CONSTITUTION

of the ALABAMA BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION

Revised and Adopted September 26, 2015

Article 1 – Name

The name of this organization shall be:

The Alabama Beekeepers Association.

Article 2 – Purpose

The purpose of this Association shall be to:

A. Assist in checking the spread of honey bee diseases;

B. Disseminate and encourage the exchange of information on experiences, ideas, and improved methods of production and sale of queens, package bees and honey;

C. Assist in promoting the integrity of the industry, including labeling, standards, and best practices and procedures;

D. Inform the public of the importance and value of honey bees as pollinators of plants and of honey as a food product; and

E. Elevate beekeeping to a place of eminence in the agricultural industry.

Article 3 – Membership

Section 1:   The membership of this Association may be composed of two classes of members: Regular and Honorary.

A.   Regular members are individuals who pay annual dues to the Alabama Beekeepers Association. Members shall pay these dues directly to the Treasurer of the Alabama Beekeepers Association.

B.   Honorary members of the Association may be named by the Board of Directors. They shall serve for one year but mat be re-elected for successive one-year terms. Honorary members will not pay membership dues. They

will have all rights and privileges of members of the Association, except the right to vote, make motions, and hold office.

Section 2: Membership in good standing shall be maintained only by payment of all dues and assessments levied by the Association.

Section 3: Only members in good standing have the right to make motions, vote, and hold office.

Article 4 – Organization

Section 1: Structure:

The Alabama Beekeepers Association was established as a non-profit corporation in 1933. Any assets acquired by the Association in the course of carrying out its mission and purpose shall not accrue to the direct benefit of any individual members. This shall in no way prohibit the Association from recognizing or honoring individual members.

Section 2: Officers:

The officers of this Association shall be as follows: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. No person may hold more than one officer's position simultaneously. Officers will be elected at the regular scheduled annual meeting, and will hold office until the next regularly scheduled annual meeting, when their successors will be elected.

Section 3: Powers:

Authority to manage and operate the Association shall be vested in the Board of Directors which shall administer the policies and the affairs of the Alabama Beekeepers Association.

Section 4: Board of Directors:

A. The Board of Directors shall consist of the currently elected President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Immediate Past President, and six (6) additional Directors. The president of each Eligible County and/or Area beekeepers association shall serve as an *ex officio* Board member, and shall have the right to make motions, but shall not have the right to vote, or call

meetings, or to be counted for purposes of the existence of a quorum of the Board of Directors.

B. The President of the Association shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors. The Secretary of the Association shall be the Secretary of the Board of Directors.

Article 5 – Meetings

Section 1: The Alabama Beekeepers Association shall hold an annual meeting for the transaction of its business.

Section 2: The Board of Directors shall meet at least quarterly.

Article 6 – Amendments

This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present at any annual or special meeting called for that purpose.

Article 7 – General Provisions

Section 1: The Constitution of this organization contains the fundamental principles which govern its operation.

Section 2: The Bylaws establish the specific rules of guidance by which the group is to function.

Section 3: The Standing Rules declare customary and procedural guidance to assist with continuity of policies and procedures.