



PENNSYLVANIA STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION
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8 September 2023 (Rev 12)

2023 Pennsylvania State Beekeepers Association State Conference Agenda

Dates: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 20 - 22 October 2023

Registration Deadline: 1 Oct 2023

Location: Ramada State College Hotel and Conference Center
1450 S Atherton St,
State College, PA 16801

Hotel Rooms: For reservations call (814) 238-3001 and use Group Code **BEE2023**. The group room rate is \$94 plus taxes including buffet breakfast. Room reservations deadline is 19 September 2023, but the hotel may honor the rate for a late reservations. Suites are NOT available at the group room rate.

Online Conference Registration is available at <https://psba.wildapricot.org/> and click on the **EVENTS** button.

Conference Agenda:

Friday, 20 October 2023

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Ice Breaker Attendee Registration Open (not general registration)	Atrium
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	OPTIONAL Ice Breaker and Fun Activity Howard Mincone – Comedy show Pizza buffet included and cash bar available.	

Saturday, 21 October 2023

8:00 am	Conference Attendee Registration Open	Lobby Counter
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Coffee, tea, juice, bagels, muffins, & yogurt	Conference Center Lobby

COMBINED EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – OPEN TO ALL, EVEN IF NOT ATTENDING CONFERENCE

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	Combined Executive Committee/General Membership Meeting Includes Officer Elections - Nominating Committee – Charlie Vorisek	Executive Forum
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BK201 IS AN OPTIONAL EDUCATIONAL SESSION NOT INCLUDED WITH BASIC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION – SEPARATE REGISTRATION AND FEE REQUIRED

9:00 am – 12:00 pm	BK 201 – Advanced Management for Experienced Beekeepers Presenters: Dr. Robyn Underwood, Kate Anton Topics: Queen Rearing/Selection/Performance	Grand Ballroom A & B
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12:00 pm	Vendors Open	Lobby/Director's Room
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	OPTIONAL Lunch – Optional preordered lunch buffet available Nittany Deli Buffet - Tossed Greens Salad, Pasta Salad, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Deli Platter (Roast Beef, Turkey, Ham), Chicken Salad, Assorted Rolls & Breads, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, and Sliced Cheeses, Potato Chips, Assorted Cakes and Pies, Coffee, Tea, and Iced Tea.	Atrium

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Poster Session	Atrium
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START OF CONFERENCE AGENDA THAT IS INCLUDED WITH BASIC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

1:00 pm - 1:10 pm	Welcome – Mark Gingrich	Grand Ballroom A & B
1:10 pm – 2:10 pm	What is killing honey bees and what can we do about it? – Dr. Jamie Ellis	Grand Ballroom A & B
1:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Honey Queen Interviews: For HQ Committee and selected judges ONLY	Board Room



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Saturday, 21 October 2023 (continued)

2:10 pm – 3:10 pm	Spring Management: How to build colonies up for honey production, while preventing them from swarming. – Randy Oliver	Grand Ballroom A & B
3:10 pm – 3:40 pm	Afternoon Break - Vendor Visit Time/Reset Ballrooms for breakouts	Lobby/Director’s Room
3:40 pm – 4:30 pm	Break Out Block One	
	Session 1: The science of using pollen substitutes – Dr. Jamie Ellis	Grand Ballroom A
	Session 2: Reading the combs: Understanding bee biology over the course of a season – Randy Oliver	Grand Ballroom B
	Session 3: Make \$800 per hive per year– Dr. Larry Connor	Executive Forum
3:45 pm	Registration desk closed	Lobby Counter
5:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Banquet – Separate Registration and Fee Required	Grand Ballroom A & B
5:30 PM	Social time with cash bar	Lobby Counter
5:50 PM	Welcome by Mark Gingrich /Invocation	
5:55 PM	Greeting and Remarks by PA Dept. of Agriculture Secretary Redding	
6:10 PM	Dinner starts (cash bar stays open)	
7:20 PM	Honey Queen Program (PSBA HQ/HP comments & crowning of new HQ/HP)	
7:55 PM	Beekeeper of the Year 2023 Award Program (Mark Gingrich)	
8:10 PM	Announcement of Officer Election Results (Mark Gingrich)	
8:25 PM	Honey Queen Program Fund Raiser Auction (Mark Antunes & HQ Committee Reps.)	

Sunday, 22 October 2023

7:00 am – 8:30 am	Coffee, tea, juice, bagels, muffins, & yogurt	Grand Ballroom A & B
7:00 am	Conference Attendee Registration Open	Lobby Counter
8:00 am – 8:10 am	Welcome – Mark Gingrich	Grand Ballroom A & B
8:10 am – 8:30 am	The State of the Bees in PA – Karen Roccasecca	Grand Ballroom A & B
8:30 am – 8:50 am	Center for Pollinator Research/Lopez-Uribe Lab – General Updates	Grand Ballroom A & B
8:50 am – 9:50 am	Using nucs in your beekeeping operation – Dr. Jamie Ellis	Grand Ballroom A & B
9:50 am – 10:20 am	Break – Vendor Visit Time/Reset Ballrooms for breakouts	Lobby/Director’s Room
10:20 am – 11:10 am	Break Out Block Two	
	Session 1: Make \$800 per hive per year– Dr. Larry Connor	Grand Ballroom A
	Session 2: Randy’s recent research – Randy Oliver	Grand Ballroom B
	Session 3: Sideliners or BKs with 50 or more hives: Tips and methods for more efficient apiary Management/Swarm management on a larger scale. – Panel Discussion	Terrace Room
11:20 am – 12:10 pm	Break Out Block Three	
	Session 1: The science of using pollen substitutes – Dr. Jamie Ellis	Grand Ballroom A
	Session 2: Finding Drone Congregation Areas (DCAs) Using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) - Mark Gingrich	Grand Ballroom B
	Session 3: Sideliners or BKs with 50 or more hives: Maximizing your honey crop/ Is going south for the winter worth it? – Panel Discussion	Terrace Room



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12:10 pm – 1:15 pm	OPTIONAL Lunch – Optional preordered lunch buffet available Tailgate Buffet - Tossed Greens Salad, Potato Salad, Sliced Seasonal Fruits & Melons, Charbroiled Hamburgers, Herb Roasted Chicken, Hot Dogs, Rolls, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Sliced Cheeses, Potato Chips, Cakes and Pies, Coffee, Tea and Iced Tea.	Atrium
1:15 pm – 2:15 pm	Varroa control using natural, sustainable treatments, Randy's research on improved application methods – Randy Oliver	Grand Ballroom A & B
2:15 pm – 3:15 pm	Identifying and remedying queen events – Dr. Jamie Ellis	Grand Ballroom A & B
3:15 pm – 3:45 pm	Break – Vendor Visit Time (drinks & snacks)	Lobby/Director's Room
3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	How honey bees survive the winter – Randy Oliver	Grand Ballroom A & B
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Conference Wrap Up – Mark Gingrich	Grand Ballroom A & B

The following vendors plan to attend our conference: More will be added as they register.

Bee Club Sales
Betterbee
Dadant & Sons
Danenhower Apiaries
Mann Lake Ltd
Maxant Industries
Pennsylvania Veteran Farmers Network
The Bee and Butterfly Habitat Fund
The Keeper's Hive (formerly The Nat Hive)
Wicwas Press