



NOMINATIONS & RESOLUTIONS 2015

November 9, 2015

Call for Board Nominations

Your association is led by a Board of 14 dedicated and hard-working volunteers.

It's critically important to this industry in Ontario that your Board represents a diversity of experiences and opinions and that we advocate vigilantly on your behalf to ensure the sustainability of the beekeeping industry in this province. **Each year we seek nominations for Board positions – please consider submitting a nomination or standing for election yourself.** This is an excellent opportunity to develop leadership skills and give back to an exciting, evolving and vibrant community.

At last year's Annual General Meeting we implemented a multi-year approach to Board terms, to allow for better continuity and succession-planning. Therefore, this year **there are four positions to be filled, all with a 3-year term.** In addition, a provisional position may be filled; that person to be brought onto the Board should a current Board position become vacant during the year.

The following Board members' terms end this month: Guy Anderson, Tom Congdon and Bernie Wiehle, who are not standing for re-election, and Dan Davidson, who is.

For your information, these Board members' terms end November 2016: Steve Bryans, Albert Devries, Tim Greer, Brian Rowaan, Jim Wilson. In November 2017, these Board members' terms end: Jim Coneybeare, Dennis Edell, André Flys, Tibor Szabo, Julie White.

If four or fewer nominations are received an election need not occur, as the nominees will be acclaimed. However, if there are five or more candidates, an election will take place at the AGM on November 19th. All voting members in attendance will be permitted to vote. [Register to attend the AGM and Conference in person.](#)



Online voting

As a result of a Resolution approved at last year's AGM, OBA members participating in the meeting online will be able to vote. To register for online attendance and voting, contact the [Tech-Transfer Program](#) team by noon on Tuesday, November 17: 519 836-3609.

Expectations of OBA Board members

Those who are nominated and agree to stand for election as a Board member are expected to:

- be a member in good standing of the OBA (or become a member soon after their election)
- prepare for and regularly attend Board and committee meetings and help carry out the business of the Board (there are usually four in-person Board meetings per year plus additional Board and committee meetings via teleconference, as needed)
- help the Board meet its fiduciary responsibilities overseeing the OBA
- actively contribute to and stand behind the process and outcome of Board decision-making
- avoid conflicts of interest, and where such conflicts exist, declare them appropriately, and
- recognize and honour the need for confidentiality.

Contact [Bill Ferguson](#), this year's Nominations Committee Chair (519 236-4979) for more information about how to nominate yourself or someone else to the OBA Board of Directors.



Nominees are asked to submit a photograph and short biography to the OBA office as soon as possible and in advance of the election, to be posted on the OBA website and published at the AGM, to allow voting members to get to know the candidates, their experiences and their perspectives.

OBA bylaws permit nominations of Board members to be made from the floor at the Annual General Meeting, after which time each candidate is offered a short opportunity to speak to members about their candidacy. Then the election takes place by secret ballot.

A short meeting of the new Board takes place onsite soon after in order for the election of officers to take place.

Presenting a Resolution at the AGM

A Resolution is a written motion that is presented to members for discussion and adoption at a meeting of members. Traditionally, the OBA calls for Resolutions prior to the Annual General Meeting. In addition, Resolutions may be proposed from the floor at the meeting. The substance of the Resolution can be anything that is normally presented as a motion; the structure can be quite formal. Resolutions require both a mover and a seconder.

As an example, the following Resolution was presented and adopted at last year's Annual General Meeting (and is being implemented at this year's meeting):

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 shall investigate the possibility of having online voting.

Moved by: Ken Coyle

Seconded by: Vince Nevidon

You are encouraged to submit Resolutions (moved by you, seconded by another OBA member) in advance of the Annual General Meeting; a form to assist you in drafting your Resolution follows. Proposed Resolutions will be posted on the website for information.

For more information about how to draft and submit a Resolution, please contact Resolutions Committee Chair [Paul Kelly](#), 519 835-5131.



RESOLUTION FORMAT
(adjust as required)

WHEREAS, _____

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WHEREAS, _____

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WHEREAS, _____

_____ ; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that _____

_____ and be it further

RESOLVED, that _____

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Moved By: _____

Seconded By: _____