

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015

**OBA** 

ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS'  
ASSOCIATION  
Since 1881



# THE OBA WISHES TO RECOGNIZE AND THANK OUR SPONSORS FOR THE 2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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United County Beekeepers' Association  
Upper Ottawa Valley Beekeepers' Association  
Urban Toronto Beekeepers' Association  
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# MISSION, VISION, VALUES

## OBA MISSION STATEMENT

We work to ensure a thriving and sustainable beekeeping industry in Ontario. To this end, we advocate for beekeepers' interests, support honey bee health research and deliver practical training and information.

## OBA VISION STATEMENT

In our vision, Ontario leads with well-informed and skilled beekeepers, healthy and plentiful honeybees raised in Ontario, a prosperous beekeeping industry as well as a widespread appreciation for honey and for the critical role that honey bees play in agriculture.



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## OBA VALUES

In pursuit of our Vision and in execution of our Mission we value:

### **INCLUSIVENESS**

We recognize the interdependence of all beekeepers in Ontario and strive to include everyone whether they keep bees for commercial purposes or pure enjoyment.

### **RESPONSIVENESS**

We are committed to responding quickly and thoughtfully to urgent issues that could potentially affect beekeepers or the wellbeing of honey bees.

### **ENGAGEMENT**

We are committed to ongoing dialogue and engagement through a variety of means with our members and local associations to further the mission of the OBA.

### **COLLABORATION**

We work in partnership with a broad range of organizations and initiatives to strengthen our strategic impact.

### **SCIENCE-BASED RESEARCH AND INFORMATION**

The information and training we support is based on the most up-to-date research and analysis from Ontario and globally.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

We are committed to strategies and policies that support and advance a sustainable environment.





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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT CARD 2015

*We are pleased with and proud of the progress we've made together, but make no mistake, this is not the time to rest on our laurels.*

**THIS REPORT MARKS THE HALFWAY POINT IN MY TENURE** as president of the OBA, but it also marks the halfway point in our 2013 - 2018 strategic plan. The OBA board started the planning process in 2012 to build the organization's capacity to handle the increasing complexity of the beekeeping environment with a more focused, strategic response. This was a big deal for us, requiring hard thinking and a lot of discussion about our purpose, what matters to us, what we want to achieve, and how we'll get there.

## I BELIEVE THAT OUR FIRST GOAL, TO AMPLIFY OUR VOICE FOR BEEKEEPERS, IS NOW ONE OF OUR MAJOR STRENGTHS.

Our work over the past two and a half years has been guided by the five core goals we established, and they have been the measuring stick to track our progress and report back to members. I'd like to say right off, though, that our progress is due largely to the extraordinary efforts of OBA's tireless and tenacious board and staff. It's amazing to me how much we do with so few resources.

I believe that our first goal, *to amplify our voice for beekeepers*, is now one of our major strengths. We learned how to build respectful relationships with government, with media, and with organizations that have similar objectives. We learned to respond quickly and to mobilize support among beekeepers, as well as with other stakeholders and the general public. We increased our ability to make our case, to work collaboratively, and to compromise. Of course, the most compelling case is only as good as the willingness of others to listen, and in that regard we thank the Ontario government for listening and responding with exceptional public leadership. The proposed legislation to limit the use of bee-killing neonicotinoid pesticides is in place and the Pollinator Health Action Plan is in the works. In addition, commercial beekeepers now have access to an insurance program to mitigate winter colony loss. Currently, we are working with the government on strategies and programs to control and manage small hive beetle.

Looking forward, under a new federal government, we anticipate stepping up our work at the national level on issues of concern to beekeepers.

Another goal with considerable progress is in *knowledge generation and transfer*. The OBA is known for its practical research and the quality of its Tech-Transfer courses, and in the last couple of years we have increased both the range and number of learning opportunities. This past summer, we co-hosted the very successful Eastern Apicultural Society conference. We have

also provided new knowledge transfer vehicles such as videos, on-line conference attendance, a greatly expanded website providing resources and timely information, an electronic newsletter which reaches 2,500 people, and a revitalized OBJ with double the knowledge transfer articles. Our conferences are growing in attendance, and this year we are introducing separate workshop streams for commercial and small-scale beekeepers. Going forward, we will continue our convening efforts, build more capacity into the website, and expand our range of visual, print, and electronic resources.

