced over a period of year and have our assistance with setting this up. Ultimately, honey bee clubs might become "bee clubs" with beekeepers having many bees under their toolbelt. We would hope annual conference attending might increase and club membership increase as well.

We see honey bees as the “queen of the hill” to all bees. We also see many people not able to raise honey bees and have begun raising hole nesting mason and leafcutter bees. The bees are gentler and take about an hour a year to maintain. “Bee owners” can raise bees easily and for low cost.

An inclusive environment is stronger for the overall good of pollinator biodiversity. More people would begin to increase pollen resources in their yards as well as reduce chemical usage.

Crown Bees would hope to partner with you in a third day at the 2019 conference. We’d help put together the agenda, line up speakers, and market the event through our 40k+ followers. We would work with you to create messaging to your members and help put together curriculum for potential classes given by your clubs and organizations.

We view EAS as a progressive organization. By being the first in the honey bee industry to embrace biodiversity through encouraging Beekeepers as protectors and expertise of many types of managed bees, you gain stature and more members.

Thank you,

Dave Hunter, Owner, Crown Bees
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