



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & CALL FOR NOMINATIONS & RESOLUTIONS OCTOBER 31, 2019

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*The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of Members of the Ontario Beekeepers' Association will take place Friday, November 15th, 2019 at the Holiday Inn Burlington Hotel & Conference Centre in Burlington, Ontario as part of the OBA's Fall Conference. The meeting will begin at 1:15 pm.
Note that proposed Constitution & Bylaw changes will be presented for Member approval.*

CALL FOR BOARD NOMINATIONS

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

It is critically important to the beekeeping 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.

As of 2014, the OBA implemented a multi-year approach to Board terms allowing for better continuity and succession-planning. Generally, Board positions are for 3-year terms, however, circumstances creating a vacancy could result in a shorter term. **This year there are five Board positions to be filled, all with 3-year terms.** In addition, a provisional position may be elected, that member to be brought onto the Board should a position become vacant during the year.

Board composition requires at least nine of the 14 Directors to be Commercial Beekeeper Members.

These members' terms end next month and ARE standing for re-election:

Tom Congdon

Albert Devries

Paul Lacelle

The following Board members' terms end next month and ARE NOT standing for re-election at this time:

Emily Mills

Jennifer Penney

SUBMITTING A NOMINATION OR STANDING FOR ELECTION YOURSELF



The OBA Board welcomes and appreciates members who can contribute time, expertise and interest in the well-being of beekeeping across Ontario by **submitting a nomination** (either for another member or yourself) **by Friday, November 8, 2019 at 5 p.m.**, one week prior to the 2019 Annual General Meeting. Nominees are asked to submit a photograph and short biography to the OBA office as soon as possible. The biography and photo you submit will be posted on the OBA website and published at the AGM to allow voting members the opportunity to get to know the candidates, their experiences and their perspectives prior to the election.



All Nominees in attendance at the meeting will be invited to provide a brief introduction of 2 – 3 minutes in advance of the vote, summarizing relevant experience and why they would like to serve on the OBA Board. Any nominee not in attendance will have their bio read out.

The election takes place by secret ballot, after which time, the ballots are counted and results announced. A short meeting of the new Board normally takes place onsite, after conclusion of the AGM, to allow for the election of Officers to take place.

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)
- embrace and adhere to the OBA [Code of Conduct](#) Policy and [Conflict of Interest](#) Policy
- prepare for and regularly attend Board and committee meetings and help carry out the business of the Board (there are usually four in-person, all day Board meetings per year (January, March, October, November) 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 **André Flys**, OBA President & **Nominations Committee Chair** for more information about how to nominate yourself or someone else to the OBA Board of Directors: nominationsandresolutions@ontariobee.com; 416 807-2253

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. Your resolution must be relevant, well thought out, and substantive, and presented in a concise and business-like manner. Traditionally, the OBA calls for Resolutions prior to the Annual General Meeting. **For the purpose of the 2018 Annual General Meeting, Resolutions are due to the OBA office by Friday November 2, 2018 at 5 p.m.** The substance of the Resolution can be anything that is normally presented as a motion; the structure is quite formal. Resolutions require both a mover and a seconder.

As an example, the following Resolution was presented and adopted at the 2014 Annual General Meeting.

RESOLUTION 2

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 by: Ken Coyle Seconded by: Vince Nevidon Carried: All

You must 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 OBA website for information.

Contact **Adam Ritchie**, OBA Board member and **Resolutions Committee Chair** for more information about how to submit and present a resolution: nominationsandresolutions@ontariobee.com; 705 716-5402.



RESOLUTION FORMAT
(adjust as required)

WHEREAS, _____

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WHEREAS, _____

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WHEREAS, _____

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RESOLVED, that _____

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further

RESOLVED, that _____

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Moved By: _____ Seconded By: _____



Proposed Bylaw Changes for Discussion and Decision at OBA 2019 Annual General Meeting

OBA's Governance Committee conducted a thorough review of the current Constitution & Bylaws for the Board's consideration.

OBA Board of Directors has approved the following proposed changes, which will be presented for discussion and approval of Members at the Annual General Meeting.

See [Current & Proposed Constitution and Bylaw Changes](#).