We are a membership organization, therefore a key goal was to improve our *reach* through enhanced member services and to grow our membership base. We are pleased to say that OBA's membership has more than doubled during this plan, increasing in both commercial and small-scale members. Just as important, though, is that our renewal rate is high: 77% overall and 95% among commercial members. We think this growth and stability is due to increased awareness of the OBA and concern about the issues we've been addressing, as well as the improvements we've instituted related to member communications and services. As an example, the "Where to get honey" section of the website - where OBA members can list their products by location - is currently getting 6,000 visitors a month. This fall, we are adding the ability to search by map and postal code, which should increase access even more and provide an important asset to small and large honey producers. This year will also be the first time members can vote online at the AGM.

We are pleased with and proud of the progress we've made together, but make no mistake, this is not the time to rest on our laurels. Colony numbers and honey production are down due to lack of forage from excess planting of corn and soy, and the lasting effects of pesticides. With the strong GFO and CropLife lobby, reaching our target of 80% reduction of neonics is no sure thing. Federally, Health Canada is still approving systemic pesticides with insufficient evidence. And SHB shows that we can always expect something to challenge us. But no matter what the issue, you can count on your organization to fight for pollinator health and a sustainable beekeeping industry.

Yours,



Tibor Szabo  
President

# HIGHLIGHTS OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014-2015 TOWARDS OUR STRATEGIC PLAN

## GOAL ONE: ADVOCACY / ISSUES MANAGEMENT

Amplify our voice for beekeeping through stronger influence with government and industry.

- Consulted with both OMAFRA and MOECC on the development of the new provincial regulations intended to reduce neonicotinoid use by 80% by 2017.
- Provided nearly 100 local, provincial, and national media interviews, press releases, op-ed pieces, brochures, presentations, and speeches related to the control of neonicotinoid pesticides; reached more than 20,000 people through the OBA website and other social media, all of which contributed to 82% of Ontario residents understanding and supporting the need for restrictions on neonicotinoid pesticides.
- Liaised with all leading environment groups that support neonic restrictions – such as Suzuki, Sierra Club, Friends of the Earth, and Canadian Physicians for the Environment – in order to leverage our advocacy position.
- Invited and met with farm groups (NFU, CCFO, OFA, OFVGA) to discuss regulations, share beekeepers' perspectives, and build bridges.
- Provided industry leadership related to the Government of Ontario's proposed Pollinator Health Action Plan.
- Successfully lobbied to have two OBA board members appointed (as individuals) to the Ontario Pesticides Advisory Committee for the first time.
- Prepared to assume intervener status against the legal action by the Grain Farmers of Ontario, which is intended to delay implementation of neonicotinoid regulations.
- Requested Health Canada's Pest Management Regulatory Agency to suspend approval of sulfoxaflor in Canada in response to the US Court of Appeals conclusion that approval of sulfoxaflor pesticide "risks more potential environmental harm than vacating it."
- Created the Small Hive Beetle Working Group, which collaborated with OMAFRA on a workable mitigation and management plan for SHB.
- Ongoing consultation with other provincial beekeeping associations and fruit growers to ensure transit of Ontario bees to and from pollination sites in Québec and the Maritimes.

- Continued to actively support the Canadian Food Inspection Agency's restrictions on bee imports from the United States to reduce the risk of introduction of treatment-resistant and Africanized bee stock.
- Represented Ontario's interests on ongoing issues with all Ontario ministries and on the Canadian Honey Council.
- Currently discussing the potential to remove the 30m restriction for colony placement stipulated in the Ontario Bees Act.

## GOAL TWO: KNOWLEDGE

Be the authoritative source for knowledge about the practice and profession of beekeeping.

- Introduced and enhanced the beekeeping skills of almost 300 individuals through 11 beekeeping courses across the province.
- Initiated Advanced Integrated Pest Management, Queen Breeding, and Expansion of Pollination Services workshops.
- Increased knowledge on best practices through research: *Effect of sublethal doses of neonicotinoids on honey bee colonies in Ontario* and *Sustainable Lush (SLUSH) and OBB isolated breeding yard*.
- Collaborated with Dr. Ernesto Guzman and the UofG Honey Bee Research Centre comparing colony health between hives on organic land and those on conventional agricultural land.
- Provided educational consultation to four agricultural organizations and institutions including strong contributions to the Pollination and Apiculture Advisory Committee of Ontario.
- Organized and facilitated the Ontario Bee Breeders' Association annual meeting.
- Provided knowledge translation presentations on program research findings to the 2014 OBA AGM and spring conference as well as to other provincial and international organizations.
- Co-sponsored and provided program development leadership to the Eastern Apicultural Society Conference in Guelph.
- Doubled the pages related to beekeeping knowledge in the *Ontario Bee Journal*. Increased distribution by 70%.

