



**2015-16 RESOLUTIONS  
OF THE  
MINNESOTA HONEY PRODUCERS ASSN., INC.  
ADOPTED JULY 18, 2015  
ALEXANDRIA, MN**

**1. SERVICES AND ASSISTANCE AT CONVENTIONS**

**WHEREAS**, The Minnesota Honey Producers have enjoyed another meeting; now  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the membership directs the secretary to convey their appreciation to the management of the Holiday Inn, Alexandria, MN.

**2. MEMBERSHIP AND SUPPORT**

**WHEREAS**, continued success of the Minnesota Honey Producers is dependent on the members, officers and advisors; now  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that this convention expresses its thanks to those who supported this association and gave of their time.

**3. SPEAKERS**

**WHEREAS**, the excellent speakers have significantly contributed to the success of the meeting and the knowledge of those in attendance; now  
**BE IT RESLOVED** that the secretary be instructed to write the speakers letter of thanks for their participation.

**4. DISPLAYS**

**WHEREAS**, continued support of companies at our meetings is an important part of our meetings; now  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that the members assembled direct the secretary to convey thanks to the companies involved.

**5. MINNESOTA BEEKEEPER MAGAZINE AND EDITOR(S)**

**WHEREAS**, *The Minnesota Beekeeper* is our primary communication tool; now  
**BE IT RESOLVED** that this assembly convey thanks to the editors, Mark and Tanya Sundberg, and Brenda Bray, and  
**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the editors convey thanks to those who contributed to the magazine through articles, ads, etc., this past year.

**6. STATE FAIR**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota State Fair provided much exposure and promotion for our association and products and **WHEREAS**, the state fair provides and excellent medium for positive public relations; now  
**BE IT RESLOVED** that this association expresses thanks to those who volunteered time and talents to this event and **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this association recognize and express our thanks to the fair going public for their support, interest, and patronage of the displays and products.



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**7. BEE LAW**

**WHEREAS** the Minnesota Honey Producers Association, Inc. has dedicated considerable time and resources to repeal the Apiary Statute Chapter 19, and **WHEREAS**, interpretation of laws and policies by enforcing authorities may not be in the best interest or understood by the honey producers of Minnesota and **WHEREAS**, upon occasion such differences of opinion have caused problems and may cause future problems and **WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Honey Producers Association has found there to be no problems in their operations caused by the repeal of the Bee Law; now **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minnesota Honey Producers Association ejects any efforts to reinstate any Bee Laws and/or any other apiary registration program such as Driftwatch;  
**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the membership of the Minnesota Honey Producers Association direct the board to continue to monitor and review the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and its staff;  
**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the board be authorized to act through the legislature or by whatever means are deemed necessary to protect the best interest of the Minnesota Honey Producers Association and the beekeeping industry of Minnesota.

**8. LEGUMES AND THE ENVIRONMENT**

**WHEREAS**, combining varieties of legumes with the present CRP seed mix will result in cost reduction, soil enhancement, and greater wildlife benefits, and **WHEREAS** National Wildlife Refuges have stated: No bees shall be placed on NWR land and **WHEREAS**, honeybees are beneficial pollinators to all; now **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Minnesota Honey Producers request the Department of the Interior and NRCS to use their power to rectify this decision.

**9. CHEMICAL MAPPING**

**WHEREAS**, all people of Minnesota benefit from clean and safe air, water and soil and **WHEREAS** pesticides in the form of herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides can pollute and contaminate water, air and soil by traveling with wind drift, water flow, and through the air, and **WHEREAS**, pesticides are invisible, odorless, colorless, tasteless, and generally not detectable without sophisticated laboratory equipment; now **THEREFORE, BE IT RESLOVED** that all pesticides applied in a commercial manner shall be reported to the Commissioner of Agriculture, and records shall be kept on a state map showing exact location of application, time, rate, temperature, and wind speed; now **BE IT FUTHER RESLOVED** all applications shall be recorded and updated weekly and shall be fully public and available to any resident of the State; now **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** all information as to health risks and environmental risks associated with each chemical shall be available to people throughout the state.



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**10. RESEARCH**

**WHEREAS**, research and encouragement of research is essential to maintaining a vigorous and proactive industry which is continually faced with new challenges; now **BE IT RESLOVED** to thank all who contributed to the Haydak and/or Furgala Funds for their generous financial support.

**11. HONEY QUEEN**

**WHEREAS**, promotion is vital to all industries; now **BE IT RESOLVED** that this association continues to support the queen program.

**12. ROADSIDE SPRAYING AND MOWING**

**WHEREAS**, honeybees and other pollinators require a variety of forage sources such as sweet clover, alfalfa, bird's foot trefoil, etc., and **WHEREAS**, government entities are routinely spraying and mowing these beneficial plants; now **BE IT RESOLVED** that the MHPA board works towards eliminating unnecessary spraying and mowing of these beneficial plants **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Minnesota Honey Producers Association encourages all government entities to plant and nurture plants, shrubs and trees that produce nectar and pollen that is beneficial to honeybees and other pollinators.

**13. FARM BUREAU**

**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota Honey Producers Association recognizes honeybees as the primary pollinators of agricultural crops. **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that we ask our membership to contact their local Farm Bureau to engage their support in establishing and managing on state owned properties, the plants most suitable for honeybee habitat. **THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that honeybee habitat be a priority on RIM, CREP and other non crop acres in Minnesota.

**14. APIMONDIA**

**WHEREAS**, Apimondia is an international organization of beekeepers and researchers and their meeting in Minneapolis, Minnesota would bring positive attention to beekeeping in Minnesota. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Minnesota Honey Producers Association supports the bid for Minneapolis to host the 2019 Apimondia meeting.