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October 2006 Letter from the President

Dear ISBA Members,

2006 has indeed been an interesting, challenging and rewarding year for the ISBA. We have seen the city of Evanston challenge Beekeeping within its city limits, seen our first major infestation of Small Hive Beetle but we have also seen an unprecedented quantity of positive publicity. As an association we have much to be thankful for and much to celebrate.

I have been honored to serve you as ISBA President in 2006 and vow to continue as your leader in 2007, should you determine to continue my service. In 2006 I was surrounded by an amazing team. Each Director and Delegate committed their time, energy and passion of Beekeeping to meet the core objectives of the ISBA.

In this final Letter from the President of 2006 I would like to outline the key activities and accomplishments of this past year. I will be reviewing these in much greater detail at our annual Fall meeting on November 18. I hope to see you there.

State Fair

The ISBA once again hosted an amazing showing at the Illinois State Fair. Thanks to the leadership of ISBA Secretary Rita Taylor, the residents of Illinois learned about Honey Bees while the ISBA enjoyed another excellent fund raising effort.

ISBA Summer Meeting at Madison County Farm Bureau in Edwardsville

The 2006 annual Spring Meeting was hosted by the Southern region. This meeting was expertly planned by Ken Kloeper and Udell Myer and proved to be a highlight to the year! Expert guest speakers and queen rearing instruction were both educational and fascinating.

Forward Looking Plan

Early in 2006 I unveiled a shift in the way the ISBA Board of Directors serves its membership. The ISBA BOD now is subdivided into Committees to more efficiently manage the many issues and projects that face the ISBA on a yearly basis. After adjusting this strategic direction over the Summer, we are now well underway for its future implementation.

Product and Personal Liability Insurance for Beekeepers

Over the years, many of you have asked the ISBA BOD to look into whether we as an association can purchase product and personal liability insurance at low prices, based on our size of membership. After much research, ISBA Vice President Philip Raines determined that leveraging “economies of scale” for lower pricing was not a model of interest to the major insurance carriers.

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New ISBA merchandise

ISBA Central Region Director, Nathan Sasse has been spearheading the additional of new ISBA branded merchandise to our current offerings. At the Fall meeting, Nathan will introduce a new ISBA hat to our membership.

Farmer's Market Honey Selling guidelines

Throughout the Summer of 2006 the ISBA BOD heard from many of you that an increasing number of farmer's markets were not allowing the sale of honey. This development seemed to emanate from much confusion by local health departments and their definition of Honey as a processed food item. Under this definition many municipalities require the Beekeeper to "process" his Honey in a certified facility. This serious development is being researched and a recommendation developed by ISBA Vice President Philip Raines. Philip and the ISBA BOD will report its findings as soon as they are available.

Sales Tax on Honey Bee Packages

Early in 2006, ISBA Political Liaison, Rich Ramsey reported that Dadant was charging sales tax on the sale of Honey Bees. This development seemed to contradict the position of other "livestock" tax laws. Rich continues to research the issue and will report his findings to the board soon.

Evanston, IL

Many of you have been following the chaotic developments in Evanston and its Health and Human Services Committee's attempt to ban Beekeeping. After two failed attempts to completely ban Beekeeping and a failed attempt to pass a highly restrictive ordinance, on October 9 the City Council passed a significantly watered down regulation. This huge victory for Illinois Beekeeping was a combined effort of the ISBA BOD, ISBA Members and Evanston's beginning and veteran Beekeepers.

ISBA Marketing and Publicity

2006 was a year of many priceless publicity opportunities. I spent approximately 3 hours on WGN radio this Summer with Let's Talk Gardening Host Mike Nowak. ISBA past President and Special Projects Delegate John Hansen and I were filmed by National Geographic Television humanely removing Honey Bee colonies from two houses. Finally, the ISBA Beekeeper of the Year program continues to raise awareness of the quality of Beekeepers we have within the great state of Illinois.

SHB Infestation and Quarantine

Illinois Beekeeping is blessed to have a strong team of Apiary Inspectors lead by Steve Chard. Unfortunately, Steve and his team have had to recently place a quarantine on an Illinois apiary that was found to be infested with Small Hive Beetle. The ISBA fully supports and is thankful for Steve's commitment to maintaining quality Beekeeping in Illinois. In the future we will report any further developments in this area.

