

**THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF  
THE SOUTH CAROLINA  
MID-STATE BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION**

ARTICLE 1

(NAME)

SECTION 1 - NAME: The name of this organization shall be "The South Carolina Mid-State Beekeepers Association," herein defined as the "Association".

ARTICLE 2

(OBJECTIVES)

SECTION 1 - OBJECTIVES: The objective of this nonprofit organization shall be to encourage better bee-keeping methods among beekeepers of the state and nation, to promote cooperation, to reach a common understanding regarding our problems and their solution, to maintain friendly and helpful relations with those entities which are working to better the beekeeping industry, to develop markets for beekeeping products, to foster closer cooperation among members of the Association, and to do such things as will tend to improve purposes exclusively for its members and the general public relating to honey bees and the beekeeping industry.

ARTICLE 3

(MEMBERS)

SECTION 1 - MEMBERS: Anyone interested in beekeeping and the beekeeping industry may join the Association upon payment of the regular annual dues. The right to vote shall be limited to members.

SECTION 2 – JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Non-voting Jr. Membership shall be free to all interested youth under sixteen (16) years of age.

ARTICLE 4

(OFFICERS)

SECTION 1- OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS: The officers of the Association shall be: President; Vice-President and the Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall serve for a two (2) year term. The Association members shall elect these officers by a majority vote of the members present at the November meeting. The Association shall have three (3) Directors making up a "Board" with a service of three years, with one Director retiring each year in a designated term. The Association members then shall elect by a majority vote of the members present, one Director to serve for a three year term. A Director may serve two (2) successive terms and then be reelected after a one (1) year absence from the Board. The Board shall be composed of the Officers and the Directors.

## ARTICLE 5

### (DUTIES OF OFFICERS)

SECTION 1- PRESIDENT: The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association using regular parliamentary procedures according to Roberts Rules of Order. This officer shall appoint such special committees as is deemed necessary, fill vacancies of any officers, and perform such other duties as the Association may direct. The President will be authorized to make deposits, disburse all monies, should the Secretary-Treasurer be unable to perform those duties.

SECTION 2 - VICE-PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to perform the duties of the President in his or her absence or upon the President's request. If the Vice-President is unable to perform this duty in the absence of the President, then the Vice-President may appoint any member to act in his/her stead with the consent of the majority of the Directors.

SECTION 3 – SECRETARY-TREASURER: The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect the annual dues from the members, issue membership cards and notify all members after the January meeting who are delinquent in payment of dues. This officer shall be custodian of all monies received by the Association and keep full and accurate records showing the receipts and disbursements of all monies. The Secretary-Treasurer shall close the Association's books prior to each January meeting and make a complete report on the membership and the financial standings of the Association at that time. Also, he/she shall make an annual financial report at the end of the accounting period of December 31 of each year and file the necessary information returns to the Internal Revenue Service. He/she will see that the President is also authorized to make deposits and disburse all monies if the Secretary-Treasurer is unable to perform these duties. He/she shall present all records and books to the Directors for examination and auditing after December 31. After auditing is complete and a report is prepared for the February meeting, all monies and books are immediately to be turned over to the succeeding treasurer at said meeting. He/She shall prepare a membership list showing paid up, delinquent or inactive members for review by the Directors.

SECTION 4 - DIRECTORS: The three elected Directors shall examine and audit the books of the Treasurer, no later than January 15<sup>th</sup> of each year and report at the February meeting their findings and make recommendations to the members attending the meeting. Should they be unable to act and serve, the President of the Association shall appoint temporary Directors to serve in their absence. Directors making up the Board shall make suggestions and recommendations and shall serve in a consultative role to the President and other officers of the organization. Directors shall also assist in the planning and the implementation of monthly programs.

## ARTICLE 6

### (MEETINGS)

SECTION 1 - MEETINGS: There shall be monthly meetings per year until a majority of members vote otherwise. Notice of each meeting shall be mailed by the Secretary-Treasurer] to each member of the Association or otherwise adequately advertised at least one (1) week before the meeting. The time and place for each meeting shall be decided on by a majority vote of the members of the Board at its meeting. If this is not possible, the Officers will make the necessary arrangements for said meeting.

SECTION 2 - ELECTIONS: The election of Directors and Officers shall be at the November meeting.

ARTICLE 7

(QUORUM)

SECTION 1 - QUORUM: Twenty-five percent (25%) of voting members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular meeting.

ARTICLE 8

(DUES)

SECTION 1 - DUES: The amount of annual dues shall be determined by recommendation of the Board and approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the membership present at a regular meeting, and payable in advance to the Secretary- Treasurer of the Association and shall be due on January 1 of the fiscal year covered by said dues. All dues and voting privileges expire on December 31 of each year. Any member of the Association who has not paid dues by the time of the April meeting will be dropped from the role of membership and shall cease to be a member of the Association. A person, who has been dropped from the role of membership for non-payment of dues, may be restored to active membership by paying the current years dues.

ARTICLE 9

(AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS)

SECTION 1 - AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS: The Mid-State Beekeepers Association may associate itself and determine its own basis of support for the current year and for so long as is desirable, with any other state or National Beekeeping Association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the members attending a regular meeting.

SECTION 2 - COUNTY OF REGIONAL BEEKEEPERS ASSOCIATION: All county and/or Regional Beekeepers Associations or Beekeepers Clubs are encouraged and invited to associate themselves with the South Carolina Beekeepers Association.

ARTICLE 10

(AMMENDMENTS)

SECTION 1 - AMENDMENTS: Any article or any section of any article of the Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members present providing proposed amendments have been presented to the Board for their recommendation and have been presented in writing to the entire membership at least Fourteen (14) days before the meeting.

ARTICLE 11

(DISSOLUTION)

SECTION 1 - DISSOLUTION: Should this Association undergo dissolution, its assets will be distributed to one or more charitable organizations.

Attest:

Board Members:

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Cogburn Gaillard

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Carroll L Robinson, President

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Sue Queen

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Michael Radcliffe, Vice-President

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Craig Bell

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James Kepler, Secretary-Treasurer

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