- Provided a comprehensive research and information-based website to 119,500 users and 188,600 sessions.
- Developed a special section of the website and produced special electronic bulletins to provide information and support for control and management of small hive beetle.
- Produced and distributed 10,000 *Ontario's Bees, Beekeepers and Pesticides* brochures.

### **GOAL THREE: SUSTAINABILITY**

Promote the development of a diverse and economically sustainable apiculture industry.

- Supported the Ontario Resistant Honey Bee Selection (ORHBS) program, providing hygienic testing and pest analysis for 15 OBBA members, a 50% increase.
- Implemented Beecareful Traceability and Labour Productivity Software.
- Key participant in the Ontario Animal Health Network (OAHN) and Disease Surveillance Program (DSP).
- Worked with the Ontario government to develop an insurance program for winter losses for commercial beekeepers.
- Supported the growth in pollination in Ontario and Eastern Canada through the OHBPA.
- Increased marketing opportunities for honey by partnering with Foodland Ontario and other agricultural commodity organizations.
- Provided honey marketing and business development advice through materials and regular features in the OBJ.
- Promoted local honey purchases through the "Where to buy honey" section of the OBA website that attracts 6,000 visitors monthly. In addition, Facebook posts related to honey reached 91,000 people this year.

### **GOAL FOUR: REACH**

Increase OBA membership through outreach, communications and member services.

- Working closely with Foodland Ontario to promote Ontario honey, we earned a combined editorial value of over \$406,000 including 112 print articles featuring Ontario honey which reached 2.9 million consumers, seven television

broadcasts that reached over 39,000 consumers, and 62 English and nine French commercial radio markets.

- The bi-weekly electronic newsletter's distribution is now over 2,500.
- The OBJ circulation is over 900 with an estimated readership of at least 1,800.
- Social media: reaching average 4,000/week on Facebook, 2,500 followers on Twitter.
- OBA website *ontariobee.com* usage increased 25% in 2014/15 to 201,000 sessions.
- Developed a new 10-foot wide OBA display for conference and community use.
- All local associations had representation from TTP or board.

### **GOAL FIVE: CAPACITY**

Optimize organizational performance through effective structures, systems, policies and funding.

- OBA membership will be approaching a record 1,000 by the end of the calendar year, an increase of 120% in the past three years.
- Renewal rate is 77% overall and 95% for commercial beekeepers.



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# 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, COMMITTEES & STAFF

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PRESIDENT Tibor Szabo  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT Jim Coneybeare  
2ND VICE PRESIDENT André Flys  
TREASURER Julie White

## DIRECTORS

Guy Anderson  
Steven Bryans  
Tom Congdon  
Dan Davidson (Past President)  
Albert Devries  
Dennis Edell  
André Flys  
Tim Greer  
Brian Rowaan  
Bernie Wiehle  
Jim Wilson

## STAFF

OBA GENERAL MANAGER  
Lorna Irwin

OBA EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT  
Sylvie Sharpe

OBA TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER  
PROGRAM SPECIALISTS  
Les Eccles (Lead specialist)  
Melanie Kempers (Specialist)  
Dan Thurston (Specialist)  
Daniel Borges (Specialist)  
Kelsey Ducsharm (Co-op student)  
Maria Kolkman (Summer student)  
Raquel Mijares González (Dedicated  
volunteer)

OBA TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER  
PROGRAM SPECIAL PROJECTS  
ADMINISTRATOR  
Pat Westlake

## COMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
Chair: Tibor Szabo

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
Chair: Bernie Wiehle

HONEY PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE  
Chair: Dennis Edell

ISSUES MANAGEMENT & EXTERNAL  
RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
Chair: Dennis Edell

ONTARIO BEE JOURNAL  
Chair: Julie White

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT  
& COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE  
Chair: Julie White

THE RESEARCH & KNOWLEDGE  
TRANSFER COMMITTEE  
Chair: Tibor Szabo

EAS CONFERENCE PRESIDENT  
André Flys

CHC DELEGATES  
Jim Coneybeare  
André Flys

## SUB-ASSOCIATIONS

THE ONTARIO HONEY BEE  
POLLINATION ASSOCIATION (OHBP)  
Chair: Jim Coneybeare

ONTARIO BEE BREEDERS'  
ASSOCIATION (OBBA)  
Chair: Kelly Rogers





# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014

### DELTA MARKHAM, MARKHAM, ON

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OBA PRESIDENT DAN DAVIDSON CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:10 AM.

