



Proposed Resolutions for Presentation & Acceptance

AGM 2019

1. Ontario has experienced changes regarding the use of antibiotic treatments for hive health in the past year. Also, recognizing that AFB and varroa mites are serious health and financial threats to hives within a 3km infection radius, therefore, be it resolved that OBA recommend/advise OMAFRA to increase surveillance inspections for AFB and varroa mite levels.

Proposed by Jim Coneybeare

2. Research has shown, and we recognize varroa mite and AFB as serious threats to honey bee health. Therefore, be it resolved that OBA recommend OMAFRA to utilize their authority to issue treatment and burn orders to hives that are positive for AFB or varroa above treatment thresholds. In the case of varroa a destruction or burn order may be issued prior to colony collapse and when treatment recommendations are ignored.

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3. Ontario has over 3000 hobby and commercial beekeepers to track and register. Hive registration, traceability and inspections are important for monitoring hive health and disease outbreaks. Yearly there have been challenges and hurdles for OMAFRA with hive registration. Therefore, be it resolved that OBA work with OMAFRA, based on disease risk and hive numbers, to find solutions and improve hive registration.

Proposed by Jim Coneybeare

Nominees for OBA Board of Directors, November 2019

There are 6 Nominations for 5 Board Positions:

Tom Congdon

Albert Devries

Ian Grant

Paul Lacelle

James Murray

Joanna Paul

Tom Congdon

I have been working with bees for over 40 years and operate Sun Parlor Honey with my wife Tracey and our three children. Our family owned operation was



established by my grandfather in 1925 and my father took over in 1957 and is still currently involved with the day to day operations.

Our business operates 1400 colonies in Essex and Wellington North Counties with a facility in both areas. We also provide pollination services and pack honey under CFIA registration.

I am a current Board and Executive Committee member, having served as Treasurer for the past three years. I am the OBA board liaison to the labour relations committee and I chair the Small Hive Beetle Working Group.

I would like to give a special thanks to my committee and working group members for their work this year.

Albert Devries

In 1985, I first became interested in bees while I attended the University of Guelph where I graduated with an Associate Diploma in agriculture.



I purchased my first two nucs from Bill Ferguson in 2003. It was not long before I knew I wanted to make my living keeping bees. I grew up on a pig, beef and cash crop farm near Cambridge. I now have the pleasure of working with the Hiemstra's at Clovermead. Together we manage 900 hives for pollination, bee production and honey. Working as a beekeeper has helped me return to my rural roots and feels very natural to me.

I've been an OBA director since 2013. I am thankful for being elected and have enjoyed attending meetings such as the Ontario Agricultural Commodities Council, and in the past three years, in my role as Ontario's representative at the Canadian Honey Council, where I am now serving as Treasurer. My strength has been sharing with farmers, and other representatives of the agricultural community, what we do as beekeepers. The issues facing us are of interest to most people involved in agriculture. It is a privilege to represent beekeepers at these meetings.

My other life interests are varied. My wife and I have a sailboat and enjoy family outings on Lake Erie with our two children. Cycling at the Forest City Velodrome during the winter is a good way to keep me fit. I also hold a balloon pilot's license which has been a lot of fun.

I'm asking you to re-elect me as an OBA director. I look forward to representing beekeepers as I continue to learn and make connections within our industry. The OBA, its board, and the Tech-Transfer Team have done great work. I'd like to continue to work together to ensure a positive and healthy future for bees and our industry.

Ian Grant



Ian Grant was born in Toronto prior to moving to Oshawa in 1980. He joined the Royal Canadian Air Force in June 1986 while at Lakehead University, and subsequently began his training as an Air Navigator followed by his first posting to the 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron in Victoria as a Tactical Coordinator sailing with various Royal Canadian Navy ships on both the west and east coasts of

Canada and the United States. Other postings included working as a Project Officer in Halifax, and as a student at the Flying Training Schools in Manitoba and Saskatchewan on both the Slingsby T-67C Firefly and the CT-114 Tutor primary jet trainers.

Enjoyable postings included those to the Canadian Armed Forces Recruiting Group where Ian was appointed as the Head of Operations of the Recruiting Advertising Group, and later as Department of National Defence's (DND) Public Opinion Research section head, leading his team in developing recruitment advertising and marketing. Ian was also pleased to help co-found the Government of Canada's Advertising Practitioners Community of Practice during that time. Exceedingly rewarding was his posting to the North American Aerospace Defence (NORAD) Command in Colorado Springs, Colorado as an Air Domain Chief serving to monitor and helping to protect the aerospace of both Canada and the United States with his team on Alpha Crew. In 2016 the United States Ambassador to Canada presented him with the United States Defense Meritorious Service Medal (DMSM) in recognition of his service and duty while at NORAD.

