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### President's Message

As I write this letter, I think of how many of you that we have never met. David and I have worked together this year with all of the other board members to try and have some exciting meetings with a lot of free knowledge being passed on to others. For those of you who were unable to attend, you missed out on some fun times and a lot of how too's. I want to say thank you to Jill Mayes, again, for the great talk she gave at the last meeting. We all realized how much money we are throwing away when we do away with that sticky goo called propylis that the bees use to glue their hives together. There were also some great marketing ideas and good food.

I hope that this next year more of you will be willing to mark your calendars and make a special effort to attend the meetings each month. Try to take advantage of the knowledge of others and the ability of being with others who have an interest in bees. It can help you stay up to date with what is going on in research and the legalities of beekeeping.

We hope to see you this month at the October meeting in Peoria. Also if you haven't done so yet, you need to get your honey or wax entries for the contest to Steve Mayes. The meeting this month will consist of good food, prizes being given away for the honey entries, and the election of officers for 2008.

In closing I want to say thank you to those of you who have helped us as we struggled to keep the meetings interesting for another year. You know who you are and we could not have done it without you.

THANKS> SUSIE AND DAVID STILES

### Annual HIBA Banquet

Our annual banquet will be held on Oct. 19 at 6 PM. The location has changed this year and will be at the HomeTown Buffet at 5001 N. Big Hollow Rd., Peoria. It will be a great time for fellowship and good food. The results of the Honey Contest will be presented and premiums will be paid out.

Election of the 2008 HIBA Officers will also be held. Nominating committee members, Susie Stiles and Jill Mayes have presented a slate of candidates:

President ~ Pat Sheets

VP ~ Tom Elston (and newsletter)

Secretary ~ Janet Hart

Treasurer ~ Mike Moens

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### Just for Grins

Success is not permanent. The same is also true of failure. --Dell Crossword  
A stumble may prevent a fall. --English Proverb

## *World's Famous Beekeepers*

Abbe Collin - This **beekeeper** invented the queen excluder in France, in 1865.

Alexander the Great - Conquered the world, then died thousands of miles from home - his men carried his preserved body home for burial in a golden coffin filled with honey.

Aristeaus - Virgil's character in Georgics, was the Greek patron of beekeeping; he played a scandalous role in the death of Orpheus' love, Euridice.

Aristotle - This Greek **beekeeper** and scientist used simple hives with wooden strip top-bars. Some of his observations about bees were pretty clever, others were dead wrong.

Augustus - Worried that he might not live forever, the Roman Emperor Augustus asked a centenarian how he had lived to be a hundred. The reply: "*Oil without and honey within.*"

A.Z. Abushady - In *Reminiscences of A.Z. Abushady, Poet-Bee-Master-Humanist* the story of Dr. Abushady (1892-1955) describes how he promoted various beekeeping developments in England & Egypt.

Ben Franklin - With everything from bi-focals, lightning, and the US Constitution in his realm of interests, it is not surprising he is mentioned by Thomas Wildman as a patron for Wildman's 1768 *Treatise on the Management of Bees*.

Berbard de Mandeville - wrote *Fable of the Bees* in 1723, a book which formed an important influence on Smith's *Wealth of Nations*.

Bill Dennison - This former Mayor of Toronto and **beekeeper** had bees before his election- keeping them in the heart of the city. Whenever there was an angry swarm, the police would call His Majesty the Mayor. He would get his smoker and go fetch the bees - not every city of 3 million can claim such hands-on care from an elected official!!

Brigham Young - A very famous American **beekeeper**... His interest in bees led to Utah being called the '*Beehive State*' and having skep hives as emblems.

Cave Folks - These early impressionist artists created the first images of bee culture in history with their cave paintings in Spain, 6000 B.C.

Charles Butler - This naturalist and **beekeeper** realized the "King Bee" is a "Queen Bee" - he wrote *Feminine Monarchie*. In 1609, he discovered that drone bees are male bees.

## **2007 Calendar of Events**

**October 19, 6 PM** Annual HIBA Banquet, Home Town Buffet, Peoria. Honey Contest results. Election of 2008 officers.

**November 17, 8 AM.** ISBA Fall Meeting. Illinois Department of Agriculture on the Illinois State Fairgrounds, 801 E. Sangamon Ave., Springfield, IL. \$5 registration & \$8 for catered lunch. Keynote speaker: Dr. James Ellis from the University of Georgia.

Dear Central Illinois Beekeeping Associations,

I am writing you today to let you know that in the Spring of 2008 it will again be time for the ISBA's central region to host the annual Spring meeting!

Usually one of the central region associations decides it will plan and host the meeting but it is also certainly possible for multiple associations to share in the planning and host at one location. There are two other central associations that I have contact information for but no e-mail addresses. I have included your information as well as their info in case you would like to put your heads together and discuss this.

It is totally up to you to decide on a date (usually mid Spring) and develop an agenda. The ISBA is happy to assist with publicity. If by chance a date and location is known by our Fall Annual Meeting (November 17) we can announce it then!

For reference, you may look at the 2006 Southern Region agenda in the News and Events section of our website:

[www.isba.us](http://www.isba.us) Ken Haller

## SEPTEMBER MEETING MINUTES

President Dave Stiles called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm on September 21, 2007 at Tazewell County Farm Bureau Bldg. in Pekin. Seventeen members and guests were present. Mike Moens gave the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$1,023.25. There were no additions or corrections to the Treasurer's Report and Jill Mayes made a motion to approve it. The motion was seconded by Steve Mayes and passed. President Stiles asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the last meeting as presented in the September Newsletter. Being none, Jill Mayes motioned to approve the minutes, seconded by Steve Mayes and motion passed.

### Old Business:

There was discussion about the HIBA booth at the Heart of Illinois Fair. Members would like to see if the booth can be moved to the south end of the building for better air circulation. Janet Hart will try to get that changed for next year. Also, it is hoped that there will be an increase in fair-goers next year due to changes in the fair management.

Illinois State Fair Beekeeping Exhibit at the State Fair was reported a success with the honey ice cream being sold out. Several HIBA members attended on Tuesday, August 14, to help sell ice cream.

### New Business:

Jill Mayes reported that the ISBA's Fall Meeting would be held on November 17<sup>th</sup> at the Dept. of Ag. Building on the State Fairgrounds.

Janet and Danny Hart represented HIBA at ICC's Garden and Landscape Day on September 8. They also spoke at a Jewish Temple about honey bees in celebration of Rosh Hashanah. Janet talked to St. Thomas Kindergarten classes in Peoria also.

Janet Hart reported that she received an email from ISBA President Haller concerning the central region's turn to host the spring '08 meeting. Janet will contact the other central associations for coordination. Any suggestions on a location are welcome. Janet also spoke with Greg Fisher, owner of Wild Blossom Meadery in Chicago who was involved in placing the hives on City Hall and Lake Shore Drive; he may be interested in speaking.

Jill shared an article that she received from Ken Haller discussing Colony Collapse Disorder and Israeli Acute Paralysis Virus.

The next meeting will be October 19 at 6 pm at Home Town, Buffet 5001 N Big Hollow Rd, Peoria. Members who did not bring entries for the honey contest to be held that night can still get them to Steve Mayes prior to October 19. The Nominating Committee of Susie Stiles and Jill Mayes will present a slate of officers at the October meeting.

Several members brought products and pricing lists to share their marketing strategies. Jill Mayes demonstrated how easy it is to prepare and sell propolis. She also had several useful handouts available

After most members present won door prizes, President Stiles declared the meeting adjourned as there was no further business. Following the meeting, everyone enjoyed honey tasting, honey treats and conversation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet Hart

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