2014 AGM Convention Committee was appointed as follows:

Nomination Chair: Chris Hiemstra

Resolutions Chair: Tim Greer

Scrutinizers: Daniel Thurston & Sylvie Sharpe

#### NOMINATION TO THE 2014-2015 OBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Choose 14 of 18 - chose alternate in the event replacement required.

Guy Anderson	John Hiemstra
Steven Bryans	Frank Jacobs
Tom Congdon	Brian Rowan
Jim Coneybeare	Tibor Szabo
Dan Davidson	Mark Thompson
Albert Devries	Julie White
Dennis Edell	Jim Wilson
André Flys	Bernie Wiehle
Tim Greer	

Close nominations OBA directors.

Chris Hiemstra asked three times for further nominations.

No further nominations brought forward.

#### ELECTION OF 2014-2015 OBA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Tibor Szabo	Albert Devries
Jim Coneybeare	Dennis Edell
André Flys	Tim Greer
Dan Davidson	Brian Rowaan
Julie White	Bernie Wiehle
Guy Anderson	Jim Wilson
Steven Bryans	Alternate: Mark Thompson
Tom Congdon	

MOTION:

To accept the 2014-15 OBA Board of Directors as nominated by the voting membership.

Motion: Jim Smith

Seconded: Chris Hiemstra

Carried: All

MOTION:

To destroy ballots from election of 2014-15 OBA Board of Directors.

Motion: Bernie Wiehle

Seconded: Jim Wilson

Carried: All

#### 2014 OBA FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DATED SEPT 30, 2014 - JULIE WHITE, OBA TREASURER

Financial statements dated September 30, 2014 as prepared by Warren Strutt, CMA, were presented and reviewed by OBA Treasurer, Julie White.

MOTION:

Accept the Sept 30, 2014 OBA Financial statements as presented.

Motion: Julie White

Seconded: Ken Coyle

Carried: All

MOTION:

Appoint OBA Accountant for the 2014-15 financial review and statement preparations.

Move to nominate Warren Strutt, CMA, Milton, Ontario to act in the capacity of OBA Accountant.

Motion: Julie White

Seconded: Albert Devries

Carried: All

## RESOLUTIONS:

### RESOLUTION #1

Whereas the Bees Act states that a hive needs to be located 30 metres\* from the property line and  
Whereas more and more people are keeping bees in an urban area, not meeting this requirement and  
Whereas honey bees are in decline and it is beneficial to have more diversity in honey bee habitat  
Be it resolved that the OBA approach the government to have this requirement changed/removed to support urban beekeeping.

\*Location of hives

19. (1) No person shall place hives or leave hives containing bees within 30 metres of a property line separating the land on which the hives are placed or left from land occupied as a dwelling or used for a community center, public park or other place of public assembly or recreation. 2002, c. 17, Sched. F, Table.

Moved: Ken Coyle

Seconded: Vince Nevidon

Carried: All

### RESOLUTION #2

Whereas the Ontario Beekeepers' Association holds their annual general meeting every year and  
Whereas members at the meeting vote on resolutions and directors and those that are not at the meeting for various reasons cannot vote

Be it resolved that the Ontario Beekeepers' Association investigate the possibility of having online voting

Moved: Ken Coyle

Seconded: Vince Nevidon

Carried: All

### RESOLUTION #3

Whereas the Ontario Beekeepers' Association (OBA) recognises the value and importance of representation of all beekeepers across Canada on the Canadian Honey Council (CHC),

Whereas concerns of conflict of interest at the CHC have been formally brought to its attention, as such conflicts the OBA believes materially compromise the OBA's ability to resolve an issue critical to Ontario beekeepers, namely the application of neonicotinoids on Ontario's field crops,

Whereas the CHC's position is contrary to their mandate to represent the interests of the entire honey bee industry - which would include the interests of the Ontario bee industry,

Be it resolved that until such time as the CHC addresses the apparent conflict of interest, the OBA will withhold assessment fees

Moved: Jim Coneybeare

Seconded: Tibor Szabo

Carried: All

## ELECTIONS OF 2014-2015 BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXECUTIVE

Chair: Paul Kozak

MOTION:

Nominate President - Tibor Szabo

Motion: Dennis Edell

Seconded: Jim Wilson

Carried: All

MOTION:

