

## Resolution No. 1 *Thank You to Conference Hosts*

author, Resolution Committee

The Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) appreciates the efforts of the many individuals and organizations that worked together to coordinate a joint conference in Nashville, Tennessee. Especially noteworthy for their efforts are AIA members Blane White (MN) and Ray McDonnell (TN), and American Beekeeping Federation representative Troy Fore.

Be it resolved that the secretary of the Apiary Inspectors of America be hereby directed to write a letter of appreciation to each, thanking them for their hospitality and the efforts made to ensure a successful meeting.

Audience, as resolved

## Resolution No. 2 *EPA Registration of Chemicals for the Beekeeping Industry*

author, Resolution Committee

The Apiary Inspectors of America (AIA) wishes to express their gratitude to Ms. Carol Browner, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for expeditious review and subsequent approval of Bayer Bee Strips (coumaphos) under the provisions of Section 18 of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act to control fluvalinate resistant varroa mite (*Varroa jacobsoni*) and/or small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*) in beehives.

In light of documented resistance of the varroa mite to fluvalinate, the beekeeping industry needs to increase the number of control methods to successfully apply integrated pest management principles for the management of varroa mites and other pests.

Be it resolved that the Apiary Inspectors of America appreciates the expeditious manner in which the EPA has addressed the beekeeping industry's need for Section 18 approval of coumaphos. The AIA also looks forward to the continued timely review of alternative compounds needed for the integrated pest management needs of this industry.

Audience, as resolved

## Resolution No. 3 *Honey Bee Stock Importations*

author, AIA Research/Regulatory Committee

Importations of adult reproductive honey bee stocks of *Apis mellifera* into the United States are presently approved only for USDA-ARS purposes. This limits the number of apiculture researchers that are able to work on a variety of honey bee disease, pest, and stock improvement research projects.

Be it resolved that the Apiary Inspectors of America urges the USDA to consider expanding the list of countries from which honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) semen and eggs may be imported.

Be it further resolved that the Apiary Inspectors of America urges the USDA to explore the opportunity to develop protocols for the establishment of USDA-APHIS approved research facilities at universities in the United States as well as appropriate protocols for the importation, use and release of honey bee (*Apis mellifera*) genetic material imported as honey bee semen and eggs.

Advances in honey bee research should be investigated as long as present restrictions on the importation of larval and adult honey bees into the United States are maintained.

Audience, USDA-APHIS

**Resolution No. 4 *Thank You To The Florida Department of  
Agriculture and Consumer Services***  
author, Blane White (MN)

In May of 1998, the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS) discovered the small hive beetle (*Aethina tumida*). By mid June of 1998, the FDACS reacted by initiating a quarantine and notified all states and provinces in North America in a very timely manner. The FDACS continues with this kind of education and through the summer of 1998 continued to provide updates regarding this pest.

During the fall of 1998, the FDACS led efforts to develop data needed to successfully obtain a Section 18 exemption from registration for the pesticide coumaphos. The FDACS further provided all of their registration information to other states allowing them to proceed with similar requests.

Be it resolved that the secretary of the Apiary Inspectors of America prepare and send a letter to the commissioner of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services on behalf of the AIA, commending the FDACS and especially assistant chief Laurence Cutts and apiary inspector David Westervelt for their continued selfless service and dedication to the apiary industry in North America. A letter should also be sent to Ms. Charlotte Randall, secretary of the Florida State Beekeeper's Association, thanking her for her tremendous efforts.

**Resolution No. 5 *Alternative Medications For Treatment Of  
American Foulbrood Disease***  
author, Bob Cox (IA)

The only currently labeled product for the treatment of American foulbrood disease (AFB, *Paenibacillus larvae*) is oxytetracycline (Terramycin). Tolerance to oxytetracycline by the AFB bacterium has been identified in the United States creating a

need for an alternative product for the control of AFB. The use of an alternative product for AFB control would impede the further development of resistant strains of AFB.

Be it resolved that the Apiary Inspectors of America urge the USDA-ARS to pursue and facilitate the approval of alternative treatments for AFB.

Audience, as resolved