Honey Bee Pesticide Kills

2006 saw a significant increase in our membership reporting pesticide kills of Honey Bees. ISBA Central Region Director, Nathan Sasse is in discussions with the Illinois EPA and other regulating bodies to determine next steps and recommendations to the ISBA membership on these issues.

As you can see, 2006 has been a very busy year for the ISBA. I hope many of you will join us this November in Springfield for our annual Fall meeting. As always, if I can be of any assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Ken Haller

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2006 Annual Fall Meeting

Illinois State Beekeepers Association
Illinois Department of Agriculture
Conference Center

<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
8-9am	Meeting Registration ~ Lunch Orders ~ Coffee and Donuts
9-9:05am	Welcome ~ Ken Haller, ISBA President
9:05-9:10am	Secretary's Report ~ Rita Taylor, ISBA Secretary
9:15-9:20am	Treasurer's Report ~ Udell Myer, ISBA Treasurer
9:20-9:45am	Apiary Inspection Report ~ Steve Chard, Apiary Inspection Supervisor Questions and Answers
9:45-10:15am	State of the Association ~ Ken Haller, ISBA President Questions and Answers
10:15-10:35am	Break
10:35-10:40am	Raffle ~ Bill Buckley, ISBA Northern Region Director
10:40-11:30am	Dr. Roger Hoopingarner ~ Professor, Michigan State University (Ret.) Wintering Honey Bees with Varroa Mites Questions and Answers
11:30am-12:45pm	Lunch ~ On Your Own or Pre-Paid Catered
12:45-12:50pm	Raffle ~ Philip Raines, ISBA Vice President
12:50-1pm	ISBA Affiliate Association News ~ Affiliate Representatives
1-2pm	Devon Howald ~ Owner, Majenica Creek Honey Farm Pollination ~ An Introduction Questions and Answers
2-2:15pm	Break
2:15-3pm	Dr. Roger Hoopingarner ~ Professor, Michigan State University (Ret.) Beekeeping with Two Queen Colonies Questions and Answers
3-3:15pm	2007 ISBA Board of Directors Nominees, Election and Installation Jill Mayes, Chairperson ISBA Nominating Committee
3:15-3:20pm	Raffle ~ Nathan Sasse, ISBA Central Region Director
3:20-3:25pm	Close ~ Ken Haller, ISBA President

Keynote Speakers
State Meeting
November 18, 2006

Dr. Roger Hoopingarner

Dr. Hoopingarner taught entomology and apiculture for 38 years at Michigan State University before retiring several years ago. He began beekeeping through the Boy Scouts. He has served as President of the American Association of Professional Apiculturists and President of the Michigan State Beekeepers Association.

Devon and Cindy Howld

The Howlds started as hobbyist beekeepers in 1991 with 2 hives and are currently running 2,000 hives, with over 1,500 pollination contracts. Their business, Majenica Creek Honey Farm, Inc., is a family owned and operated business. They are pollinating in five states this year, CA, IL, IN, MI and OH, and along with pollination they sell honey, cut-comb honey, beeswax and nucs from queens they raise.β



ISBA Fall meeting in Springfield—
November 18, 2006. Check the ISBA Website
www.isba.us
for the latest information.

ISBA Board and Standing Committees
2006

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Springfield, IL

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LaGrange, IL

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Membership Services Committee

Chair: Philip Raines / Advisor: Ray Chapman

Community Relations Committee

Chair: Nathan Sasse / Advisor: Rich Ramsey

Finance Committee

Chair: Udell Meyer / Advisor: Steve Mayes

Marketing and Public Relations Committee

Chair: Ken Haller / Advisor: John Hansen

Meetings and Events Committee

Chair: Bill Buckley / Advisor: Jill Mayes

APIARY INSPECTION SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Steve Chard, Illinois Department of Agriculture

The time of year is rapidly approaching for the annual fall meeting. The event will be held on Saturday, November 18 and the Illinois Department of Agriculture is pleased again to host the conference. To locate the Department's building at the Illinois State Fairgrounds, enter Gate 11, which is directly west of the State Fairgrounds Main Gate on Sangamon Avenue. As you travel through Gate 11, you will see the Department's red brick building just ahead and to your right. Please park in the large parking lot just west and across the street from our building. Parking spaces directly in front of the building are limited to handicapped and 1-hour parking. Access to the building is through the main entrance on the west side. Once you enter our building, you will be guided to the auditorium and the respective registration table. The ISBA has an excellent agenda in store for you. Please attend and actively participate in this important meeting.