Nominate OBA 1st Vice President - Jim Coneybeare

Motion: Tom Congdon

Seconded: Dan Davidson

Carried: All

MOTION:

Nominate OBA 2nd Vice President - André Flys

Motion: Jim Coneybeare

Seconded: Dennis Edell

Carried: All

MOTION:

Nominate OBA Treasurer - Julie White

Motion: Tibor Szabo

Seconded: Dennis Edell

Carried: All

MOTION:

Nominate OBA CHC Delegate - Jim Coneybeare

Motion: Tom Congdon

Seconded: Julie White

Carried: All

MOTION:

Nominate OBA CHC Delegate - Brian Rowaan

Motion: Dennis Edell

Seconded: Tim Greer

Carried: All



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Toni Beckmann, Ponderosa Honey  
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Michele Fournier, Hellacious Honey  
Tom Fox  
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Kenneth Haskins  
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Scott Henderson  
Chris Hiemstra, Clovermead Apiaries Ltd.  
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Gord Sleming  
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Bernard Smith  
Jim Smith  
Andre Soetemans  
Sandra Soulliere, Soulliere Farm  
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Nicole St Amour  
John Staite, Staite's Honey Enterprise Inc.  
Keith Steele  
Douglas Stevenson, Briarwood Acres  
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Barry Tabor  
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Lorne Thurston  
Oleh Turchmanovych, Apiary

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# TREASURER'S REPORT JULIE WHITE, OBA TREASURER

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**OBA IS A NOT FOR PROFIT ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED** under the Ontario Agricultural and Horticultural Organization Act (1990). Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food & Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) provides funding to OBA on a three year agreement basis to deliver the apiary program within Ontario.

OBA also receives funding from monies managed by Agricultural Adaptation Council for approved research projects from Federal and Provincials programs. OBA membership fees, monetary donations directed to OBA Tech-Transfer Program, incentive agreement with glass-ware supplier, sales of 100% Ontario Honey promotion materials, registration from events/meetings, advertisement sales appearing in Ontario Bee Journal and OBA websites, and sale of unique beekeeping liability insurance product generate additional revenue.

OBA follows guidelines recommended by OMAFRA for request proposal from providers to obtain best value from service providers. All OBA personnel have an agreement of service as contractors to OBA.

All research projects are approved by the OBA Research Advisory Committee.

OBA membership passed a motion to appoint Warren Strutt, Certified Management Accountant of Milton, ON as the OBA auditor at the Nov 2014 AGM. OBA Board of Directors has instructed Warren Strutt to offer advise-ment for best accounting practices.

OMAFRA receives an annual report and financial state-ments each year to meet accountability under the Ontario Agricultural and Horticultural Organization Act. OBA receives a letter of good standing by meeting all requirements.

OBA Treasurer, Julie White received reports including income/profit statement and balance statement from OBA Admin and OBA Tech-Transfer Program.

OBA Finance Committee has met to review attached September 30, 2015 OBA Financial Statements. Detailed discussion, review and accountant consultation has been approved for your review and acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Julie White

**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

**UNAUDITED - SEE NOTICE TO READER**

**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
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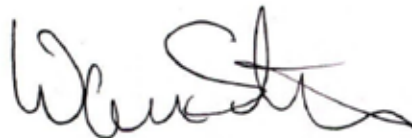
**NOTICE TO READER**

To the Members of  
Ontario Beekeepers' Association  
8560 Tremaine Road  
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On the basis of information provided by the organization, I have compiled the statement of financial position of Ontario Beekeepers' Association as at September 30, 2015 and the statement of operations and changes in net assets for the year then ended.

I have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, I express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.



Milton, Ontario  
November 11, 2015

Warren Strutt CPA  
Professional Corporation

**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
Statement of Financial Position  
As at September 30

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Cash (note 2)	\$ 83,259	\$ 125,275
Accounts receivable (note 3)	61,852	62,153
Inventory	5,844	7,580
Prepaid expenses	<u>3,086</u>	<u>3,518</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 154,041</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 198,526</u></b>
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u></b>		
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 17,217	\$ 25,084
Unearned revenue	<u>63,324</u>	<u>64,212</u>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>80,541</b>	<b>89,296</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<u><b>73,500</b></u>	<u><b>109,230</b></u>
<b>Total liabilities and FUND BALANCES</b>	<b><u>\$ 154,041</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 198,526</u></b>

On behalf of the board

\_\_\_\_\_ Treasurer

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**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**  
Statement of Operations and Changes in Net Assets  
For the year ended September 30