Ian and his family sadly left the United States in the summer of 2013 after a fulfilling four-year tour, but, he accepted new challenges in Ottawa leading a satellite system acquisition and project management team working with the U.S. and International Partners implementing sophisticated satellite systems on Royal Canadian Navy ships and submarines. In February of last year, he accepted his current position as Infrastructure Lead for the Polar Epsilon 2 Project, that will provide Canada with a cutting-edge operational capability monitoring the coastal approaches of Canada. Ian retired from the CAF in April of this year after almost 33 years of service and has joined the Public Service of Canada proudly continuing to serve our great country ensuring that our women and men in uniform are provided with the most advanced equipment for their missions.

Outside of work, Ian has also been active in his local communities such as Mayor of the 12 Wing Shearwater Community Council, Ex-Officio Board Member of the 12 Wing Shearwater Military Family Resource Centre, and in the Pineridge Estates Community Planning Association in Ottawa. For the past 6 years, he has also held a position on the Four Seasons Resort & Residences Vail Board of Directors.



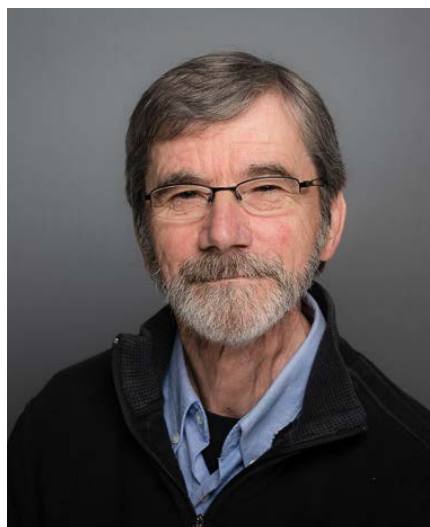
Ian and his wife became interested in beekeeping in 2016 with one hive, growing to 5 hives last summer, and this summer had the honour of hosting numerous bee “friends” at 12 hives on four locations, including at their Constance Bay property. They have had the privilege of educating friends, family, neighbours, and colleagues on the majesty of the honey bee, and have enjoyed savouring the bounty of the bees’ labour. He balances this new-found enjoyment of beekeeping with his love of sailing his Tanzer 7.5 on the Ottawa River and RVing.

Although Ian is a novice beekeeper, he hopes to further his education and spread the word about beekeeping in Ontario, while perhaps providing a junior perspective, if elected, to the OBA Board. Thus, he asks that you consider his nomination to the Board.

Paul Lacelle

I am a beekeeper, teacher and owner of Lacelle's Apiary and Beekeeping Supplies. I have been tending my own hives for over twenty years on our 80 acre farm just outside of Carleton Place, Ontario.

I am also a consultant for hive health for troubled colonies and concerned beekeepers.



My goals are focused in the wellbeing of honeybees by teaching others. Teaching raises the awareness of caring for these amazing creatures.

I started offering workshops at my apiary and eventually it led into teaching at our local college (Algonquin College-Woodroffe Campus-Ottawa, ON). The classes were very well attended showing the interest beekeepers have in our environment. I also give talks on the subject of beekeeping to many interested groups to let folks know the

impact our insects have on our food chain.

For the last few years we have had a Beekeepers Field Day on our property with over hundred beekeepers attending with workshops and hands-on hive inspections in my apiary. It's very successful and a good way for beekeepers to meet, grab a bite to eat and talk beekeeping. We will be offering it again this year in August.

My wife and I operate Beekeeping Supply store in our area offering hobby keepers a place to talk about bees, pick up beekeeping information and get supplies at reasonable prices.

I am a proud member of the Ontario Beekeepers Association and have served for the last three years as a Board member. I'm past President of the Lanark County Beekeepers Association and on the board Director for the Carp Farmers Market.

James Murray

I am a commercial queen and nuc producer. I sell bees queens and honey.



I would really like to see a change and focus on the way we deal with varroa, and the importance of varroa as a major cause of hive death in Ontario. I would like to further support the OBA Tech-Transfer Program team in researching new treatments and breeding for reduced varroa populations.

Joanna Paul

Joanna holds a Graduate Certificate of Commercial Beekeeping from Niagara College, a program which integrates apiary experience with a focus on honey production and pollinator health strategies for managed and wild pollinator



species. She also holds a Bachelors of Fine Arts Honours Degree from York University, specializing in Design and Biological Illustration. She now uses her artistic skills to create informative and engaging bee education programs.

Joanna has extensive experience facilitating outdoor public education, including school aged programs teaching about forests and wetlands at Heartland Forest, and volunteering to assist at camps, school trips and historic interpretation at the Ball's Falls Conservation Area. Her illustrations can be seen in the new signage she helped design for the Ball's Falls Historic Site, and can be found on greeting cards she designed to

help raise awareness about native bees in decline.

In addition to managing her own hives and mentoring new beekeepers, Joanna has researched the history of beekeeping in the Ball's Falls area and assists with bee research at Niagara College and Guelph University. She has also worked together with beekeepers, such as André Flys and Jim Coneybeare in their bee yards and honey operations.