

**BEEKEEPERS COMMISSION OF ALBERTA**  
**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**2011 RESOLUTIONS**

1. Modify convention registration rates for family or non-members

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA) institute a daily convention registration rate of one-third the three-day rate, available only to full registrants, who would act as a sponsor for non-member employees or family members excluding spouses. An additional fee to cover daily meal costs would be added.

2. Support ARD with the revision and additions of pests to the bee regulations.

WHEREAS the bee regulations are up for revision and extension in 2012, and;

WHEREAS the bee regulations need to be streamlined with other provinces, federal regulations, and the World Animal Health Organization (OIE) regulations, and;

WHEREAS the list of pests and diseases need to reflect the new, current and possible pests found in Alberta;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA) support Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development to review the current pest list and add at least the following:

Nosema Ceranae

Asian giant hornet – *Vespa mandarinia*

Asian honey bee – *Apis Ceranae*

Cape honey bee – *Apis Mellifera Capensis*

3. Request ARD to review and update honey grading regulations.

WHEREAS Alberta honey grading regulations are designed to regulate honey sales from farm gate and local markets, and;

WHEREAS farm gate sales and local marketing of honey are growing,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA) request Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development review and update the honey grading regulation standards for locally marketed honey in Alberta to meet consumer and health standards.

4. Support ARD efforts to hire a research scientist to work on hive health issues

WHEREAS the Alberta beekeeping industry has had high winter losses in three out of the last four years, and;

WHEREAS hive health and sustainability of the Canadian bee industry is a priority for the Canadian Honey Council (CHC), the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA), and the pollination industry in Canada, and;

WHEREAS the canola pollination industry, the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA), the Leaf Cutter Bee industry (LCB), and Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (AARD) have begun a process to hire a research scientist to work on hive health issues that threaten the sustainability of Canadian honey bee colonies,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA) support the initiative that has been started by Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development (AARD) and the pollination industry. The Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA) should forward a letter of support for this project to AARD and assist where possible to move this initiative to completion.

5. Increase the per hive levy from \$.65 to \$.75 in fiscal year 2012-2013.

WHEREAS the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA) has identified that research and hive health are priorities, and;

WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the BCA has identified a need for increased funding to support those priorities, as well as the increased membership costs to Canadian Honey Council (CHC), and additional projects,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA) increase the per hive levy from \$0.65 to \$0.75 per hive effective 2012-2013.

6. Support an annual \$2000 bursary to attend Fairview College Beekeeping Program.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta (BCA) demonstrate their support for the continued rejuvenation and growth of our industry by issuing an annual \$2000 bursary, with the successful applicant chosen by the BCA Board of Directors to attend the new Fairview College Beekeeping Program.

7. Request AARD involve the beekeeping industry regarding its industry issues.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of the Beekeepers Commission of Alberta meet with Alberta Agriculture and Rural Development ministry to develop a strategic plan ensuring that industry is involved at every level of discussion regarding current and new issues directly affecting our industry, and;

Be it further resolved that this also applies to the development and ratification of any policies and regulations that deal with these issues.