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<b>REVENUES, Schedule 1</b>	<b>\$ 560,838</b>	<b>\$ 596,279</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES, Schedule 2</b>	<u><b>596,568</b></u>	<u><b>594,788</b></u>
<b>(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(35,730)</b>	<b>1,491</b>
<b>BALANCE, OPENING</b>	<u><b>109,230</b></u>	<u><b>107,739</b></u>
<b>BALANCE, CLOSING</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 73,500</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ 109,230</b></u></u>

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**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

Notes to Financial Statements

As at September 30, 2015

**1. Significant accounting policy**

These financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for private enterprises. The significant policy is detailed as follows:

**Inventory**

Inventory, consisting of promotional items, is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method.

**2. Cash**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
OBA operations cash	\$ 49,392	\$ 53,865
OBA Tech-Transfer program cash	<u>33,867</u>	<u>71,410</u>
	<u>83,259</u>	<u>125,275</u>
	<u>\$ 83,259</u>	<u>\$ 125,275</u>

**3. Accounts receivable**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
OBA operations accounts receivable	\$ 15,823	\$ 17,915
OBA Tech-Transfer accounts receivable	<u>46,029</u>	<u>44,238</u>
	<u>\$ 61,852</u>	<u>\$ 62,153</u>

**4. Nature of operations**

Ontario Beekeepers' Association was incorporated without share capital under the laws of the Province of Ontario. The association operates as a non-profit organization in Ontario and is exempt from income taxes.

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**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

Schedules to Financial Statements

For the year ended September 30

**Schedule of revenues**

**Schedule 1**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
OMAFRA sublethal effects NNI's	\$ 118,654	\$ 80,000
Memberships	58,284	53,251
Research funding	49,268	39,032
GF2 0128 Beecareful grant	37,889	22,000
Workshops	37,138	31,698
Insurance	32,892	29,000
Hive Assessment fees	30,282	27,162
Magazines and books	30,103	16,507
Containers	27,212	26,997
Convention	25,646	26,975
Sundry	19,876	333
Advertising	19,297	16,196
SEP funding	11,288	7,104
LUSH Project	10,000	-
Meetings	7,760	3,539
EAS Ontario	6,944	-
Pollination and OBBA Association	6,635	3,605
OFIP Decontamination of Equipment grant	5,729	8,596
Beecause Initiative	5,696	29,720
University of Guelph project	5,500	5,000
ABvarBio Project	4,769	4,768
OBBA Testing	4,747	3,226
Interest income	2,661	682
Promotional items	1,350	1,391
Clothing sales	652	688
Shipping and handling	566	276
OMAFRA funding	-	115,000
OMAFRA deferred revenue	-	17,539
Small Hive Beetle Funding	-	17,000
CAAP Grants - CAPP 1 & 2	-	7,183
Donations	-	1,811
	<u>\$ 560,838</u>	<u>\$ 596,279</u>

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**ONTARIO BEEKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION**

Schedules to Financial Statements

For the year ended September 30

**Schedule of expenditures**

**Schedule 2**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Tech Transfer Subcontractors	\$ 200,103	\$ 199,763
OBA Contract administrator	60,058	49,331
Office	54,570	36,147
OMAF/MRA Neonicotinoids	38,780	6,620
Ontario Bee Journal	35,395	27,408
Operations	34,466	30,033
OBA member liability insurance	25,099	28,220
Convention	23,967	22,187
OBA Admin assistant	21,921	15,409
Hive Assessment fees	21,425	21,640
Magazines and books	12,857	14,779
General office administration	11,268	7,573
Meetings	11,212	10,245
Workshops	6,768	7,754
Interest and bank charges	6,583	5,728
OFIP expenses	6,320	651
GF2 0128 Beecareful expenses	4,573	22,718
Government Relations Coordinator	3,550	11,700
Insurance	2,930	2,564
Directors expenses	2,759	4,438
LUSH project	2,394	-
Memberships	2,064	1,750
Promotional items	1,716	3,161
Website redevelopment	1,430	1,560
Pollination and OBBA association	1,000	-
Membership campaign	996	-
ABvarBio Project expenses	886	377
Shipping and handling	650	119
University of Guelph project expenses	427	266
Beecause Initiative	176	27,801
Royal Winter Fair	125	125
ORHBSP expense	100	100
CAAP	-	17,621
SHB Eradication	-	17,000
	<u>\$ 596,568</u>	<u>\$ 594,788</u>

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