During the annual fall meeting, I will report on the findings of our apiary inspections this year. One thing I will mention now is the status of the small hive beetle in Illinois. Unfortunately, the number of counties that have cases of small hive beetle has almost doubled in 2006. Between 2001 and 2006, the presence of the beetle had been confirmed in 7 counties. In 2006 alone, the beetle has been found in 6 additional counties, none of which are close to one another. All of these cases continue to be isolated, that is, there is no wide spread infestation in any of the total 13 counties. What is so special about 2006 and the beetle? It's hard to say, but there is speculation that beetles are sometimes contained in packages. So, everyone needs to be mindful of this when ordering and receiving packages. We'll have more discussion on this matter at the upcoming meeting.

The Department's Apiary Inspector for southern Illinois, Greg Thomas, has elected to pursue other endeavors and is no longer employed by the Department. We appreciate the great job that Greg did for that portion of Illinois. If you or someone you know would be interested in serving as a Department Apiary Inspector for that part of the state, please contact me at 217/782-6297. We believe it's very important to fill this vacancy soon and would like that person to be able to "hit the ground running" next spring.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the fall meeting.β



John Hanson, past ISBA President, has written on removing bees from houses and the construction of bee vacuums. His article will appear in the January issue of the Bulletin.

Editors note: There have been rumors circulating about the demise of the Walter T. Kelly Company whose products have been appreciated by generations of beekeepers. This press release arrived recently setting the record straight. Kelly is alive and well. Many will be happy to hear the news.

Walter T. Kelley Company —-Alive and Well! —-



The management team from the Walter T. Kelly Company—Tom Oller, new CEO, Sarah Manion, President, Earl G. King, Vice President

Although there has been some buzz about the Kelley Company, we want our customers and friends to know we are alive and well and will be continuing ‘business as usual’. For those of you not familiar with The Kelley Company, here is a bit of background. The founders of the company, Walter and Ida Babin Kelley began their business in Houma, Louisiana in 1924. They moved to Paducah, Kentucky in 1934 and then to Clarkson, Kentucky in 1952, where the business continues today. After Mrs. Kelley’s death in 1978, Walter Kelley made public their desire to have the legacy of their life’s work continue to benefit Grayson County and its residents after their passing. The Grayson County Hospital Foundation was named as the sole benefactor of their estate. However, the business and

assets were to be placed in a 20-year operating Trust to begin immediately after the death of the remaining spouse.

Upon the death of Walter T. Kelley in 1986, the Trust was established, according to the Kelleys’ will and wishes. That trust expired on September 4, 2006, with the Hospital Foundation assuming full ownership as the Kelleys had intended. Despite rumors to the contrary, the new owners have no plans to sell the company. To the contrary, their goal is to continue and build upon what the Kelleys began. They have appointed a new CEO, Mr. Tom Oller, a local resident with more than 33 years of manufacturing and management experience. Sarah Manion will remain the company’s President and Earl King will remain as Vice-President. These three, working with the five-member Board of Directors hope to make slow and positive changes that will benefit the Hospital Foundation, Kelley employees and the beekeeping industry. The transition can only be good news and good medicine for all concerned.



The team has plans to expand the company and, at the same time, continue the proud tradition of Walter and Ida Kelley of providing the same quality products and fast, efficient, dependable service that has kept The Kelley Company in business more than eighty years.

We invite you to visit our plant, tour our facility and become our partner in keeping the Kelley Company alive and well, far into the future.β

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"You can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time."



Undoubtedly the most famous quotable utterance of Abraham Lincoln — allegedly part of a speech delivered in Clinton, Illinois, September, 1858.

Have you visited the new Lincoln Library and Museum in Springfield? Perhaps it should be a part of this trip to the ISBA meeting. It is open 9 am to 5 pm daily. Admission is \$7.50 (senior \$5.50).



- Driving Directions -

From Springfield's Clear Lake exit on I-55 proceed west on Clear Lake. Clear Lake will become Jefferson Street—a one-way street. The museum is between 6th and 7th Streets on the north side of Jefferson.



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